

SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2023
Municipal Building
6:00 p.m.

Present- Jack, Bill, Sean, Adam, Sam and Cheryl Robinson

Call to Order – 6:00pm

Adjustments to the Agenda (if needed) - None

Public Comment - None

New Business

1. RJD – Zeb and Rob – Commitment of taxes – Rob and Zeb were here and presented the Board with the commitment information for taxes. With the new growth, Solar Farms and a few other adjustments the mil rate would stay the same at 10.5 and the overlay would be approximately \$88,000.00. A discussion was held on increasing the mil rate by $\frac{1}{4}$ and after the discussion it was decided to stay with 10.5. *Motion to set the mil rate at 10.5 by Adam Foster, second by Sam DiBella, passed 5/0.*
2. Renewal of liquor license for Chipper's – Waiver signed – *Motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Chippers by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
3. Shellfish Committee – Nominate & appoint replacement for the Hancock Shellfish Committee Representative – Matthew Chick – *Motion to nominate and appoint Matthew Chick as the Town's Shellfish Committee Representative by Sam DiBella, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes of 08/16/2023 – *Motion to approve the minutes as written by Bill Birdsall, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
2. Special Town Meeting discussion – funding for sand – sign Warrant – *Motion to withdraw the original Motion voted on at the July 11, 2023 meeting by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.* Discussion was held on the funding for the winter sand and the payment to Campbell Environmental. There were two options presented for the amount needed; first option was to borrow the money from the Town's surplus and pay it back with an interest rate of 5% for 5 years; second option was to just take the full amount from Surplus with no payback needed. *Motion to appropriate the full amount needed from Surplus, with no payback required, by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/1. Bill Birdsall opposed just taking the amount needed out of Surplus. Motion to reset the Special Town Meeting for September 20th at 6:00pm by Adam Foster, second by Sam DiBella, passed 5/0.*

Departmental Reports

- a) Don Baker – CEO - see report

- b) George Moon – Road Commissioner – Paving has begun on Old Route 1; culvert has been replaced at the beginning of the Peaslee Road. George advised the Board he has been to inspect the sand at Tracy’s and it is good sand.
- c) Town Clerk/AA Report, Cheri Robinson
 - 1) Request from Historical Society – The Historical Society requested to move the steel beam by the Town Office, which was part of the old “Singing Bridge,” to the Historical Society building and they would erect a plaque in front of it to signify what the beam was. By consensus of the Board the beam may be moved. George Moon offered to move the beam for them.
 - 2) Comprehensive Committee – initial meeting & information - Clerk will set an initial meeting date and send letters to the volunteers on file.
- 1. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant #17 in the amount of \$8,607.85
Motion to approve as submitted by Adam Foster, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.
- 2. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant #18 in the amount of \$36,421.25
Motion to approve as submitted by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.
- 3. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant #19 – HVFD in the amount of \$600.50
Motion to approve as submitted by Adam Foster, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.
- 4. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant (payroll) #15 in the amount of \$3,560.82
Motion to approve as submitted by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.
- 5. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant (payroll) #16 in the amount of \$3,580.27
Motion to approve as submitted by Bill Birdsall, second by Sam DiBella, passed 5/0.
- 6. Approval of 23/24 Payables Warrant (payroll) #20 in the amount of \$5,919.98
Motion to approve as submitted by Adam Foster, second by Sam DiBella, passed 5/0.
- 7. Complaints – Sean Jones advised the Board he had received two different complaints from two different residents regarding storage units and suggested the Planning Board look into some form of control over the situation.
- 8. See Mail – County Commissioners minutes of 08/01/2023; Thank you letter from Downeast Community Partners; Letter from Charter;
- 9. Selectperson comments - Bill Birdsall would like the Clerk to check with Animal Welfare to see if there is any recourse on the payments made to the Animal Control Officer. Clerk will check on this.
- 10. Other business - Tax acquired property Q & A from MMA; Clerk advised the Board that Settler’s Landing Road Association has held their regular meeting; A discussion was held on the sale of town owned property. *Motion for the Clerk to reach out to Dan Pileggi, the Town’s Attorney, to discuss this by Jack Bridges, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

Adjourn - *Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm by Adam Foster, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A Robinson

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Town Clerk/Admin. Asst.