

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Bridgewater Town Hall

7:00pm

Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laz Pinter

Guests: Susan Patrick, Anne Marie Wagner

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: Diane Belford, see attached. Eric Gsell, regarding the Fire Department tax abatement issue, see attached. Alan Barry and Associates, LLC regarding an accident on Clapboard Rd. due to unsafe conditions, referred to DOT, as it is a State Road.

Resignations: none

Vacancies: Lake Lillinonah Authority, Recreation Commission

Appointments: Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Bernd Woerner to LLA, Rudy Simari to Inland Wetlands Commission, Kevin Brooks as a Constable, and to table the rest of the list until Mr. Read has had a chance to speak to the candidates, seconded by Mr. Pinter

New Business

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.

Set Town Meeting to set a fine schedule for Planning and Zoning Violations: The BOS will wait to schedule a Town Meeting until the December meeting.

Approve Board of Selectmen 2024 regular meeting schedule: Mr. Brown made a motion to amend the list, moving the January 9th meeting to the 16th, see attached, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Approve changes to the Recreation By-laws: Tabled until December meeting for clarification.

Library Elevator emergency funding: The Board of Selectmen will set a town meeting in December to obtain funds to repair the elevator. The agreement between the Town and the Library needs to be revisited.

Steap Grants: Police Barn and Library roof: Mr. Read gave an update on progress at the Police Barn and plans for replacing the roof on the Burnham Library.

Regional Animal Control hand-off: Mr. Read explained that it no longer benefits our Town to manage the Authority and would like another town to take over.

Region 12 funding proposal: The BOF chair, Tom Presby, is creating a 5 year running average to use instead of yearly student population to calculate each Town in the Region's cost, so it doesn't fluctuate so wildly from year to year.

Senior Center Security system with ARPA funds: The Senior Center Director would like to use an ARPA grant specifically offered to Senior Centers to buy a security system for the Hilltop Center, including surveillance cameras in the parking lot and entry way.

OLD BUSINESS

Town owned buildings: Mr. Read applied for Locip funds to complete work on the Captain's House.

Mr. Pinter made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm, seconded by Mr. Brown. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Wagner
Assistant to the First Selectman