

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

April 11, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Jason Somero (Acting Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez and Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)
Also in attendance: Chief Lund, Jim Hicks (Deputy EMD), Wendy Leger (SVAS)

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

Jason mentioned Shawn was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

5:05 SVAS Memorandum of Understanding:

Wendy explained the MOU is signed every year and the only edit to this was to have it automatically renew every 12 months unless one of the parties wanted to amend it. Meredith asked if it could be amended to include a statement adding it would be reviewed if there was a change of leadership for either party. After some discussion, it was agreed by all not to amend the MOU at all.

Jason made a motion to give the Town Administrator authority to sign the MOU. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Debbie will edit the amended MOU to reflect no changes, sign it and send it to Wendy.

5:17 Road Committee Appointment:

Walker Farrey recommended appointing Eric Krook to the Road Committee. Lou made a motion to appoint Eric Krook to the Road Committee. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5:19 ZBA Appointment:

Walker Farrey had recommended appointing Lou Alvarez as a member of the Zoning Board. This is continued to next week due to lack of a voting quorum.

5:20 Old/New Business:

- Debbie mentioned the new hires are working out well so far.
- Jim Feldhusen (Building Inspector) resigned effective 4/14/23 because he is no longer working locally. Gary Somero will be taking his place and has been brought up to speed on everything. Jason suggested the Board meet with Gary next week.
- Debbie informed the Board of the tentative agenda for next week: Chief Abel-PD discussion, Taxpayer request for a Non-Public, 2nd interviews for the DPW inspector position.
- Jason mentioned Trifecta Painting did an excellent job refacing the Town Clock for the Heritage Commission. He added an anonymous donor paid for the base below the clock to be repainted-thank you to that person.
- Jason added the wrought iron gate that goes around the Civil War memorial will be sandblasted, primed and painted. Hopefully it will be in place prior to the Memorial Day parade.
- Debbie informed the Board that Ollie Niemi has ordered the flags for Memorial Day. Jason said the Board has to decide who is speaking at which events for the day. He also mentioned asking one of the State Representatives if they would like to give a speech.
- Jason asked about the write-in votes for the Cemetery Trustees and Planning Board. Debbie said Bill Seppala accepted the Cemetery Trustee position. The Town Clerk called the write-ins to fill the Planning Board

positions in order of most votes to least until someone accepted the position. Nichole Talbot accepted the 3 year position and Bruce Ruotsala accepted the 2 year position (both for the Planning Board).

- Jason mentioned all boards and committees are always looking for new members. If anyone is interested, please contact a Selectman or the Town Administrator.

Jason made a motion to take a break until just before 7:00pm.

7:00 State Representatives:

Diane Kelly, Jim Kofalt and Shane Sirois discussed the happenings at the State House and encouraged residents to contact them regarding any concerns or ideas. They discussed many of the hot topics and bills before the house.

Please watch the informative video at <https://youtu.be/Pp5Uqu5FDLE?list=PLzGryVtWOBk8maGlwV0C7-1OgfwrdIiQ>

At 8:15, Jason made a motion to adjourn. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: Not in attendance

Jason Somero: 

Lou Alvarez: 