

March 25, 2024
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager, Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Charlie Woodworth

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 p.m. – Tim led the pledge.

2. Minutes – March 11, 2024 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

3. Old Business – Gary asked when the Public Works building work would be completed. Tom said it should be done by the end of April. The delay is due to weather and safety concerns related to high winds/weather. Also there have been changes and improvements to the original plans.

4. Warrant for RSU 73 Budget Validation Referendum - M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to countersign the warrant for the RSU 73 Budget Validation Referendum. Vote 5-0-0

5. Appointment of Ballot Clerks – Gary asked to add some new names to the list submitted to the Selectboard by Ronda (Town Clerk) M/M/S Gary/Tom to appoint the ballot clerks as submitted plus the additions. Vote 4-0-1 (Lee Ann abstained). The list is as follows:

Democrats: Lynn Ouellette, Elaine Romano, Barbara Cook, Kimberly Cook, Ericka Buote, Ann Richards, Peter Osborne, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Priscilla Pineau, Anita Harvell, Jenny Boivin, Debbie McGrane, Pamela McAllister, Jamie Carden-Leventhal, Jean Claudia Gilbert, Bonnie Samson, and Christina Riley

Republicans: Pamela Spaulding, Lori Shink, Lillian Wight, Karen Bor, Mark Wittenberg, Ann Allen, Maureen Poisson, Shiloh LaFreniere, and Joseph Poisson

Unenrolled: Raeleen York

Green Independent: John Tisdale

6. Greater Franklin Update – Charlie Woodworth from Greater Franklin Economic and Community Development presented the Selectboard with an update on what has been accomplished over the past year. He told the Board that 96% of the county can connect to fiber now. TDS and Consolidated are providers. This has a much faster upload speed than cable/broadband. He also talked about other social programs that are receiving additional funding.

7. French Falls Porta Potty – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a handicap accessible porta potty at French Falls from April 1st to November 1st for \$135 per month. Vote 5-0-0

8. Boston Post Cane Nomination Announcement – We have gone over our voting records and the oldest resident that we have record of was born in September 1921. To be sure that we have not missed someone who may be older and meets the criteria of holding the Boston Post Cane, there is a nomination application available. M/M/S Terry/Lee Ann to announce to the public that we are looking for nominations for the Boston Post Cane due by April 3, 2024. Vote 5-0-0

9. Storm Updates – Shiloh told the Selectboard that we are expecting to receive money for the May storm in the next couple of weeks. The amount we expect is \$67,411.43 in reimbursement. They are still working on the June storm doing damage inventory. The full update will be posted on Facebook.

10. Other Business – AVCOG Ballot- M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to vote for candidates as listed on ballot (Shiloh LaFreniere, President; Danielle Loring, Vice President; Amy Bernard, Treasurer, and Matt Garside, Secretary). Vote 5-0-0

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest. The Selectboard meeting scheduled for April 22nd has been changed to April 24th at 6:00.

11. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel-Employment – M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into executive session pursuant to MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel-Employment. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a retire/rehire agreement with Mark Holt, Sewer Superintendent, regarding future retirement contributions and penalties and pay out of earned time off, including time that could not be used previously due to workload related to the upgrade of the Livermore Falls wastewater treatment facility, with a retirement date effective June 30, 2024 and a rehire date of July 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:00 p.m. (prior to regular meeting)

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

Guests: John Godfrey; Bob Berry; Charlie Woodworth

1. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.C. Economic Development - M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into executive session pursuant to MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect. 405 ss 6.C. Economic Development. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. Regular Board meeting followed.