

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, August 25, 2023**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)
OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Jay Moriarty (JM), and Jeanette Fones

SIGN: accounts payable

MINUTES: TB moved and MA seconded the approval of minutes from 8/18 as amended. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was consensus to post this board's approved minutes to the town website. There would need to be some thought to the process if the Planning Board sub-website were to be moved to the town website.
- There was a review of the draft response letter to LandCare. The letter recommends there only be a short extension given in completing the conditions precedent.
- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to approve the 2023-2024 UNH Dispatching Agreement for the Madbury Police Department as recommended by Chief McGann. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- TB will reach out to the Planning Board to see if any member is interested in filling a representation spot for Madbury on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the activities by the Martin's at 3 Cherry Lane and how the town might respond to noise complaints. Among the items discussed were the definition of a tourist home, the band practicing and recording being a home occupation, clarification on the organ repair activity, and the town's ordinance on obnoxious noise. The discussion included possible enforcement actions and how to balance the Martins' activities with the Kents' (5 Cherry Ln.) interest in the enjoyment of their property. The Planning Board may be able to help interpret and apply some control. Longer term there may be a need for changes to the ordinances which could be considered by the Planning Board. The Martins have confirmed that they will meet with the Selectmen on September 8, 2023. EF will send a copy of the NHMA guide for enforcement to the Selectmen.

BOARD UPDATES

- JM reported on some odds and ends including the fixing of a mailbox and ditch situation at 14 French Cross Rd., that he has met with a forester from the Forest Society to discuss drainage on Jenkins Rd., and that there is trapping of the beaver that are interfering with a culvert on Cherry Lane. He does not expect to pave all of Jenkins Rd. this year. Some work will be done on Freshet Rd., where new shoulder material has too much fine sand and is washing into driveways. He is discussing an extension of AJ Hartford's plowing contract for one or two more years; he expects costs will go up.

OTHER:

- The Mutualink project at the Moharimet Elementary School is not showing progress due to technical issues. EF will see if the other schools in the school district are functioning with respect to getting video feeds to police departments/dispatch centers in an emergency.

- It could not be confirmed if there was a Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Madbury Day.
- Jeannette Fones suggested the Selectmen have a presence at Madbury Day, that there should be an explanation as to why milkweed is being allowed to grow in the landscape at town hall, and wondered how the town notifies residents of an emergency situation. She also suggested that the Wentworth Fund might be used for window repairs at town hall and the old town hall might benefit from curtains to stop drafts and deadened the sound. EF noted that a citizen could suggest a Wentworth project and that forms were available at the town website. It was noted that it is beneficial if an suggestion comes with associated costs.

Meeting ended at 11:00am.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *9-22-2023*

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