

April 24, 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), Ron Morin, Justin Merrill, Joel Gilbert

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

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – M/M/S Tom/Lee Ann to elect Terry as Chair. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to elect Tim as Vice Chair. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Minutes – April 8, 2024 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the amended minutes from the April 8, 2024 Selectboard meeting with the addition of Hamblin Allen to the guest list. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Old Business – Gary asked if the Police Chief was back from Rangeley. Shiloh explained that Richard never left. He is working at Rangeley around his work schedule for Jay.

5. Marijuana Ordinance – Postponed to a later date.

6. Memorial Day Parade – Request for Main Street Closure – Ron Morin was present to talk to the Selectboard about the closure. He distributed maps showing where the parade would take place. The route had already been reviewed with Chief Caton. He also mentioned that Hamblin Allen is the Grand Marshall and will be riding in a military jeep. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve closing Main Street from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on May 27, 2024 for the Memorial Day Parade. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Extension of Liquor License – My Dad’s Place – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an application of extension to license privileges to create a seasonal bar space outside to serve deck patrons at My Dad’s Place. Vote 5-0-0.

8. JLLF Chamber of Commerce Request for Congressionally Directed Spending – Letter of Support – Joel Gilbert spoke to the Selectboard about the Chamber’s plans. He said he would like to see 30 new businesses in the area within the next 4 years. The first step is to develop an entrepreneurial program – a six month intensive program of networking and mentoring. Golden’s office is also reaching out for brick and mortar projects, sewer, water, etc. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve Shiloh signing a letter of support for the JLLF Chamber of Commerce’s request for CDS funding to develop an Entrepreneurial Incubator Program. Vote 5-0-0.

9. Public Hearing Notice – Set Sewer Rates May 13th – The Selectboard asked that Mark work towards the 100% mark to cover the net budget, not 110% in scenario #2. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to post a public hearing for May 13, 2024 to set sewer rates. Vote 5-0-0.

10. Board of Appeals Reappointment – Beth Wright – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to reappoint Beth Wright to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring in 2029. Vote 5-0-0.

11. Application for Community Outdoor Recreation Assistance Recover Program – Letter of Support – Carrie Castonguay has been talking to Shiloh about looking at the future in regards to area

recreation. They talked with the Congressional delegation staff about possible CDS funding and were encouraged to develop a master plan. AVCOG came across this grant which can be used to develop a plan. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a letter of support of AVCOG's application for a grant on our behalf that would provide funding to develop a master plan around recreational opportunities, including Spruce Mountain Ski Slope. Vote 5-0-0.

12. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Update – The mandatory annual report with the Department of the Treasury will be filed this week. Shiloh went over the update with the Selectboard. There is \$14,977.90 in funds left that is unobligated. Shiloh talked with them about possible maintenance work on the municipal building including fixing windows, doors and carpet. She also discussed the need to repair the back wall of the sand/salt building and to secure the roofing. She will put together additional information for them and the Board will look over the list of projects and see what they want to do.

13. Selectboard Committee Appointments – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to appoint the Selectboard members to the same committees as last year. Vote 5-0-0. The appointments are as follows:

Solid Waste and Public Works – Tim DeMillo & Lee Ann Dalessandro
Road/Paving – Tom Goding & Terry Bergeron
Sewer – Terry Bergeron & Tim DeMillo
Fire Dept. – Tim DeMillo & Terry Bergeron
Town Office/Finance/PD – Terry Bergeron & Lee Ann Dalessandro
Recreation – Tom Goding & Lee Ann Dalessandro
Union – Tom Goding & Lee Ann Dalessandro
Cemetery Policy – Tom Goding & Lee Ann Dalessandro
Community Resilience Partnership – Lee Ann Dalessandro & Gary McGrane
AVCOG General Assembly – Gary McGrane
County Budget – Tom Goding & Gary McGrane

14. Annual Municipal Appointments – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to reappoint the municipal officers per the list submitted. Vote 5-0-0.

15. Treasurer's Disbursement Policy – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to renew the policy to release wages and benefits with one signature of the Board on the Treasurer's disbursement warrant. Vote 5-0-0.

16. Other Business – Gary asked when we would find out about the truck that was damaged by a blown engine. Shiloh stated that the insurance had been out and would be covering the damage due to the fire - beyond the blown motor. There is no known cause for why the motor blew. John is putting together information for repair or replacement of the truck for a future meeting.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Tim/Lee Ann to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York