

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Vice Chair Madden.
Present: Chairman Diane Beijer (via telephone), Vice Chair Gary Madden, Board Members Robb Ellis, Edward Tasker (arrived during non-public session), and Priscilla Tiede; Town Administrator Karen Montgomery and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: The Town Administrator ratified the Board's vote (via e-mail) allowing the Highway Foreman to utilize Dew's Tree Service to remove downed trees if needed. The Board Members were polled and stated the following: Chair Beijer, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Ellis, yes; Member Tasker, yes. Member Tiede stated she probably had no power at that time.

ACTION ITEMS: The Payroll and Manifest; 2 Elderly property exemptions; 4 Intents to Excavate; one Gravel Tax Levy; and two Abatements were approved and signed. P. Tiede made a motion to have the Vice-Chair sign the Pope Memorial SPCA Contract and the Highway Generator Service Agreement. R. Ellis seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: The Trustees request for the computer funds were discussed. Member Ellis made a motion for the Treasurer to write a check to the Trustees for the computer replacements, seconded by Member Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chair Beijer, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; R. Ellis, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. The Town Administrator relayed that she had contacted Block5 to replace the EMD laptop and put them in contact with Tim Robbins. The Fire Chief relayed the Fire Department statistics regarding the recent snow storm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Member Ellis brought up Eversource and stated they need to do more tree trimming or start to install "tree wire"; a type of wire that when tree branches fall on it, the power doesn't go out. Also he asked if we have a direct contact with someone at Eversource to call and set up a meeting. The Town Administrator relayed that we used to have a local representative and receive special telephone call numbers for municipalities to report issue to during an event/emergency, but they don't do that anymore. Eversource did however, give the TA a number to call only for emergencies.

Member Tiede said she was asked the question if someone has a disabled son can they bring in a camper type structure on their property and allow them to live there. She was told to start with the Building Inspector.

Town Administrator Montgomery referred to the question from the Town Clerk last week regarding where the \$1.00 fee goes. The TA explained that what passes Town Meeting for the operating budget cannot be added to (by revenues coming in) because the people voted on a specific bottom line figure. Revenues go into the general fund to be used to offset the tax rate. She added that each department head prepares their budget determining the figures needed as best they can but do not have the authority to over-expend any line item. If they find an over-expenditure is needed, they must notify the TA and get approval from the Select Board. There is usually funds from other line items in their budget that can be utilized. She asked the Board if they understood the process and the Board agreed they understood.

APPOINTMENTS: Fire Chief – non-public.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Member Tiede made a motion to go into non-public session at 5:37pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), seconded by Member Ellis and approved with the following vote(s): Chair Beijer, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Ellis, yes; Member Tasker, yes; Member Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:04pm.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Member Tiede made a motion to go into non-public session at 6:20pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (c), seconded by Member Ellis and approved with the following vote(s): Chair Beijer, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Ellis, yes; Member Tasker, yes; Member Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:29pm.

PUBLIC INPUT: Public input was opened at 6:30pm and closed at 6:31pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Member Tiede made a motion to adjourn at 6:32pm, seconded by Vice-Chair Madden and passing with the following vote(s): Chair Beijer, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; Member Ellis, yes; Member Tasker, yes; Member Tiede, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Dascoli
Recording Secretary

Chairman Diane Beijer

Vice-Chair Gary Madden

Robb Ellis

Edward Tasker

Priscilla Tiede

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