

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Eric Pope, Larry Labor, Bruce Remick and Christina Paré, Clerk to the Board.

Others present: Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express and Matthew Wilson, Barton Chronicle.

1. Call the meeting to order.

-A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Make any changes/additions as needed.

-FEMA Updates: Bridge 20 on Old Blake Farm Road – we are still waiting for Bridge Inspection Report. We received mitigation funding for 3 culverts on Toad Poad Road. Eric and Shawn Austin will meet soon to plan those projects, likely to be performed next year.

-GIA: Eric updated the board about 2 small grant projects through the Vtrans' Grants In Aid program. We will be doing work on Hatton Heights Road and Camp Winape Road.

3. Review and approve the minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 as written.

-A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 as written.

4. Let any guests speak.

-N/A

5. NFI Lease amendment discussion.

-The Selectboard went into Executive Session to discuss the lease.

Action taken: The Town will seek legal guidance for proposed terms of the lease with NFI.

6. Plumbing at E. Taylor Hatton School discussion.
  - Larry Labor met with Marc Nadeau, who examined the plumbing at the school. Nadeau's will do the work to correct the issue, only charging the Town for labor cost.
  
7. Dry Hydrant update from Bruce.
  - Install is scheduled for Thursday morning on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, which will be followed by a ~~float~~flow test done by Derby Fire Dept.
  
8. Insulation Bid from Northern Precision Foam.

The town has accepted, with the coordination of the Selectmen through email, the bid of \$71,450.00
  
9. FEMA money discussion.
  - Bruce and Eric will be getting more information at a meeting they are attending this Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  
10. Review and sign Unemployment 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter invoice for SLA to pay ½ in the amount of - \$83.73 of \$167.45.

The Selectboard reviewed and signed.
  
11. Other Business.
  - a. Weight permits from Consolidated Communication and Beacon Sales Acquisition were signed and approved by the Selectboard.
  
  - b. The Selectboard is wondering when we will get the current Tax Maps for our website. Christina will look into getting the new tax maps.
  
  - c. The Town sign was mentioned; we are waiting for Memphremagog Press to pick it up and re-wrap it with the correct language. Also, need to double check the EST date of Morgan. Christina called Bev May immediately after the meeting and confirmed the

town was established March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1791. Christina let Tammy know to contact Memphremagog Press about updating this on the sign.

12. Orders #2 in the amount of \$6,204.50 for Payroll and \$75,535.21 for Accounts payable to review, approve and sign for payment.

-The Selectboard reviewed, approved and signed.

13. Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.