

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Bridgewater Town Hall

7:00pm

Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laz Pinter

Guests: Susan Wilcox, Susan Patrick, Anne Marie Wagner

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Susan Patrick asked if the issue with the former Chairman of ZBA had been resolved. The Selectmen responded that they were unaware of a resolution.

Correspondence: Denise Merrill from America 250 CT Commission sent a letter to the First Selectman requesting a contact to serve as a liaison between the commission and the community of Bridgewater, see attached. The commission is planning a commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

The Treasurer would like the Board to add an item to the agenda, see attached. **Mr. Brown made a motion to add the request to recommend to the BOF to move the FY23 balance from the Ace Program to the FY24 budget to cover the program's expenses, seconded by Mr. Pinter, all voted in favor.** Motion carried.

The CTDOT notified the First Selectman of their plan to rehabilitate the pavement of Route 133, see attached. Mr. Read responded, see attached, and further requested a review of the intersection of Route 133 and 67 due to the high incidence of speeding and accidents that occur there.

Resignations: Joe Pinkos resigned from the Lake Lillinonah Authority, see attached. The Board of Selectmen unanimously thanked him for his service to the Town and would like to send a letter of appreciation.

Vacancies: Lake Lillinonah Authority

Appointments: none

New Business

Recommendation to Board of Finance: Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend the Board of Finance move the balance from the ACE Program in FY23 to the FY24 budget to cover overages from expenses, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tax Refunds: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Tax Refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector, see attached, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report: Read for the record, see attached.

Treasurer's Report: Read for the record, see attached.

Legal Opinion on Sign Ordinance: See attached letter from the Town Attorney regarding application of Sign Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen agreed to send a letter that Mr. Read wrote to Scott Fitch regarding his application for a sign in a commercial zone, see attached.

Veteran's Memorial report: Mr. Read reported that the Veteran's Memorial has been scaled back to just the kiosk at this time. Placement to be determined.

Roof for the Burnham Library with STEAP award: The Town has been awarded a STEAP grant to replace the Library roof with slate.

Assessor's office hire: The First Selectman has agreed to hire an assessor to replace Mrs. Pinter upon her retirement. She is certified and will be working part-time.

Authorize signatures for bank account: Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution, see attached, and authorize the signatures for an account to be held at Union Savings Bank, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Flooding: The Board of Selectmen discussed the residence located at 300 Wewaka Brook Road, and the owners request to the Town for assistance. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Town owned buildings: no action was taken.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, seconded by Mr. Pinter. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Wagner
Assistant to the First Selectman