



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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***Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, March 18, 2024***

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Steve Russo, Ed Perry, and Brian Rater. Also present; Jeffrey Stewart, Scott Leard, Mark Andrews.

6:37pm Eddie opened the public meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the ground rules for hybrid meetings.

Public Input

The COOP School District Meeting is Tues, March 19th at 6:30pm at HB Highschool. Rabies Clinic Sat, April 6th 9am-12pm behind the Fire Station. The Town Clerk's office will be open for licensing until noon.

Town Meeting Results

Brendan reviewed the highlights from Town Meeting. Town employee positions and the union contract warrant articles that were approved will be folded into the budget.

Notice Conservation Commission Appointments

As recommended by the Conservation Commission, the Selectboard gave notice to appoint Frances Dougherty and Jerry Jaworski as Full Members, and Greg Martin as Alternate Member to the Conservation Commission with terms expiring March 31st, 2027, at their April 1st meeting.

Mail Folder

The Board reviewed the mail folder.

Reappoint Kristen Austin as Deputy Treasurer

Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to reappoint Kristen Austin as Deputy Treasurer until March 31, 2025; Voted Yes 5-0.

Elect Selectboard Chair and Vice Chair

Brian nominated Eddie Arnold for Selectboard Chair, Ed seconded, Eddie accepted; Voted Yes 5-0. Ed nominated Brian Rater for Selectboard Vice Chair, Eddie seconded, Brian accepted; 5-0.

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Warrants

Brian moved, seconded by Steve, to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #11 in the amount of \$134,160.67, Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$89,504.25, and 3 Adjustments to Payroll #4; Voted Yes 5-0.

Approve Minutes

Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to approve the public minutes from the Monday, March 11th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brian moved, seconded by Ed, to approve sets 1-5 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 11th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, to unseal set 1 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 11th meeting; Voted Yes 5-0. Brian moved, seconded by Steve, to approve set 7 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 11th meeting as written; Voted Yes 4-0-1 Eddie abstained. Brian moved, seconded by Steve, to approve 6 sets of non-public minutes from the Tuesday, February 20th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to approve sets 1, 3 and 4 of the non-public minutes from the Wednesday, February 21st meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brian moved, seconded by Ed, to approve 6 sets of non-public minutes from the Monday March 4th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0.

Public Works and Transfer Station Update

Scott reviewed plans for the Public Works Dept and Transfer Station. He said he could use a laptop with a camera and microphone for remote meetings and training. He also requested a second email address with a direct link from the website to the PW. Scott reviewed job descriptions for the new positions.

Safety Complex HVAC Update to Heat Pump

Jeffrey said the new HVAC unit will cost \$8,795 or if we go green with a Heat Pump the cost is \$11,455. *Brendan moved, seconded by Brian to choose the Heat Pump, and waive the informal bid policy and have Absolute Mechanical do it; Voted Yes 5-0.* Jeffrey asked about the generator. Eddie said follow formal written sealed bid policy.

Fireworks Contract

Fireworks are on Thursday July 4th with a rain date of Saturday July 6th. The Board reviewed the contract with Pyrotecnico for \$10,500. Once it is signed, 50% is required down. Contact Camp Tevya for permission to use their property.

Committee Assignments

Planning Board – Steve Russo - Full Member, Brendan Denehy - Alternate.

Town Hall Radon issues and remediation

Brendan reviewed the status of radon remediation.

Pierce Pond Dam Update

Eddie and Brendan met with SLR this morning. Eddie reviewed with the Board, the Pierce Pond Dam status. He said plans for completion in 2025.

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Bond Street Bridge Project

Brendan said there is a meeting with Hoyle Tanner and Audley Construction tomorrow. The work for this project will start on June 3rd.

Town Administrator Search/Interim Support Move to non-public.

Any Other Old/New Business

HR Review Eddie said Carol from MRI recently touched base.

Website - Brendan said the old website provider contract with Civic Plus expired at the beginning of March. The new website is through Revise who said there will be an overlap. *Brian moved, seconded by Brendan, to extend the Civic Plus contract for 1 year at \$3k; Voted Yes 5-0.*

Dave Pease Pepperell Media – Dave is cleaning out old electronics from the Town Hall work room and is donating some to Andres Art Institute.

Town Hall Construction – has been completed. Just waiting on Spring for drywells and will need some shelves in the vault.

Board and Committee Updates

Melendy Pond - Eddie Updated the Board.

Items for Next Agenda

Committee Assignments & Charters

Policy Reviews

Town Meeting Results

Radon Update

Fireworks Contract

Sign Union Contract


7:45pm *Eddie moved, seconded by Ed, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal; potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

9:12pm *Eddie moved, seconded by Brian, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

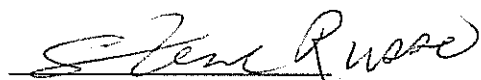
Brian moved, seconded by Brendan, to approve set 2 of the non-public minutes from the Wednesday, February 21st meeting as amended; Voted Yes 5-0.

Dept Meeting with SB Staff Meeting BAS schedule April 17th 7pm.

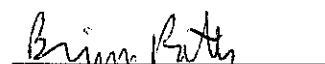
9:14pm *Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 5-0.*


Eddie Arnold

Brendan Denehy


Steve Russo

Ed Perry


Brian Rater