

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Thursday, August 08, 2024**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum, Administrator (EF), Deb Ahlstrom, Fiscal Clerk (DA)

Correspondence:

- none

SIGN: accounts payable

MINUTES: SO moved and TB seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 7/25 and 8/2 as amended. Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

- EF presented two excavation permit applications for Pike Industries. He explained, in brief, the recent history of the gravel extraction pit including a settlement agreement indicating that there should be a yearly review, *between the Town and Pike*, of the status of the pit and an updated assessment. Other topics included the NH DES permit that allows for hydro-mining (below the water table), a past history of well monitoring, the size of the area that can be hydro-mined, and *possible* future plans for the pit after the gravel is exhausted. The Select Board indicated a desire to meet with representatives from Pike and asked that the applications include a statement that Pike has submitted the necessary data in order to comply with the Madbury Zoning Ordinances and has agreed to comply with the regulations concerning the removal of soil, loam, sand and gravel from property.

OLD BUSINESS:

- EF presented the school security camera access agreement offered by the ORCSD. The agreement will be held until Chief McGann has gotten a review from the County Attorney.
- DA gave an update on the budget calendar and progress. It was *agreed* that the Select Board *would* be responsible for the Transfer Station budget this year.

BOARD and DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- **Planning Board:** MA reported that the Planning Board issued a Conditional Use Permit to Rene and Kristine Kahr, 46 Moharimet Dr, for a Home Occupation. ~~to do minor auto repair in the process of buying of reselling cars.~~
In response to an inquiry from a resident, the Planning Board did not think there was any setback requirement for a gate at a driveway.
The Board continues to discuss short term rentals, accessory dwelling units, and applying for an additional Housing Opportunity Planning Grant to support the updating of the Town's Master Plan.
The Board has sent a letter to Martins, 3 Cherry Ln, concerning the Town's recommendation that they visit with the Planning Board for discussions.

OTHER

- EF reported that the Lawson Group will begin environmental testing at the Safety Complex shortly.

- The Gintovt's lawyer is working on providing a response to the Select Board's concerns on the residential use of a property in the Commercial and Light Industrial Zone by September 30, 2024
- Jim Davis, *Building and Grounds*, will attend the next Select Board meeting to present some quotes he is getting for re-roofing the Safety Complex and the Town Hall. EF will also ask him to address manpower needs for landscaping upkeep, and costs to equip the Town pickup with lights and a snow plow.
- It was discussed that the Town might *want to* have a policy ~~on~~ *about* who can drive Town vehicles and ~~if~~ discussed whether there should be any qualifications *required*, other than a driving license.
- There was a discussion on soliciting volunteers to serve on the Public Works Planning Committee. The cost ~~for~~ to *print and mail* a post card to all residents is approximately \$475. MA will work on a draft.
- A meeting to discuss continuity of operations for voting was set for August 29, 2024 at 7pm. It was thought the Moderator, Town Clerk and Select Board would be participants for the initial meeting.
- There was a short review of the to-do list, a discussion about the potential need for ~~the~~ *need to prepare the* a Town ~~for an~~ audit, and how the Town might interact with the school district on taxes.

Meeting ended at 9:55pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Feagans*

Approved: *8-16-2024*

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