

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Michael Testut, and Teresa Debonville.

Attending virtually: Anne Budrewicz, Mike Strait, Bruce Webster, Ed Barber, and Joel Cope.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Update Agenda: The agenda was updated to include a discussion on the budget, equipment breakdowns, Lakeside Park project, and a letter from the US Department of Justice.

Public comment: None.

Confirm Select board appointment: A motion was made to nominate that Michael Testut be appointed to the position of select board member to replace the resignation of John Manning. Jeanne Gervais seconds the nomination, all in favor, so carried.

Confirm Moderator appointment: Bruce Rumball-Petre has resigned as Moderator effective immediately. A motion to nominate that Pierre Gervais be appointed to the position of Moderator to replace Bruce Rumball-Petre was made by Heather McElroy. Michael Testut seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Development Review Board resignation: Margaret Muraca has resigned from the position as secretary for the DRB Board. As per the recommendation of the DRB Board, a motion was made by Heather McElroy to appoint Marilyn Maxwell to the position of secretary for the DRB Board. Michael Testut seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Loan USDA WWTF project: A motion to authorize select board chairperson, Jeanne Gervais to sign the loan document with USDA for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade in the amount of 2.145 million dollars was made by Heather McElroy. Michael Testut seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department expense account, and the general expense account.

Town Manager's report: Tabled.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 3, 2024, meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The board reviewed the budget figures for the actual 2023 budget and the 2024 proposed budget.

Noah spoke with Jay Miller and the Dufresne group about an extension on the deadline for the Lakeside Park project, as the only bid that came in was very high. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to sign the municipal resolution for the downtown transportation fund extension for the Lakeside Park Project. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Noah informed the board that the plow and sander for the 1-ton truck needs to be replaced, and Andy has given Noah quotes for the cost of this replacement. The board will look into the cost of replacing the truck as well, if funding can come from a grant at a cost close to the cost of replacing just the sander and plow and will ask Andy for quotes for such. This will be discussed more at future meetings.

Noah informed the board that the town received a letter from the US Department of Justice stating an opportunity for individuals to attend training on law enforcement.

Heather gave the board an update on what the recreation department was working on. Currently, 201 children have signed up for the fishing tournament, and the recreation department is working on this, and also setting up an open gym for February and March.

Michael Strait informed the board that we will have three nights of celebration over the July 4th holiday. The parade and chicken bbq will be held on Thursday July 4 as well as music in the park. Music in the park will be all three nights, and the fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.