

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

February 14, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez and Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)
Susan Mallett

5:00 Open Meeting in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00

5:05 Dean Swanson:

Mr. Swanson returned to the Board asking permission to cut trees down in an easement that abuts his property in order to have concrete trucks and put up electrical poles. The Board has found no evidence this easement belongs to the Town so the Board cannot grant permission. Jason added that road was discontinued according to the tax maps. If the road is discontinued, the abutters own to the center of the road.

Debbie provided the Soini deed which references the right to pass and repass to the Soini's from the previous owner but there is no reference to the Town owning any property in that area. Shawn added he had spoken to Peter Goewey and he has no knowledge of an official road being there.

The Board did not grant permission to cut down any trees and suggested Mr. Swanson contact the abutter and/or have a survey done to find out exactly where his property line is.

5:40 ZBA appointment

Walker Farrey (ZBA Chair) requested the Board appoint Jeff Muhonen as a member of the ZBA. Shawn made a motion to appoint Jeff Muhonen to the ZBA. The motion was seconded by Jason and passed unanimously.

5:45 Old/New Business:

- Debbie told the Board Peter Goewey had found a used message board at a cost of \$7,000. There was some discussion regarding the benefits to owning a message board. Debbie replied it can be used for road closures, transfer station notifications, help wanted, emergency notices, etc. The fact that it is mobile and solar powered makes it more efficient. Debbie added we have had more luck with job applicants with the message board than with the newspaper and website combined. Peter said the funds could come from the Highway Block Grant. Shawn made a motion to allow Peter to purchase a message board at a cost of \$7,000 with the funds coming from the Highway Block Grant. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Debbie updated the Board on the Police Department renovation. The new section of the building has been turned over to the PD and the old section renovation will be commencing.

Jason added Aho Construction has added a change order in the amount of \$1,960 for the flooring installation in the cells, moving the gun locker and moving the fingerprint table. This wing is now fully functional. The funds for this will come from the Police Detail Revolving Fund.

- Debbie informed the Board all 3 auctioned property owners requested an extension to close on the properties.

- Debbie gave the Board a sample contract regarding the reduced energy supplier costs. Debbie added the rate from last week had expired and the broker stated the price had increased. Debbie emailed her peers as requested to find out what experiences they have had utilizing this. She stated everyone that has utilized this has been very satisfied with their lower electric supply rates and have had no issues.

She added Milford has been using a different broker since 2014 and has been very happy with their services. The SAU has also used this same company with the same comments. Debbie contacted this broker and he

gave preliminary rates which are less expensive than the original broker. Actual pricing will be provided for the meeting next week.

Debbie added there is also a discount for utilizing excess hydro power.

Shawn added this broker will assist in the process of providing "Community Power" which would allow residents to access lower supplier rates. This would require a warrant article and a vote in the positive by the residents. There is no cost to the Town for this.

- Jason asked to clarify his comments made at the Deliberative Session because he understands they were controversial. He stated he questioned using public funds for donations. His second issue was he questions these donations if the companies are flying a political flag, no matter which side of the aisle they are on.
- Lou stated he had spoken to Peter Goewey regarding the dump truck. It has been received and is in Vermont for the outfitting of the dump.
- Shawn stated a resident had contacted him regarding a Town owned piece of property on Mason Road (Map 14B/2). Glen Shaw is interested in purchasing this property. Debbie will look into this to see if it's in Conservation or it could be sold.
- Shawn said he had been contacted by another resident who said he owns the second highest piece of property in town and wants to know what the process would be to have a cell phone tower there. Debbie suggested he contact Matt Glavey to see what process he had gone through with the proposed cell tower on Old Peterborough Road.
- Shawn mentioned he had spoken to the prior president of the Snow Moles and they would be interested in trails at the landfill. This would also open up opportunities for walking trails in the spring and summer.
- Shawn said he had spoken to the chair of the school board (Rachel Anderson) and would like to have a meeting with the School board, the Greenville BOS and this board to discuss the school portion of that tax rate. They would like to schedule this meeting at the beginning of April.

6:15 Non-Public Session RSA 91:A 3, II (c):

At 6:15 Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 6:57pm, Jason made a motion to return to public session. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6:58 Non-Public Session RSA 91:A 3, II (c):

At 6:58 Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:06pm, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:10 Non-Public Session RSA 91:A 3, II (I):

At 7:10 Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:40pm, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

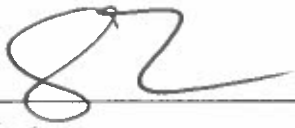
At 7:40, Jason made a motion to adjourn. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman:



Jason Somero:



Lou Alvarez: