

Town of Trenton
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 5, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Rachel Nobel, Daniel Monahan, Charles Farley, Jr., and Carol Walsh. Visitors present: Kristen Farley, John Whetstone, Michael Gilmartin, Danielle Cole, Jessica Thurston, Brant Viner, Chip Roskom, Steve Heckman, and Susan Starr. Virtual attendees were Jeff and Linda Hodgkins, Susan Sargent, and Margaret Harling.
- II. Visitors to be Heard: None.
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Ehrlenbach added a liquor license renewal to New Business. Nobel stated that the Road Committee had not met and would not provide an update.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2022: Bennett motioned approval; Nobel seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Department: Chief Heckman provided an update to the Board. March was a busy month with 8 calls requesting service. March 10th required coverage of a boat fire. The Department received accolades for this effort from Maine DEP, Marine Patrol, and the US Coast Guard. Heckman spoke appreciatively for the dedication and work of the volunteers on the force.
 - b. Broadband: Nobel reported the group met on March 31st. The next newsletter mailing is being prepared to go out. Bulk mailing has been recommended. The hours worked are being tracked to report against the grant. The next training session is April 24th, with Whetstone providing hardware advice and instruction. The two former presentations are now available on YouTube.
 - c. Road Committee: Nothing New.
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Quitclaim Deed: Bennett motioned to sign the quitclaim deed for Patricia Staples. Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
 - b. Liquor License: Bennett motioned to approve the liquor license renewal for Gateway Lunts Lobster Pound. Nobel seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- VII. Other Business: Monahan asked when the auditors report might be received. There is no date yet. Nobel asked for another legal opinion regarding the use of ARPA funds. She would

like to see the town use ARPA funds in advance of the town meeting, possibly with an addendum. MMA recommended specifying the actual use of the funds with the actual amount. Town meeting might be the perfect time to do it. Ehrlenbach declined to sign any official document that claims that Trenton had a loss of income. MMA legal services claims (dated March 3, 2022) that “the new final rule allows every municipality to assume it has a revenue loss and to use a standard allowance of ten million spent on government services in the period of performance.” Yet the signature on the official document, under oath, would be Ehrlenbach’s, and the claim that Trenton had a revenue loss would be untrue. Nobel will email Tim Pease to obtain an additional opinion; cost to be covered by the Town’s legal budget.

- VIII. Approval of AP and Payroll: Bennett motioned to approve; Nobel seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- IX. Adjournment: Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm; Nobel seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.