

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting March 19, 2024

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman; Chris Garcia, Brian Monahan  
In Attendance: Heath Howard

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved and signed the payment of bills and payroll. The minutes of the March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session were read and approved. Notices of pay rates and contracts were reviewed and signed; Fire Warden appointments and Conservation Commission appointments were approved and signed. A date was set for a recount on Article 2 for Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5PM in the conference room at the Town Hall.

District 4 Representative Heath Howard came before the Board to discuss legislation he is attempting to put together a study committee for a communications district. This would allow for an internet provider to serve all the citizens and give options of providers to subscribers. He shared he had attended the Barrington Selectmen's Meeting the previous evening and they had voted to table their involvement. Mr. Howard will be reaching out to other towns and communities. Chairman Sweet would like to see providers put money into the infrastructure to update the lines. The Selectmen voted to table discussion until further information is available.

Proceedings were briefly discussed from the Town Meeting on March 16, 2024 with several items being touched on. A question at Town Meeting concerning the Undesignated Fund. This is a surplus fund. The State takes this fund into consideration when setting the tax rate, as it offsets expenditures.

The amount given on the Veteran's exemption was discussed and the Board will be researching the amount surrounding town's allow as requested at Town Meeting. This will have to be in a warrant article in 2025 for the voters to consider.

A public hearing will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:45PM to place a stop sign at the intersection of Canaan Road and Route 202. This will be posted in Foster's, the Post Office, and the Town Hall.

There were no pertinent updates given concerning legal matters. HB1640 was voted inexpedient to legislate in the State Legislature. Miscellaneous correspondence was read with two parties requesting appointments. These were tentatively scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> when the full Board will be in attendance.

The Selectmen will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup> for a brief work session with a time to be determined. This will be posted on the website and at the Town Hall and Post Office.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:50PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Chris Garcia to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 7:02PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Lynn Sweet to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

A resident approached Selectmen Garcia requesting his road be paved. The Selectmen discussed the location and possibility of that being done. They also discussed procedures the resident would follow.

With No further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.