

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, March 01, 2024**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB), Janet Wall (JW) did not stay due to a doctor's appointment

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Jay Moriarty (JM), and resident Susan Ossoff

CORRESPONDANCE

- none

SIGN: payroll, DRA format for the warrant and the budget (JW to sign when available)

GUEST: Don Goodnow, as Moderator, discussed the idea to make available the rules he intends to use at town meeting. They are modified from some that Bow uses. He would like them printed and available at town meeting. EF will also link to them in the Madbury Post. MA noted a comment from JW where she did not see the point to having the moderator vote to make a tie. Goodnow thought that particular section should be removed. There was agreement to limit the number of times the warrant needed to be read and repeated. He is aware that the Planning Board chair will speak to the Master Plan Capital Reserve. It was noted that "recommended" and "majority vote" language was missing from article 2. He noted that two articles are contingent on another article. DA noted that she would need numbers on a 2/3 vote to report to DRA and the total is based on those present and voting.

NEW BUSINESS

- EF presented the DRA equalization letter giving a median ratio for real property in Madbury for Tax Year 2023 to be 64.0%.
- EF explained that the post office's EDDM function on the internet was not working and a workaround will be used. His mailing of the town report will pull addresses from the assessing database and would increase costs by about \$200.
- The Police Department has requested a nonpublic session for March 8, 2024. JW had proposed a method to move the meeting to the Safety Complex and under which section of the RSA for nonpublic meetings could be used.

OLD BUSINESS

- MA reported on recently received resumes for the road agent position. They will be reviewed after town meeting.

BOARD UPDATES

- Jay Moriarty, Road Agent, reported on the filling of potholes, cleanup from the recent storm, and lots of moisture in the soil on Champernowne which may delay grinding and paving. He is working with Busby to get pricing for grinding and paving. AJ Hartford is stilling looking for a truck, possibly a 10 wheeler.
- It was discussed that two members of the same family could be members of the Water Resources Board. It was acknowledged that there could be a situation where both may need to recuse themselves from a vote.

OTHER:

- EF reported a tree limb through the roof at 9 Town Hall Rd, the ORYA office. Repairs had been made to the roof by Justin Corrow and Jim Davis will coordinate the drywall repairs.

The Primex deductible is \$1,000.

- The meeting with the Lee Select Board on Monday will be in the large meeting room.
- EF and TB continue to work on the reworking of the town website.

Meeting ended at 10:00am

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *5-9-2024*

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