

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Thursday, May 02, 2024**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB), Susan Ossoff (SO)

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF) partial attendance, Mathew Paugh for part of nonpublic session.

CORRESPONDANCE

- none

SIGN: accounts payable

NONPUBLIC:

Motion to enter nonpublic session: made by Susan Ossoff and seconded by Tim Burt. Specific Statutory Reason cited: RSA 91-A:3, II (b), The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call vote: Susan Ossoff, yes; Tim Burt, yes; Mark Avery, yes. Motion passed.

Entered nonpublic session at 7:057pm.

Other persons present during nonpublic session: Mathew Paugh, partial attendance.

Susan Ossoff moved and Tim Burt seconded a motion to leave nonpublic session.

Roll Call vote: Susan Ossoff, yes; Tim Burt, yes; Mark Avery, yes. Motion passed.

Public session reconvened at 8:3028pm.

There was no motion to seal the nonpublic session.

Nonpublic minutes were recorded by Tim Burt.

NEW BUSINESS

- EF joined the public meeting after the nonpublic session, as he had been attending a Conservation Commission *meeting*. The Select Board noted that they had offered and Mat Paugh had accepted the eExpert rRoad aAgent position. EF will arrange a NH background check, begin bringing Mat Paugh on board, and notify Jay Moriarty to help with the transition. A discussion included wage rate, hours, mentoring, training, sharing the town's white pickup, learning materials, work tasks, a possible laptop, and providing maps.
- There was a discussion on an unexpected but necessary repair to a fire truck. SO moved and TB seconded a motion to pay the invoice. Motion passed. Deb Ahlstrom will be consulted on funding sources.
- SO moved and TB seconded a motion to sign the State Bridge Aid Project Agreement for Madbury 41462, Freshet Rd. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was a discussion of the proposed extension of a recreation trail. After some concerns about the cost and *lack of* public input, EF was asked to schedule the Recreation Commission Chair, Gordon Davenport and member Justin Corrow for a visit with the Select Board.
- There was a review of the submitted requested changes to the MRI fire study. It was noted that the summary of options provided was not the requested executive summary. *The Board discussed the need to clarify to the public that Tthe study options and recommendations are not necessarily Chief Perley's recommendations nor the town's final decision.* TB will work on language to go along with the posting of the study to the town website ahead of a public presentation being scheduled for May 23, 2024.

BOARD UPDATES

- MA reported that the Planning Board was working on their housing implementation table and they will address the issue of a letter ending a conditional use permit at their next meeting.

OTHER:

- Portsmouth will attend the Select Board meeting on May 17, 2024.

Meeting ended at 10:00pm

Submitted by: *Eric Fergenson*

Approved: *5-9-2024*

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