

Town of Trenton  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of September 20, 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, Chip Roskum, Brant Viner, Jarrod Rollins and Susan Starr. There were no virtual attendees.
- II. Visitors to be Heard: None
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Ehrlenbach added a Quitclaim Deed, a discussion of EMA, and the Parking Ordinance.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2022: Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Fire Department: Chief Heckman was unable to be present because he attended the County Fire Association Meeting. The quote received to repair the ladder truck is \$21,810, and they will proceed with the repair.
  - b. Parks and Recreation: Roskom modeled the team tee shirt, with logo. There are 14 kids playing soccer in the K-2 grade team, 5 kids are playing in the 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade team. The tools in the tool shed at the Trenton Trail belong to Friends of Acadia. Nikki, at Friends of Acadia will inventory them with Roskom, and will have a key made. If more tools are needed, Friends of Acadia will purchase them. The milkweed seed collection event will be taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 pm at the Acadia Aqua Farms, 806 Bar Harbor Road. The facebook group, Trenton Parks and Rec Info, has been created, which is public.
  - c. Road Safety Committee: Rollins briefed that the committee has just met. The new HCPC coordinator has been hired and joined the meeting. She is helping integrate ideas into a redo of the transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. She will also support the town's needs with Maine DOT. To address the problem of speeding vehicles, the committee has discussed hiring help from the Sheriff's Office. The other approach is providing signs to residents that remind drivers that the roads are used by joggers, bicyclists, walkers, and that children play nearby. Discussion ensued regarding the use of colors and combinations of wording. Committee meetings are now the third Monday of each month, at 6:00 pm. Additional members are desired. Funds to purchase signage will need to be budgeted for the next fiscal year.
- VI. New Business:

- a. General Assistance Approval: Bennett motioned to approve the General Assistance Ordinance; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
  - b. Parking Ordinance: The Maine DOT reviewed the Trenton Parking Ordinance and recommended that a change be made to the paragraph: Other Limitations. "No vehicles may be parked at any time on the west side of Route 3, from a point 80 feet to the north of Haynes Point Road, to a point 80 feet to the south of Haynes Point Road." There will need to be a public hearing, which is scheduled at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.
  - c. Quitclaim Deed: In July, 2021, a Quitclaim Deed was issued, with instruction to present it to the Registry of Deeds within 30 days. To facilitate a sale of the property, a new Quitclaim Deed must be issued. Bennett motioned to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
  - d. Emergency Management Agency (EMA): Hancock County EMA contacted Ehrlenbach to advise that a possibility exists that flights with refugees could arrive in the region to go to the nearby sanctuary cities of Mt. Desert and Bar Harbor. This was just a head's up and to consider steps in that event. Dr. Viner and Farley identified several churches that may be able to help in such an event. They will provide a list of public agencies to Walsh.
  - e. Snowplow Contract: The fluctuating cost of fuel is anticipated to make obtaining a new plow contract difficult. Bids have yet to be requested and this year snowplow operators will be asked to make their bids on the base price of diesel fuel. The budget process begins in January/February 2023.
- VII. Other Business: Walsh received an acknowledgement from Principal DeGrasse and Superintendent Zboray, stating that they will periodically update the Board of Selectmen regarding the AOS 91 efforts to revamp the school system. Eherlenbach attended the latest Trenton School Committee meeting and briefed that the committee had recently signed a five-year contract with MDI High School. They only have authority to sign a one-year contract based on the approved budget. One section of the contract commits the town to a 10 percent surcharge for tuition for any bonding required for expansion of the high school.
- VIII. Approval of AP and Payroll: Bennett motioned to approve; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- IX. Adjournment: Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.