

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Monday, February 05, 2024**

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

**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), and Peggy Wolcott

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- A letter from ~~Atlantic Broadband~~ *Breezeline* regarding rate changes was noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- DA noted that it was too early to estimate a tax impact from the budget, as the calculation would involve the appropriations and the estimated revenues. There was a question as to whether the assessed value of a property changed during revaluation years. A tax bill could be reviewed for that answer.
- The Selectmen discussed acknowledging that no one had declared to run for Selectman. EF will put a note in the Madbury Post noting the lack of a candidate, that write-ins would be ~~accepted~~ *appropriate*, and that anyone with questions could contact the town office.
- There was a short discussion noting that Selectman Wall was absent due to an illness and it was agreeable to open and continue the public hearing to Friday morning.
- Before the public hearing on the budget and warrant articles, MA announced that Selectman Wall was absent, and Peggy Wolcott voiced the opinion that the town had great people and they deserved a pay increase. The Selectmen replied that they were proposing a 5% wage increase. MA read the public hearing notice at 7:06pm. He explained that there was not a full board and that the hearing ~~would~~ *could* be continued until Friday, February 9, 2024 at 9:00am. *TB motioned, MA second that the Public Hearing be continued at 9am on 2/9 at the town hall - passed.* ~~The hearing was closed at 7:11pm.~~ EF will post the proposed budget and warrant.
- MA moved and TB seconded a motion to accept the contracts from Double Coverage and Allegro to get the early payment discount. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- CMA has responded to the State DOT regarding comments about the guardrail option on the Freshet Road bridge.

**BOARD UPDATES**

- none

**OTHER:**

- EF explained that Chad Walker, the current head transfer station attendant was resigning his position due to the schedule of his full time job. EF will ask JM and Garret Ahlstrom about Alan Cade (*current assistant*) being a replacement. He will check Cade's operator level and a letter of thank you should be sent to Chad.
- EF noted that the Health Officer may have some required training to complete, since COVID. He also believes that there is a required annual meeting between the Health Officer and the Selectmen.
- EF reported that the Mutualink enhancement for the school district and the dispatching center is still in the planning stage.
- Discussions on the DPW will be added to the agenda for February 9, 2024 and include discussion on a possible "implementation" committee. EF noted a neighbor has shown an interest in the road agent position.

- EF will inform the Welfare officer that he will be transporting a welfare applicant to a doctor's appointment.
- EF will call DRA about an Intent to Cut that may be underestimating the volume being removed.
- There was a quick review of the To Do table: A number of board positions could be announced at Town Meeting including an aid for accounting, a road agent, another Planning Board alternate, and substitute transfer station attendant. TB was not able to attend a CivicPlus website demo, but there are short videos available. A demo of TownWeb is scheduled. The Selectmen expressed an interest in reviewing sealed minutes on an annual basis, perhaps after Town Meeting. Updating the Transfer Station policy and Mutual Aid on DPW should wait for a new road agent. EF will draft a to Gintovt (301 Knox Marsh Rd), where the daughter is paying the taxes and possibly using the building as a residence. Portsmouth should be asked about the status of Schwartz. We are waiting for a reply from the lawyer for Martin. The Town of Lee has an interest in reopening a conversation with Madbury about cooperation.

Meeting ended at 9:15pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum* Approved: 4-11-2024  
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