



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, March 20, 2023*

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denchy, Dana Ketchen, Steve Russo, and Ed Perry, along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Also present: Brian Rater.

6:30pm **Eddie** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the ground rules for hybrid meetings.

Public Input and Announcements

Eddie said All Day Voting will be held at CSDA on Tuesday March 28th from 7am to 7:30pm and Town Meeting will be held at CSDA on Wednesday March 29th at 7pm.

Dana said if people are not able to make it to the polls on Tuesday, they can obtain an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's office. **Brendan** said town services did a great job responding to the storm and the communications that went out informing people of the postponement of both the elections and town meeting were very good.

Approve Minutes

Brendan moved, seconded by Dana, to approve the public minutes from the Monday, March 13th meeting as amended; Voted Yes 5-0. Dana moved, seconded by Steve, to approve sets 1-3 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 13th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, to approve set 8 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 6th meeting as amended; Voted Yes 4-0-1, Dana abstained.

Approve Warrants

Steve moved, seconded by Brendan, to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #11 in the amount of \$135,441.17 and Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$78,408.22; Voted Yes 5-0. Dana said she would like receipts to accompany the credit card bill.

EEI Solar Project Contract Update

Scott said he spoke with Keith at EEI who will be working on a more robust contract.

Recruitment of Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) Commissioners

Scott said we are allowed 2 commissioners on the NRPC, and we currently have 1 who will not be continuing on after 2025. He said NRPC prefers that one commissioner be a Selectboard or Planning Board member. **Steve** said he is interested in the position.

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Website Policy Discussion

Scott reviewed examples of other town website policies. He said he and **Michele** have been discussing a guiding policy that would come from the Selectboard. **Scott** said in Wilton he held focus groups, to see what the needs were. He said we should also discuss a possible Facebook page for Brookline because it is what people are looking for. **Brendan** said policy is a good idea, mechanics are important to educate people that the RSA's are being followed. **Scott** will work on a draft policy.

Board/Committee Updates – The were no updates.

Any Other Old/New Business

Scott said we have had some inquiries about businesses like kayak rentals and food trucks in town and we do not have a clear policy other than a hawkers/peddlers license. He said the Grove is moving forward with a plan to have food trucks this season, is this something we need to regulate through a site plan review. He said do we want to require a business permit and have an opportunity to understand what the risks of a business might be. **Eddie** said he is not a fan of our hawkers/peddlers licensing but having something for mobile businesses would be valuable, especially to emergency services. **Dana** said we don't want to make policies that have unintended consequences. **Eddie** said let's reflect on this and then visit in the near future. **Brendan** said looking at examples of what other towns are doing would be helpful.

March 27th Meeting Agenda-Town Meeting Review/Peter Webb

April 3rd Meeting Agenda

Officer Elections/Appointments to Committees

Re-evaluate Committee Charters

Board Objectives

EEI Contract

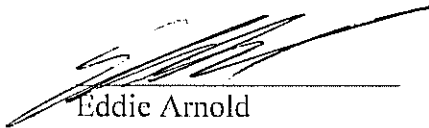
Review Mail Folder - The Board reviewed the mail folder.

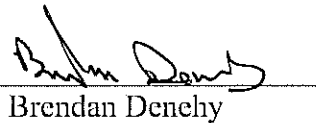
7:27pm *Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal, potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

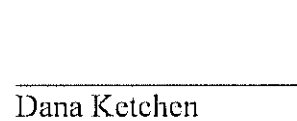
8:21pm *Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, to unseal set 3 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, March 13th meeting; Voted Yes 5-0.*


8:26pm Meeting adjourned.

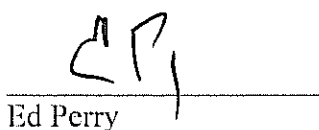
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


Brendan Dench


Dana Ketchen


Steve Russo


Ed Perry