

Town of Trenton
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of November 15, 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 Mike Gilmartin, Jarod Rollins, Jessica Thurston, Chyann Murphy, Kirsten Farley, Chip Roskom, Brant Viner, Christina Heiniger, Mike Zboray, and Susan Starr. There were no virtual attendees.
- II. Visitors to be Heard: None
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Ehrlenbach changed the order, permitting Zboray to address the board first.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2022: Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. AOS 91 Update: Zboray recapped the progress that the AOS School Committee has made in their efforts to reorganize the school system. They have informally considered what the system would look like as an RSU. The AOS has combined policies and curriculum and sharing collective bargaining across all member schools over the years. A Transportation and Maintenance Director was added. A way of making the school system a single employer is being considered. The use of time and sharing of resources is still considered inefficient. A goal is to have a balance of equity and excellence across the system. The group has met four times so far. The group is still collecting information from attendees. They will study how an RSU will impact each town, re: taxes, etc. They will look at hybrid forms of an RSU. A variety of models will be provided. A Regional Planning Committee (RPC) will then be formed. The RPC will potentially include a school board member, an elected official, and a member at large. Each town will ultimately vote on the model.
 - b. Fire Department: Nothing New.
 - c. Parks and Recreation: Roskom asked about fund raising by Parks and Rec, i.e. raffles during Trenton Days. He also asked about raising money for future use in making additional trails in Trenton. He was advised Title 30A of the Maine State Statutes gives guidance regarding raising money as a town entity. He was also advised that he can submit a budget for anticipated expenses to the Budget Committee, for funds that would be raised through taxation. If Parks and Rec became a 501-3C entity, it could do fund-raising as a non-profit.

- d. Road Safety Committee: Rollins spoke and reminded everyone that the committee is meeting on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm through Zoom. They recently met with the HCPC representatives and planners at MDOT to discuss projects and concerns. Rollins will host these same representatives on December 8th to view specific areas of concern in Trenton. They will look at the possibility of connecting the school and other locations with a system of trails. They would apply to MDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for a grant, which would require 20 per cent from the town. They continue to work toward the sign campaign, to be ready next spring. MDOT will also review signage for various locations in Trenton. MDOT may be able to provide a couple radar signs to Trenton. They continue to work on the Transportation chapter for the Comprehensive Plan. Specific discussion of the merge lanes at Route 3 and Oak Point Road, and the passing lane at the school will continue.
- e. Broadband Committee: Nothing New.

VI. New Business:

- a. MRC Vote for Board Member: Bennett nominated Tony Smith; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

VII. Other Business: Heiniger reported that 48 PFAS water tests have been completed. The results are coming into individual households. The Town Office will receive the results as well.

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

IX. Adjournment: Monahan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; Cole seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.