

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**March 4, 2024  
6:30 PM**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

**Select board members:** Shane Beattie, Kathy-Jean Lavoie

**Others in Attendance:** Town Manager Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson, Charity Baker, Michael Nadeau, Department Heads, Members of the Public, Zack D Video

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Shane Beattie.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:**

**Water/Sewer Supervisor Timmy Bilodeau** reported they working on those repairs that usually occur this time of year. Timmy thanked Ben for his time as town manager and he will miss having him here with the town. Tim Brown agreed.

**Highway Foreman Tim Brown** reported the road bans are up and Mt. Prospect Road between Wesson and Reed Road is closed until further notice. Ben mentioned an ad will go in the newspaper regarding the road ban.

**Land Use Coordinator Robin Irving** reported the zoning board did not have a meeting in February. The planning board granted a 30-day extension on the Colby case, so that will be on March's agenda. There will be a quarterly safety meeting Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> where they will be watching a Primex video. The online mapping is almost ready to go. Jason is making the final review to make sure it matches with the assessing program. Reimbursement for demo money for PAK solutions will be presented to Sharon Kopp tomorrow.

Robin and Ben are disappointed in the level of completion from Underwood regarding the water/sewer rate study. She mentioned she needs to follow up with them. She realizes our emergency is not their emergency, however in order to hit the billing cycles it needs to be faster than June. Shane mentioned they have informed him once they receive the info from the town it will be a couple weeks. Shane asked Robin to follow up with them in a couple weeks.

**Transfer Station Supervisor Rusty Scott** was not able to attend.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** February 20, 2024 (Work session, public, non-public), February 29, 2024 (public, non-public)

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to approve the February 20, 2024, work session minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to approve the February 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to approve the February 20, 2024, non-public meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to approve the February 29, 2024, regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to approve the February 29, 2024, non-public meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**SIGN VARIOUS PAPERWORK:**

- Intent to Cut - Allen Bouthillier, Tax Map R01, Lot 021. Acres 182.69, acres to be cut 5.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Town Meeting – Ben reminded the board that town meeting is next Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and that they are required to be there.
- 2022 Audit report – Ben mentioned there were no negative findings in the audit letter. Kathy-Jean asked if it was possible for the auditors to make a public presentation of their findings at one of the board meetings. She is going to reach out to them to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ben mentioned he sent the second request letter to Troy Merner as requested by the board.

**SELECT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Kathy-Jean mentioned she and Ben had a meeting with Mike Lee at Weeks Hospital, not about the PILOT however they did mention to him the town will be reviewing all PILOTs and they will reach out to have a meeting to discuss/update.

Town Manager search screening committee – Kathy-Jean mentioned that people have started showing interest in the search for a new town manager. She is working on a post regarding the search process to be added to resident notices on the Town’s website.

**INFORMATION:**

Ben listed the items in the agenda for their info only.

- Planning Board notices of decision for case #853, 854, 855, all for Zachary Colby.
- Land Use permits issued for Thomas Haskins, Joel Tuite
- Sign permit issued for Richard Mattos/TECHPROS
- Planning Board agenda for March 13, 2024
- NHDOT 2024 Spring thaw seasonal road posting/weight restrictions notice

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Alan Savage asked what the special board meeting was the other day. Shane mentioned it was to set the perimeters of the Town Manager search. Alan wanted to express his concern that it was not a reason for a special meeting. He stated the public has the right to be aware there is going to be a meeting. Shane thanked him for his opinion and concern.

Alan asked why the hedge issue on the Davidge property is not on the warrant for town meeting. Shane stated they are not at the point of it going to a vote at town meeting.

Rob Christie asked if Underwood was the company doing the water/sewer rate study and the board advised him it was.

Rob asked about the meeting notice process. He stated the town is supposed to be consistent in how it is done. He feels the spirit of the law per NHMA is to encourage openness and access. He feels the 24/7 noticing requirement is not being met.

Rob also mentioned he received an email from Leon letting Rob know that he would not be attending the board meeting this evening because he would be at the County meeting. Rob feels that is a conflict to hold 2 elected offices.

Alan asked if there was any correspondence from people that should have been read to the public. He feels any correspondence received should be read aloud at the meeting, not just put in as information for them to review on their own time.

Rob also mentioned he has been privy to correspondence from Attorney Frizzell regarding community power that he doesn't believe has been shared at a meeting. Ben mentioned the letter from Atty. Frizzell was mentioned at one of the meetings where he stated the aggregation plan was okay to go to town meeting. Rob stated, he was discussing a copy of an email regarding doing due diligence regarding the energy committee. Ben mentioned it was an email exchange and not a letter to the board. Kathy-Jean asked Ben to get a copy of what Rob is referring, to the board.

Lee Ann Potter, chair of the Energy Committee mentioned she has copies of a briefing for the board which goes over what CPCNH is and what the whole aggregation plan effort is about to assist at town meeting. She is willing to come review the briefing so they have a better understanding. Lee Ann mentioned she can get minutes from CPCNH to keep them up-to-date on what is happening at those meetings.

Alan asked Lee Ann what the rate is for community power. Shane mentioned if he is going to go over rates with Lee Ann, it can be done between the two of them and not during the meeting.

**Motion made by Kathy-Jean and seconded by Shane to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

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Charity M. Baker

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Leon Rideout

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Shane Beattie

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Kathy-Jean Lavoie