

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 04, 2024**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Lee Select Board members, Scott Bugbee, Rebecca Hawthorne; Lee Administrator, Andrew Robertson; Lee Public Works Director, Steve Bullek; Nate Bernitz, UNH Extension Field Specialist, Community & Economic Development
Others: Susan Ossoff, David Benson, Alan Cade

CORRESPONDANCE

- The was a letter from the Squamscott Pony Club thanking the Selectmen for the town hall use waiver.
- It was agreed to hold on deciding about a membership in the NH Road Agent Association until we have hired a road agent

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GUESTS: Two members of the Lee Select Board, Scott Bugbee and Rebecca Hawthorne, along with the town administrator and road agent came before the Selectmen to discuss possible opportunities for sharing town services. MA explained some of Madbury's challenges including DPW, snow contracting, police, and fire. TB noted that Madbury was awaiting a fire study. There are some models of town cooperation, most up north. The issue of finding excess capacity and loss of autonomy were noted. Madbury's trash services were described as well as other services. Lee described their town, including 28 full time employees and rising costs. It was suggested that any cooperation might start out slow to build trust and understanding. Nate Bernitz suggested including the public to build support, master planning being the long term tool, and trying to identify low hanging fruit for successes. He is willing to help with community engagement. Grants and current needs were explained. There was agreement to another meeting in mid-April.

There was a discussion with Alan Cade regarding his taking on the position of head transfer station attendant. He has the time and experience, and is agreeable to taking the position. MA moved and TB seconded a motion to offer Alan Cade the position at the current number of hours and rate of pay for the head transfer station attendant. Motion passed.

EF will advertise for a transfer station substitute and contact Garret Ahlstrom to see if he can fill Alan's vacation plans in May.

NEW BUSINESS

- Janet will stay on the Recreation Commission and Water Resources Board where she has been an ex officio member

OLD BUSINESS

- Plans for the nonpublic meeting at the Safety Complex were reviewed. TB will take minutes.
- The total number of resumes for road agent is now eight.
- There will be one reading of each article at town meeting and the motion will be "as read."

BOARD UPDATES

- None

OTHER:

- TB noted that the Turnkey Landfill was scheduled to close in 2034 and that should stay on our radar.
- MA moved and TB seconded a motion to approve the completed installation of the new curtains in the old part of town hall. Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm

Submitted by: *Eric Fegenbaum*

Approved: *5-9-2024*

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