

Board of Selectmen

MINUTES

January 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, Carol Walsh, John Bennett, Danielle Cole, Charles Farley, Jr., Jessica Thurston, Chyann Murphy, Kristin Farley, John Whetstone, Diane Clark, Penny Lyons, Jim Lyons, Paula Damon, Maria Gott, Wayne Sawyer, Martha Higgins, Brant Viner, Michael Gilmartin, Carol Perreault, Christina Heiniger, Jeannetta Peabody, Rob Allison, Emily Muise, John & Cecilia Zavestoski, Michael Updegraff, McGarry Updegraff. Zoom attendees: Mary Turner, Joanna Dotts, Margaret Harlin, John Correa
- II. Visitors to be Heard: PFAS: Christina Heiniger informed the group that there will be a Q& A PFAS panel discussion on 25 January, here at the Town Hall, at 6pm. The panel are experts on PFAS and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Road Commissioner resignation and an Acadia Disposal District item will be added under New Business. Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve with additions: 5 - 0
- IV. Approval of Minutes December 12, 2023: Monahan made one correction to the minutes: on the vote for State Valuation Decision the vote was 3 – 1 as he voted against. It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 5 - 0
- V. Old Business
 - a. Fire Department: Fire Chief reported that with 131 calls for service the department had 30 calls just in the month of December. Last weekend the 17 members of the TVFD spent the entire day at the station in the classroom reviewing most of the Labor Standards rules required by the State.
 - b. Parks and Recreation: Chip Roskom reported on a very successful year in youth sports. He also said that the school had approved the date of July 27th for use of the school for Trenton days, and planning for that has begun.
- VI. New Business
 - a. HCC Mitigation Plan: The Hancock County Commissioners forwarded the updates for 2024 to the ongoing Hancock County Mitigation Plan. Monahan asked what changes there were, and Ehrlenbach asked if the Board had read the plan. Monahan said he had read it originally but didn't remember all of it. There

- were no comments from Board members and it was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to sign the additions presented by the HCC to the Mitigation Plan. 5 - 0
- b. Road Commissioner: It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley, to accept the resignation of Eric Nielsen as Road Commissioner and appoint Henry Muisse to fill the remainder of that position through June 30, 2024 at which time the Board will vote on whether to continue the appointment for another year. Vote: 5 – 0
 - c. ADD Update: Martha Higgins reported that there will be information coming from ADD and Lee Worcester on a new method for cardboard recycling. The proposal would separate different types of cardboard and would eliminate the need to ship the cardboard for recycling. There will be more information in the future for the Town to vote on.
 - d. Budget Committee Members: There are currently 13 members of the Budget Committee which include the Selectmen, the Municipal Clerk and the Chairs of all standing committees. It was agreed that 3 more members of the public could join the committee. Monahan suggested that those interested should contact the Municipal Clerk and the information would be brought to the next Board meeting.
 - e. Sign ACO Appointment: It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve and sign the ACO appointment for the HCC ACO to also be the ACO for the Town. Vote: 5 - 0
 - f. Solar Moratorium Process (Maria Gott): Maria Gott asked the Board to clarify how an extension of the 180-day moratorium on Solar would work. Ehrlenbach explained that the moratorium as it stands now would be extended by a vote of the Select Board, and no petition or Town vote was required to extend the existing 180 day moratorium. He also said that if the results of the PB LUO recommendations were ready to go to vote, it would be necessary to extend the Moratorium anyway since the current one expires in April and Town Meeting isn't until mid-May. Monahan said the vote should go to the floor or Town Meeting, while others felt it should be a referendum vote which would get more participation. No decision came from that extended conversation.
- VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s): It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve and sign the A/P and Payroll Warrants. Vote: 5 - 0
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjourn: It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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