

Board of Selectmen

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

May 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Attending: John Bennett, Carol Walsh, Danielle Cole, Dan Monahan, Charles Farley. Jr., Christina Heiniger, Michael Gilmartin, Kristn Farley, Chyann Murphy, Jessica Thurston, Brant Viner, Carol Perreault, Maddison Cole. ZOOM: Robert Duplisea, Ed Meadows, Rob Duplisea, Jay Frye, Margaret Harlin. Excused: Fred Ehrlenbach
- II. Visitors to be Heard: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: It was Moved Monahan and Seconded Farley to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 4 - 0
- IV. Approval of Minutes April 30, 2024: It was Moved Farley and Seconded Cole to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 4 - 0
- V. Old Business
 - a. Fire Department: Chief reported that hose and ground testing was done last week. An antenna was replaced on the ATT Tower and the department assisted with a fire call in Mt. Desert.
- VI. New Business
 - a. RJD Assessment Adjustment Explanation (Rob Duplisea)Rob Duplisea joined the meeting by zoom and explained to the Board the purpose of an assessment adjustment for the Town. This brings Trenton into compliance with the State law, as the Town at last calculation was only at 60% of valuation. Mr. Duplisea recommended, based on his many years' experience that the Town plan for 85% valuation; that would increase property values by approximately 40%. He felt that based on prior sales data, commercial and residential were fairly even and the percentage increase would be equal. Mr. Duplisea also discussed at Monahan's request the possibility of a total re-valuation of the Town. He noted that his firm, RJD did quarterly valuations and that would assist with a total re-valuation, as a major part of the work is already up to date. 2027 would be the earliest available time for that and Walsh noted that the Town should be putting money towards this \$100,000+ cost if the Town does a total re-valuation. Duplisea will pencil Trenton in for a 2027 re-valuation – to be confirmed at a later date. It was Moved Cole and Seconded Farley to have RJD Associates perform an assessment adjustment to bring values up to 85%. Vote – 4 - 0
 - b. Harbor Committee Appointment(s) (Bennett): Bennett explained to the Board and residents who attended the meeting, the reason for the Harbor Committee

being formed. In addition to mooring assignments, the Harbor Committee is involved with Oyster Farm licensing.

- c. Application Fees (Walsh): Walsh noticed the Board that advertising for Public Notices, Hearings and the like has increased to \$108 for a small ad. Additionally, the Town must in some cases notify abutters of Planning Board and Board of Appeals applications. Walsh recommended to cover all costs, the Board fees should be increased to \$150 per application. It was Moved Farley and Seconded Cole to increase permit application fees to \$150.00. Vote: 4 - 0
- VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s): It was Moved Farley and Seconded Cole to approve and sign the A/P and Payroll Warrants. Vote: 4 - 0
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Join zoom meeting:

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