

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

In-Person and via Zoom Teleconference

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Scott Storms, Jon Savino and James Cannon

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Phil Sissick, Interim Finance Director Jason Lathrop, Eric Marsh and Members of the Public

ATTENDING REMOTELY: Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Scott Storms called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

PUBLIC INPUT:

In Person:

Eric Marsh, address not provided – stated that the Blight Ordinance has not been updated on the Town website; commented on his recent FOI request

Via Zoom:

None

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Savino moved to approve the August 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

a. *Building Committee Update:*

Selectman Storms stated that the Selectmen signed the beam last week and took a tour of the facilities. He further stated that the project appears to be progressing, is on target and still within budget.

b. *Main Street Update:*

Selectman Storms stated that progress is continuing on Main Street. He noted that some of the contractors are running into delays and a bit behind schedule.

Public Works Director Phil Sissick provided an update on the progress of the old Train Station and the bid package.

Selectman Storms stated that there is another amendment request to the engineering contract for an additional \$5,000. Further, he explained the reason for the request and asked for authorization to sign the amendment.

Selectman Savino moved to authorize an additional \$5,000.00 to Fuss & O'Neill for engineering and design work. Selectman Savino seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Selectman Storms and Phil Sissick provided further updates regarding Main Street.

c. Roads Update:

Phil Sissick provided an overview of the capital projects involving roads. Interim Finance Director Jason Lathrop commented on the financial aspect.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TAX REFUNDS:

Selectman Cannon moved to approve the current year refund in the amount of \$128.65 and the prior year tax refund in the amount of \$42.26 for a total of \$170.91. Selectman Savino seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. (Schedule A attached)

APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS:

Selectman Storms stated that he received a resignation letter from Mariana Garcia de la Noceda, a member of the Arts Council, and thanked her for her service.

As a matter of clarification, he stated that at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting, Roger Susaya was appointed to a 3-year term to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The letter sent to Mr. Susaya did not specifically state that it was for an alternate position. A clarification letter has been sent.

PUBLIC INPUT:

In Person:

Name and address not provided – commented on sewers and roads; suggested that inspectors should be on-site watching contractors to make sure they are doing what they should be. Also spoke regarding the traffic on Main Street.

Name and address not provided – spoke regarding the prior lack of knowledge of sewer connections.

Via Zoom:

None

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Selectman Savino advised that the next American Legion pancake breakfast is September 8th and Trunk or Treat is October 29th.

Selectman Storms noted that the Arts Council Art'Ober Fest is coming up. He also thanked residents for cleaning up their sidewalks and the Police Department for being out and enforcing traffic. He noted that school will be opening soon and people need to be more vigilant.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Selectman Savino. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Ziemian

Recording Secretary

