

**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 27, 2024**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deb Ahlstrom (DA), Gordon Davenport and Justin Corrow from the Recreation Commission.

CORRESPONDANCE

- none

SIGN: accounts payable

GUEST: Gordon Davenport and Justin Corrow from the Recreation Commission came before the Select Board for further discussion on their proposed trail extension. They provided a historical overview of the project and several additional items of information about the project. They are considering several modifications to reduce the cost including dropping the woods cleanup and the limb trimming above the proposed trail, reducing the width of the path to 5 feet, eliminating the culvert in the “pass,” and replacing the bridge crossing in the field with a culvert. They appreciated the Select Board’s input and concern about the cost of the project and will return after considering some modifications and updating the quote. Maintenance on the trails and fitness equipment was discussed, as well as other possible future projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- After a review of the recommendation from the Town’s assessing contractor on an abatement request, TB moved and SO seconded a motion to deny the application from Jeffrey Berlin at 357 Rt. 108 for an abatement on Map 9, Lot 31-B. Motion passed.
- MA will be the Select Board’s representative on the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- On a complaint about unsightly activities at the John Davis property at 232 Littleworth Road, the Board stated that the fence upkeep is a civil matter and that any expansion of business activities may require a town review.
- EF will thank a resident on his comments regarding incorporating trash hauling as a possible future DPW function.
- After a review of the minutes of the Special Town Meeting of June 25, 2024, SO moved and TB seconded the acceptance of the minutes. Motion passed.
- A complaint from a dismissed employee at Carriage Hill Assisted Living will be passed on to the State by the Health Officer, as Madbury is not a self-inspection town.
- MA expressed an interest in developing a calendar of annual tasks, such as a meeting with Pike Industries, meeting with the Health Officer, review of policy documents, review of sealed minutes, etc.
- Among the future tasks of the Select Board are the modified implementation table of the housing chapter of the Master Plan and comment to SRPC on their initiative to redesign the intersection at Town Hall Rd, Madbury Rd. and Route 155.
- MA provided a draft charter for a Public Works committee for future discussions.
- MA provided a number of lists for future review and consideration, including agenda items, new issues, to do, enforcement actions, and both short and long term issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- A draft letter to Gintovt of 301 Knox Marsh Road on using the property in the Commercial Light Industrial District as a dwelling will be modified by EF and MA before sending.
- Portsmouth has not yet responded to an inquiry on enforcement on Schwartz at 14 Huckins Road.
- Talco Enterprises is interested in meeting with the Select Board as his schedule frees up.
- EF has put Chief McGann and an environmental consultant in touch with each other regarding the Chiefs concern about air quality at the Safety Complex. EF also supplied water quality data on the well at the Safety Complex to the Chief.

BOARD UPDATES

- The Select Board was in agreement with the Road Agent to hire a vac truck to do maintenance on some drop inlets. The Road Agent should also go ahead with installation of safety lights on the town pickup truck.

OTHER:

- EF will add unavailable dates of Select Board members to the agendas.
- MA will continue the outreach to Lee on possible cooperative projects.

Meeting ended at 10:30pm

Submitted by: *Eric Fugentum* Approved: 7-11-2024
On approved minutes, proof changes are noted through italics for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.