

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm by Chairman Penney.

**Present:** Chairman Paula Penney; Vice Chairman Gary Madden, Board Members Diane Beijer via telephone and Member Edward Tasker (5:51); Town Administrator Karen Montgomery and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli. **Absent:** Member Priscilla Tiede

**Public Attendance:** 1 person

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Everyone present participated.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The Board will determine who speaks to each of the warrant articles tonight and TA Montgomery relayed that Member Tiede, even though not present, asked to be assigned to the veterans article and any others that the Board wanted to give her.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Member Beijer made a motion to accept the February 20, 2024 minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Beijer, yes; Member Tasker, abstained. The Payroll & Manifest, one (1) Yield Tax Warrant application, three (3) Abatement applications, one (1) Tax Lien Redemption application and several Ambulance letters were all signed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Town roads are posted. Dan Beauregard, Foreman for the Highway Department will keep the residents informed. Vice Chair Madden asked about Province Road and a tractor trailer that got stuck during the snow storm. The police were on the scene and the unit couldn't make the hill. Chairman Penney responded saying she believed School Bus routes take precedent over dirt roads during inclement weather.

A letter was received by a resident of Town relative to her loose dog which was hit by a neighbor and the process which followed. The Board spoke briefly about the Town's lease law and Chairman Penney felt a response should be sent.

A letter was received by a resident to the Board regarding a property abatement. The owner was reaching out to the Board about her assessment and taxes. A discussion followed and it was noted she may appeal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

Chairman Penney relayed that she received a call from a reporter with the Laconia Daily Sun regarding the search for the missing woman, Ashley Turcotte. She explained all the efforts taken to date which involved several State and local agencies. She referred the reporter to the Police Department for specific questions and stated that it is still at the forefront and remains an ongoing investigation.

The Board discussed and determined who would speak to which articles on 2024 Warrant fat the Town Meeting, March 16, 2024.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** The Library sponsored Candidates Night at Town Hall on Thursday February 22, 2024. WMUR Channel 9 was here at the Town Hall taping Fritz Wetherbee for an episode of NH Chronicle.

A discussion followed regarding SB2 and the changes that will come along with it. The SB2 public hearing is tomorrow night at 6 at the elementary school. Chairman Penney relayed that several towns are experiencing issues with the printers of the absentee ballots and getting them on time. She stated that if absolutely necessary copies can be made and sent.

**APPOINTMENTS:** none

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Public Input was opened 6:35pm and closed at 6:36pm.

**NON-PUBLIC:** Member Beijer made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 6:37pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b), seconded by Member Tasker and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chairman Madden, yes; Member Beijer, yes; Member Tasker, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:14 pm. and on a motion by Member Tasker to seal the minutes for 30 days, seconded by Member Beijer, the motion passed with the following vote: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chairman Madden, yes; Member Beijer, yes; Member Tasker, yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Beijer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm, seconded by Chairman Penney and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Beijer, yes; Member Tasker, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Dascoli  
Recording Secretary

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Chairman Paula Penney

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Vice-Chair Gary Madden

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Diane Beijer

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Edward Tasker

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absent  
Priscilla Tiede

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