

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Bridgewater Town Hall

7:00pm

Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laz Pinter

Guests: Eric Gsell, Susan Patrick, Susan Wilcox, Anne Marie Wagner

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

Mr. Brown made a motion to move the agenda item Volunteer Fire Fighter Tax Abatement to the top of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pinter, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the February 13, 2024 Board of Selectmen's Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Resignations: none

Vacancies: Lake Lillinonah Authority, Recreation Commission

Appointments: Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Santo Romano to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Curtis Read as an HRRRA member, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Volunteer Firefighter Tax Abatement: Curtis Read discussed the BOF position that the Fire Department should handle this benefit. Eric stated that members would not take money from the Fire Department, and that the Tax abatement comes from the Town. It would be supportive of their recruitment and retention efforts.

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

Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction Designation: Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the CMED, designating Litchfield County Dispatch as the recipient of its regional

emergency telecommunications service credit for the FY25 in accordance with the document provided, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Burnham Library Structural Inspection Report: Discussion, Mr. Read gave copies to the Selectmen, and explained that there are serious problems with the structure and that there is a need to comply with current code.

FY25 Budget Workshop: discussion, no action taken

OLD BUSINESS

Town owned buildings: Mr. Read discussed the status of the Grange Garden, bids are being accepted. He filed an annual report with the State Historic Preservation Office fulfilling a requirement of the STEAP grant obtained for the demolition of the Grange Hall.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:48pm, seconded by Mr. Pinter. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Marie Wagner', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anne Marie Wagner
Assistant to the First Selectman