

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Friday, July 14, 2023**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)

**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Matt Glode, Jeanette Fones

**SIGN:** accounts payable. The Selectmen signed the appointment of Chelsea Hakker as a part time police officer for the Town of Madbury.

**GUEST:** Matt Glode, Executive Director for ORYA, came before the Selectmen to informally discuss the possibility of building a two car garage sized structure at Tibbetts Field. The building would be used for concessions for the soccer programs, storage, a meeting room, and perhaps mower storage if the town needed it. It would replace the current shed and irrigation building. There were many details to work out including waste disposal and possible upgrades to some parking areas. The Selectmen were open to more planning, hearing additional details, and wanted to check the existing lease. They also suggested that Jim Davis and the Recreation Commission be consulted. MA asked about issues with moving the soccer goals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- There was a discussion about wording to departments on budget requests. DA will work on language to: ask for a needs based approach and removal any line items that are not needed, that unavoidable increases should be accompanied by a justification explanation, and that requests include a narrative addressing budgets and issues over a five-year period.
- On a question of whether Portsmouth should include Madbury ordinances as they draft their complaint on Schwartz, the Selectmen were agreeable but concerned that Madbury not cede all authority to Portsmouth during the process.
- The Selectmen discussed the current town website. EF provided a history and outlined the current website workings. The Selectmen developed a list of features a town website should have including: minutes, agendas, contact information, community events, major project progress reports, public notices, emergency notifications, means for public comment, photos, history, links to other resources and groups, easy navigation and searchability, mobile friendly design, payments and permits, volunteering and employment information, and policies, rules and ordinances. The discussion included the pros and cons of the current site, maintenance responsibilities, and other alternatives. The Selectmen will research and discuss hosting services, other town websites, uniformity of town websites, social media policy, posting approved minutes, and outreach for community input. TB will draft a letter to boards and committees to solicit comments and encourage the posting of approved minutes and agendas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- EF will investigate the rules for appointing members to the Cemetery Trustees.

**OTHER:**

- Jeannette Fones offered that the town should consider an enforcement officer.

Meeting ended at 11:45am.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *8-4-2023*

*On approved minutes, proof changes are noted through italics for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.*