

Town of Trenton
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 23, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Charles Farley, Jr., Daniel Monahan, Danielle Cole, and Carol Walsh. In attendance were Jessica Thurston, Mike Gilmartin, Chip Roskum, Jarrod Rollins, Steve Heckman, Brant Viner, Christina Heiniger, Susan Sargent, John Lynch, George Wood, Starr Gilmartin, and Susan Starr. Attending virtually were Margaret Harling, Greg Askins, Malachi Flynn, and Allison (No last name).
- II. Visitors to be Heard: None.
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Ehrlenbach added a liquor license renewal.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2022: Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 4 Yes.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Department: There have been 91 calls so far this year. Heckman is gathering information from neighboring departments regarding firefighter retention. Efforts continue to obtain survey data regarding the Sand/Salt lot, as well as the Bayside Road lot.
 - b. Parks and Recreation: Roskum briefed that members of the committee will be working on Saturday with Friends of Acadia to conduct maintenance of the Trenton Community Trail. The members are also considering helping to maintain the trails around the Trenton Elementary School. The committee is considering contributing toward a new soccer goal at the school. Soccer is starting Labor Day week for early grades. The necessity for insurance for student players was discussed. Some students have insurance, and some do not, as it may be too expensive for all families. It was suggested that Roskum check with Lamoine. A signed liability waiver was suggested, and the Board requested to see a draft waiver. A specifically Parks and Rec email may be developed, which may streamline sign-ups, etc.
 - c. Road Safety Committee: Rollins briefed that the committee had met in the past week. The next meeting will be in the next several weeks. Two committee members have resigned from the group. Several residents have complained that lighting from the cell tower is too bright and irritating throughout the neighborhood. Rollins has contacted the cell tower owners and the lights will be dimmed, but not before the ospreys nesting season ends. Rollins was asked to explain the Road Safety Committee goals. Short term goal is to establish signs for residents to put on their own property to remind through-travelers of driver safety. The long-term goal is to work with the Maine DOT to make

changes to hazardous traffic. One goal is to create a safer intersection at School Road. A problem that has been raised by residents is the traffic light at Route 3 and Oak Point Road. The committee is contacting Bar Harbor to gain support in merging traffic more safely before the Trenton Bridge. The committee is collaborating with Parks and Rec to establish alternative walking trails in Trenton. It was suggested that the Road Commissioner join the committee. The committee is working on updating the Transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan, as a step to obtaining more state assistance.

- d. PFAS Free Trenton: Heiniger spoke about the need to test more residential wells and recommended that 50 to 100 tests be purchased with ARPA funds. Maine received federal funds to work on the PFAS problem throughout the state but is prioritizing the disbursement of those funds to areas that have higher incidents of PFAS contamination. The tests would help to determine the depth of the problem in Trenton. The test costs \$250 each, unless purchased in bulk (\$200 each). Heiniger outlined a plan for disbursing tests, obtaining signed waivers for sharing results, providing results to the resident, and accounting for funds expended. Ehrlenbach suggested that age, depth, etc. of the well could be included. Heiniger responded that those questions can be included in a test request. Farley motioned to use \$10,000 ARPA dollars to purchase 50 tests; Bennett seconded. At Ehrlenbach's suggestion, Farley amended his motion to obligate up to \$20,000 in ARPA funds, but use only 50 test kits initially, reserving the purchase of 50 additional if deemed necessary. Bennett seconded the amendment. Monahan suggested that one test be used to test the town office well. Vote: 5 Yes.

VI. New Business:

- a. Review of Newsletter Expense: Lessons learned that the first newsletter cost \$1600 to put out. It requires time of town office employees. There were 740 copies printed and mailed to property owners. It is also posted on the town office website. Downeast Graphics has offered an estimate of \$950 to print, fold, and mail. Suggestions of using only black and white print and bulk rate mailing were made. Other estimates will be sought.
- b. Liquor License Renewal: Beacon Bar and Grill. Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

VII. Other Business:

VIII. Approval of AP and Payroll: Bennett motioned to approve; Cole seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

IX. Adjournment: Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.