

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**

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

**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Tony St. Louis

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- NH DOT has incorporated the comments from CMA and the report is complete.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- EF will ask Alan Cade if he is interested in taking Chad Walker's position as head attendant at the transfer station. Alan has the experience and training. DES holds training classes to become an attendant and EF will research how that works.
- There was a review of a third party agreement between the town and Streamworks for site work being done at LandCare per a Planning Board approval. Streamworks will coordinate with the Building Inspector. LandCare will provide the town the estimated review costs upfront, they will take on any extra cost that they cause, and payment for any extra costs will follow the same scheme as the original agreement.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- It was confirmed that there was not a desire to have a ballot vote *at town meeting* on the elderly exemption. The vote to change the wording on the property and easement article will require a two-thirds vote of the voters present. The Moderator should ask about any abstentions. DA will need to report the numbers to DRA. The words "Recommended by the Board of Selectmen" will be added to article 2, establishment of an expert highway agent. None of these items changed the warrant as discussed at the public hearing. There were no changes to the budget. It was agreed to sign the warrant and budget. If JW has an interest in signing, she could research the question about signing later. TB moved and MA seconded a motion to approve the budget and warrant as presented. Motion passed. EF will post copies after the meeting.
- EF noted that he had received two resumes for the road agent position. The Indeed website required MA to enter a wage and number of hours. The announcement had been posted at town and NHMA websites as well as with the PW listserv, and is being promoted by word of mouth. An A-frame in front of town hall was suggested and maybe a notice at LandCare. It was thought that interviews might start in early April. EF inquired what could be done to keep the early paving projects on schedule. There was a suggestion to perhaps hire someone to fill in for a short time.  
Methods to start an implementation committee were discussed, noting that the name was too presumptuous. The committee and process could be modeled after the PWEC. MA offered to work on a notice for the Madbury Post, Musings and other outlets. TB moved and MA seconded a motion to form an implementation committee. Motion passed. EF will invite Talco Enterprises for a visit after March 29, 2024. JM should be asked to coordinate a visit with Fisk who has expressed some interest in snow plowing. A suggestion was offered to perhaps hire an advisor to assist the Selectmen and/or the committee.

**BOARD UPDATES**

- EF explained an early conservation project, including the idea of assisting with an appraisal to provide some real world values for a discussion.

**OTHER:**

- Use of Demerritt Park for an eclipse watching event was approved, and giving ORYA input on any issues of mud damage.
- EF passed out some materials relating to the Bunker Lane Condominium Association project to replace their water distribution system with some funding coming from a CDBG grant. It was noted how that federal grant can potentially have an impact depending on any federal grants Madbury may get in the same year if the total goes over \$750,000. He is hoping to get further information and return with a request to put a notice in a newspaper.
- EF reported that Gintovt had left a message regarding the Selectmen's letter but he had not had a chance to give a call back.
- EF has reschedule from UNH T2 for March 29, 2024. He is working on scheduling Portsmouth and the Lee Select Board.
- Only a few people have shown interest in the write-in Selectmen's position.
- Tony St. Louis offered some opinions as to the need to setup paving projects in advance and that he does not see the job of road agent being full time yet. He may apply for the road agent job and has an interest in the implementation committee. He suggested a speed table on Hayes and posting some roads "no trucks" in the spring. He thought Lyman out of Gilford should get a plowing contractor letter.

Meeting ended at 9:15pm

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *4-11-2024*

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