

Town of Trenton
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of May 31, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Daniel Monahan, Charles Farley, Jr., Danielle Cole, and Carol Walsh. Visitors present: Kristen Farley, Chip Rostkol, Jessica Thurston, Brant Viner, Fiona de Koning, Alex de Koning, Jeff Hodgkins, Linda Hodgkins, Eric Nielsen, Christina Heiniger, Mike Gilmartin, John Whetstone, Rachel Nobel, Stephanie Waite, Mark Remick, Steve Heckman, and Susan Starr. Virtual attendees were Mike Hodgkins, Kim Bunker, Barbara Acosta, Stacy Roguski, and Eric (Last name not identified).
- II. Visitors to be Heard: Waite asked if the Board of Selectman could alter AOS 91's mask mandate, which she feels is harmful to some children. It was explained that she would have to address the question to the Trenton School Committee.
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Robin Wright is unable to attend; will be present at the next meeting. Ehrlenbach added discussion with the Road Commissioner to the agenda. Gilmartin added Recycling to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of May 3 and May 17, 2022: Bennett motioned to approve both; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Department: Heckman reported that the force had been quite busy. The first Fire Department Building Committee meeting was held. The committee recommended that the Wet Lands Survey be continued. The initial survey was helpful, but more details and in-depth study will come from the continuation. The first pancake breakfast will be in two weeks, June 11th opening at 6:00 am.
 - b. Broadband: Nobel reported that the committee did a final training on cell phone and laptop security. They also approved the payment for broadband flyers. The trainings are available on Utube. Diane Pacheco and John Whetstone provided two trainings each. A break will be taken over the summer. Trainings will resume thereafter.
 - c. Parks and Recreation: Rostkol and Acosta provided a screen program on the Monarch Butterfly Pledge and Milkweed plantings. The pledge was to educate the community, engage with community garden groups, engage with others in a mowing program, milkweed native nectar planting program, engage with gardening leaders and partners to support the monarch butterfly conservation, facilitate milkweed seed collection and propagation effort, maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in the community garden. The first phase of this program is to initiate two pollinator gardens, and to conduct education and networking with other groups, and engage community

members in planting pollinating plants. The group proposes a pledge/proclamation day July 16th. The event would be held in the Fire Department parking lot. An area on the opposite edge of the pond was identified as a pollinator garden site. Bennett motioned to permit the site to be used as a pollinator garden; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes. A second plan for a pollinator garden is at a site immediately behind the Trenton school. Rostkol was told that the committee would have to seek agreement from the school committee.

- d. Road Committee: Nobel reported that the committee met May 26th. They discussed printing a road safety poll, lawn signs, speed radar.
 - e. ADD Letter of Support: Acadia Disposal District is proposing to request \$350,000 to construct a home hazard waste facility. The chosen location was unknown. Bennett motioned to support a letter; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
 - f. Acadia Aqua Farm: Bennett recused himself. Monahan motioned to take this issue off the table; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes. Monahan reviewed all related documentation and concluded that the Planning Board amended the setback to 25 feet in 2014/2015 on this property, and believes this is the current and correct setback. He recommended that the application for a building permit be remanded back to the Code Enforcement Officer to determine if the structure meets the set -back requirement. He does not recommend that the Board of Selectmen direct that the building permit be issued. Linda Hodgkins questioned where the 25 foot setback was found. She believed that this changed the zoning for the property and was not correct. She argued that the 25 foot setback was only approved for the building. Monahan motioned to remand the building permit application back to the Code Enforcement Officer for determination as to whether the 8 foot by 24 foot structure meets the 25 side line setback requirement as approved by the Trenton Planning Board, and that further enforcement should be postponed for 6 months to allow Acadia Aqua Farms to come into compliance with the land use ordinance by obtaining a permit or otherwise. Farley seconded. Vote: 4-0-1.
- VI. New Business:
- a. Liquor License Renewel: Trenton Bridge Lobster: Bennett motioned to approve the renewal; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
 - b. Planning Board Parking Ordinance Review: Remick provided a draft document, the genesis of which came from parking problems around businesses in the summer season. Bennett motioned to schedule a public hearing on the Parking Ordinance on June 28th; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
 - c. Road Commissioner: Nielsen recommended that bids for ditching on Goose Cove Road be obtained. There also areas on the road that need to be ground down and hot-topped. Industrial Way has a spot that needs a patch. Farley asked if there is any fix for shoulders that have a deep drop. There are some washouts that need addressing.

Bennett motioned that requests for bids for ditching and culvert repair on Goose Cove Road from house numbers 236 to 303, and grinding; and repair of Industrial Way be obtained. Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

- d. Recycling: Gilmartin announced that recycling will be renewed as of July 1st at the transfer station in Southwest Harbor. He will obtain a contract from Lee Worcester.

- VII. Other Business: Linda Hodgkins announced that she would no longer represent the Planning Board or the Road Committee; that she is stepping down immediately.
Farley took a moment to thank Gilmartin and others for working toward the solar project at the school.

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

- IX. Adjournment: Farley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.