

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
September 19, 2023

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Chris Garcia, Brian Monahan

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and the payment of the bills. The minutes from the Selectmen's meeting held on August 22nd were considered and approved. An appointment slip was signed for Elizabeth Buehne to fill the position of Deputy Town Clerk. Pending vacancy in Deputy Tax Collector's position was discussed. Board was in agreement to appoint Elizabeth Buehne to fill the position effective the date of vacancy. Notice of pay rate, Land Use Change Tax Warrants, an Intent to Cut Timber and the MS-1 (Summary of Inventory) were reviewed and signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

A property that has been in ruins for over a year was discussed. It was noted that an anticipated auction of the property did not take place. The Board had delayed pursuing this through litigation due to the anticipated sale, however, as the auction has fallen through, the consensus of the Board is to continue to move forward through litigation.

The Board would like the first draft of proposed budgets and separate warrant articles that each department is considering for presentation to voters at the 2024 Town Meeting. Departments will be requested to submit their drafts by November 14th meeting.

Drawdown of the Lake was discussed. It was noted that the recent removal of Boards was in preparation for Hurricane Lee, not an early drawdown. According to the NHDES the scheduled date for drawdown is October 9, 2023.

Monitoring of non-compliant signs was reviewed. Non-compliant signs will be removed upon discovery and brought to the Town Hall. Owners of the signs will be contacted and given 30 days to retrieve them. If the signs have not been claimed by the owner within the 30 days given, the signs will be disposed of by the Town.

The progress on the bridge replacement for Barn Door Gap Road was discussed. Construction has been completed. A final walk-through is scheduled for this Thursday at 11:00 AM. The engineer, accompanied by representation from the Selectmen and North East Earth Mechanics will be present.

Installation of the safety brackets at the Recycling Center is still on schedule to be completed by the end of September.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.