

Selectmen's Draft Agenda/Minutes

Monday August 28th 2023

5:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Pope, Chair of the Board, Larry Labor, Bruce Remick and TammyLee Morin, Clerk to the Board.

Others Present: Craig Jewett via internet.

Guests Attending: Craig Jewett from Otter Creek Engineering is joining us virtually to discuss the Town PFAS issues

**1. Call the meeting to order.**

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Make any changes/additions to the draft agenda.**

- a. Chairman Eric Pope reported to the Board the on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 there will be a meeting held at the Morgan Town Clerk's Office with FEMA to discuss the damage and recovery process from the July flooding. The Town is an eligible applicant for reimbursement funds from the damage to town roads. Eric Pope, Bruce Remick, Larry Labor, Shawn Austin, Scott Austin and TammyLee Morin will be attending the meeting on behalf of the Town.
- b. Eric reported that he had been in contact with Ali Webster of NVDA to discuss energy audits of town buildings and potential grant opportunities up to \$500,000.00 for energy upgrades and improvements. Eric will connect Allie with Tammy to begin the process of setting up the audits and provide information needed for the grant application process.

**3. Minutes to meeting dated August 14th 2023 to review and approve as written.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 as written.

**4. Allow Guest to Speak.**

Craig Jewett joined the meeting for a discussion about the PFAS contamination of the school and area properties. Otter Creek has submitted their "Draft" Site Investigation Report to the town and to the State, We will await the State's official comments on the report prior to it becoming finalized with any changes needed.

Eric will invite Richard Spiese from the Department of Environmental Conservation to a future Selectboard meeting to discuss the Site Investigation Report.

Also discussed was the search for a potential new water source to supply water to the school and area properties. Otter Creek has identified 2 locations on private properties in the vicinity of the school that appear to meet the criteria for a drilled well and storage tank. This would involve the town purchasing a small tract of property from the landowner to install the well and tank, from there, an easement would be agreed upon to pipe the water to the Town's Right of Way on Meade Hill Road, from which will be piped and connected to contaminated properties. The Select Board will connect with the identified property owners to discuss potential purchase of said land if so agreed upon. If the property owners are not willing or able to sell land to the Town, Otter Creek will search for additional options further away from the school.

**5. PFAS Discussion**

See #4

**6. Discussion of the Community House project.**

Eric has invited the Community House Committee to the meeting dated September 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 to discuss the Historic Preservation Grant application that they will be working on.

Additionally, the large Pine tree off the back right corner of the Community House has been recommended to be taken down.

A motion was made and seconded to have Eric begin seeking contractors to perform the removal.

**7. Orders #23008 & 23009 to review approve and sign for payment.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the orders #23008 and #23009 in the amounts of \$198.00 for #23008 in Accounts Payable and \$ 45,316.04 for #23008 accounts payable and payroll \$ 15,435.97.

**8. Other Business.**

N/A

**9. Adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.