

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, August 18, 2023**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Jay Moriarty (JM), Jim Davis (JD), and Jeanette Fones

CORRESPONDANCE:

- An email from the ORCSD noted that they are beginning a search for a new superintendent upon the retiring of James Morse. There will be an online survey to gather community comment.
- There was a notice for a proposed cell tower in Hampton.
- Over the next year the SRPC would like to meet with interested parties in Madbury on the work the Commission does and any concerns the town may have.

MINUTES: MA moved and TB seconded the approval of minutes from 8/7 and 8/11 with amendments and additions. Motion passed.

GUESTS: Jim Davis, as Building and Grounds, came before the Selectmen to discuss upgrades to the electrical wiring in the old part of Town Hall. A recent incident with an old cartridge fuse going bad had brought the old wiring and lighting into question. A site walk was conducted. The Selectmen's focus is on safety and basic lighting. Outside motion lighting, missing pole lamps, and the carrying capacity of outlets in the parquet room were discussed. JD will return with suggestions and an estimate on costs. The sports goals at the athletic fields were discussed on the issue of the time it takes to move them for mowing, and some incidents with animals getting caught in the nets and requiring rescue. There were suggestions on reducing the number and making or charging ORYA to move the goals. Cleaning up equipment and trash after field use is also a concern. The discussion moved on to the ORYA proposal to build a bigger shed at Tibbetts Field. JD does not see a need for town storage space. Ownership should be clarified. Plans, work and permitting should be documented. It was thought that ORYA should go before the Planning Board for a site plan review. EF will send the lease agreement for ORYA's use of 9 Town Hall Road to the Selectmen. JW said the Recreation Commission would like to know the use schedule for the fields. JM noted that he will have a need for an arborist to remove some dead ash trees that could create a safety hazard. He will get an estimate.

NEW BUSINESS

- MA moved and TB seconded a motion to approve an abatement of \$43.96 for Officer, 5 Evans Rd, 8-2-2, where an overpayment and clerk posting error had resulted in a overcharge of interest. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- MA moved and TB second the appointments of Susan St. Louis, 72 Hayes Rd, as a Cemetery Trustee and Richard Erickson, 13 Moharimet Dr, as an alternate Cemetery Trustee. Motion passed.
- LandCare's response to the Selectmen's letter was discussed. MA reviewed some of the history of the needed NH DOT driveway permit. The LandCare request for an extension of time is a Planning Board decision. EF will ask the NH DOT about the status of the driveway permit and update TB.
- EF asked the Selectmen to sign two tax warrants for two previously approved LUCT assessments. These copies for the Town Clerk's records.

BOARD UPDATES

- TB and MA reported on the Selectmen's attendance at the Planning Board workshops on "tourist homes" and website issues. There was a good discussion on the tourist home issue and how it might be addressed. There were suggestions to treat the use under some type of review by the PB, like home occupations and whether use of a detached building was allowable. Changes would require a town meeting ballot article change to the zoning ordinances.

The PB noted that it takes stable personnel to maintain a website and that the current PB sub-website should be folded into the official town website.

TB reported that the PB would be surveying the residents for the housing chapter of the Master Plan, including an opportunity at Madbury Day.

- JW reported that the Recreation Commission is discussing a bridge on the town owned Tibbetts property in conjunction with a proposed trail extension. Maintenance of the existing athletic trail was mentioned. The RC will have a presence at Madbury Day.
- The Road Agent was in attendance but was not able to stay for a report.

OTHER:

- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to let the Seacoast Chapter of the NE Mountain Biking Association place a scavenger hunt location on town land.
- EF reported that he and Jim Davis advised a licensed drone pilot that he could photograph the athletic fields. He was directed to be in touch with ORYA to minimize conflict with sport use of the fields.
- EF will see if probate for a deceased resident can be accomplished by heirs or an outside agency. The out of state adult children of the deceased have indicated that they are not in a position to do probate.

Meeting ended at 11:00am.

Submitted by: *Eric Feigenbaum*

Approved: *8-25-2023*

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