

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, November 17, 2023**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiengenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Don Goodnow (town moderator), Chuck Goss, Dr. James Morse and Principal Goldsmith from the ORCSD.

CORRESPONDANCE

- A letter from the NH Municipal Association explaining their work, mission and a 2% dues increase was noted.

SIGN: accounts payable

GUEST: Chuck Goss came before the Selectmen for an appointment to the Recreation Commission. He has time and interest in supporting the Commission's work, especially with a proposed trail by the cemetery and pumpkin patch. ~~He has some equipment and expertise in trail construction. There was a short discussion on the proposed trail.~~

NONPUBLIC:

Motion to enter nonpublic session: made by TB and seconded by MA.

Specific Statutory Reason cited: RSA 91-A:3, II (i), Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, ...

Roll Call vote: Janet Wall, yes; Mark Avery, yes, Tim Burt, yes. Motion passed.

Entered nonpublic session at 9:45am.

Other persons present during nonpublic session: Dr. James Morse, Principal David Goldsmith, Eric Fiengenbaum

Public session reconvened at 10:30am.

TB moved and MA seconded a motion to leave nonpublic session.

Roll Call vote: Janet Wall, yes; Mark Avery, yes, Tim Burt, yes. Motion passed.

TB moved and MA seconded a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes because it is determined that the minutes pertain to preparation of carrying out of actions regarding terrorism. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a short discussion on the Mutualink security system installed in the Moharimet School and supporting communications between the school district and Madbury's first responders.
- EF reported that the Presidential Primary has been set for January 23, 2024, by the Secretary of State.
- DA reported that the town will be receiving an additional block grant for roads in the amount of about \$15,661. She will speak with the road agent on what unplanned projects the funds could be used for. Additional funds for bridges are also expected and a public hearing will be needed to accept the unanticipated funds.
- On the recent death of Hoy "Roger" Menear, a resident of Lee and a Madbury's Strafford District 11 representative to the state legislature, there is a move by Lee and Dover to request a special election to elect a replacement. The Governor and Executive Council must approve the request for the special election by November 29, 2023, and a suggested a special election (primary) could be held on January 23, 2024. A draft letter, modeled after

Dover's request, to the Governor and Council was reviewed and edited. TB moved and MA seconded the approval of the letter for a special election. Motion passed. It was thought that the special election might be counted by hand and the process would follow the pattern of other elections.

OLD BUSINESS

- MA requested that DA summarize all personnel wages on one page for budget discussions.
- There was a quick discussion on several agenda items that were deferred to the next meeting.

BOARD UPDATES

- None

OTHER:

- EF noted that several electrical repairs were being made to town hall, mostly regarding outside and exit sign lighting.
- MA reported that Mike Wenrich from Brookline was positive to possibly providing consulting services as public works decisions go forward.

Meeting ended at 10:45am.

Submitted by: *Eric Fergentbaum* Approved: 12-4-2023
On approved minutes, proof changes are noted through italics for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.