

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Friday, February 02, 2024**

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

**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Jay Moriarty (JM)

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- An announcement about Durham Community Power was noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- DA came with some budget adjustment recommendations to cover line item overages for: assessing due to utility work - from legal; household hazardous waste where there was more participation than anticipated - from solid waste, roads where storm damage had gone over anticipated - from financial; legal, solid waste and recreation. Notes will be placed for next year's budget. TB moved and MA seconded the budget adjustments as recommended by Deb Ahlstrom, Treasurer. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- JW suggested some changes in the article order for the warrant. The need for an article to clarify the intent to allow the purchase of property (includes improvements) as compared the purchase of land (raw) was explained. Madbury's intent had always been the same, to allow the purchase of property.
- There was a suggestion to verify those that would be voting at the evening business meeting and the use of voter cards. The Selectmen would work with the Moderator on the topic. Improvements to the ballot counting were discussed. It was suggested that the Selectmen and others wear name tags. EF will order some for the Selectmen. EF will update the warrant article script and note that the Recreation Commission will give a report at the end of the meeting. There was continued preparation for the public hearing, and agreement to come in before the hearing time for last minute questions.
- It was agreed to drop the ZipRecruiter road agent posting due to cost and try Indeed, possibly NH Works, the Madbury Post, and word of mouth.
- EF reported that the MPL is retracting Murphy as an alternate library trustee, she will run in the election for trustee. Hope Flynn is now recommended as an alternate member. Appointments will be made after the elections.
- LandCare will be providing a check for \$8,700 to cover the estimated cost for the third party review by Tom Ballestero. There is agreement that any additional review work will be handled by the same process.

**BOARD UPDATES**

- Jay Moriarty, as Road Agent, expressed an interest in being in touch with Talco to set up mowing for next year. There has been considerable salt and sand use. He is talking with Busby about paving projects for this summer. He addressed previous comments by TB on snow plowing and has asked for more depth to the effort. AJ Hartford has contracted with Tony Wojtysiak to supply a third truck if needed, and there is an extra man on AJ's payroll. There was a general discussion on snow operations and the difficulty and expense of manpower. EF will return a call to the Barrington DPW Director.
- EF gave a short overview of a single residential house being proposed for a 38-acre property on 359 Rt. 108. There are some sensitive fish and plant species in the area and an abutting property has a conservation easement on it. *A preliminary discussion with the PB is on the agenda for 2/7.*

**OTHER:**

- MA moved and TB second a motion to approve a discounted pre-payment for Double Coverage for irrigation work. Motion passed. It was thought that Jim Davis should be consulted for a recommendation on the irrigation work and using Allegro for lawn treatments around Town Hall and the Library.
- TB moved and MA seconded to allow a one-time waiver for the Pony Club to use town hall. Motion passed.
- EF will reschedule Scott Kinmond, from UNH T2, to speak with the Selectmen on DPWs and road agents in general.
- Work to implement Mutualink continues.
- EF related an email exchange with Lee and the school district on who might sponsor a group who is interested in discussing school funding in NH.
- MA noted that there had been some damage to the parking lot at Tibbetts Field that will need repair. There was a discussion on its use, closing during certain seasons, and having Jim Davis do an assessment and the Recreation Commission getting involved.
- *EF reports that the new cleaning service (Bilank) has started and is working well so far.*

Meeting ended at 12:40pm

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *4-11-2024*

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