

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 5, 2022  
4:30 PM Town Hall/Zoom

*Present via Zoom:* Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Barbara Gomez,  
Linda Perkins, Phylis Bernard and John Deshazo

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes: December 1, 2021*

**MOTION** S. Evans to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting as presented.  
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Approval of change to 401(a) and 457 Pension Plans*

After researching a few alternatives (OneAmerica and Empower) the Pension Committee is recommending we change our 401(a) and 457 plans from Nationwide to Empower to save .73% on administrative costs.

**MOTION** M. Riiska to approve the Pension Committee's recommendation to change the plans from Nationwide to Empower. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

*Approval of DEMHS Resolution*

M. Riiska reviewed the annual resolution from the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security authorizing the First Selectman to carry out municipal work deemed necessary by the State of Connecticut. (Copy of resolution attached and a permanent part of this record.)

**MOTION** S. Evans to adopt the DEMHS Resolution. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

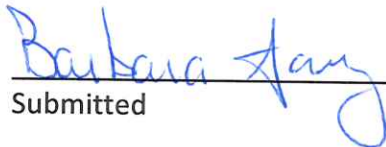
*First Selectman Report*

- M. Riiska has been reviewing the budget in preparation for FY 22/23 and is making a list of public works items and projects which need to be addressed. He has requested information for the purchase of a new smaller plow truck to be used for the center of town. A smaller truck will be less expensive and easier to maneuver in the center of town. This truck will be in addition to the NVFD tanker truck that will be converted to a plow truck by 2023.
- River Place Bridge – Lowest bid has come in at 2.7 million of which we will be reimbursed 80%.
- Mountain Road Bridge – Bids are due back on Friday, January 21st.
- Landfill Solar Project – M. Riiska met with the solar consultant this afternoon and will be in discussions with our attorney regarding the agreement between the Town of Norfolk and Loadstar, the company which will be putting in the solar installation at the Landfill. A town meeting will be held for approval of the agreement prior to signing.

*First Selectman Report (continued)*

- Transfer Station - MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) will be increasing their tonnage costs to \$115/ton and plan to close their plant. M. Riiska has written to our State Representative Maria Horne to express his concern about MIRA closing their trash to energy plant and shipping our garbage out of state.
- There has been an increase in COVID cases and we need to be more diligent in taking precautions at the Town Hall. Matt is encouraging all committees to utilize Zoom for their meetings. Linda Perkins, Town Clerk, would like to see a drop box installed outside. This will be investigated.
- Town Hall outside lighting – The paperwork has been submitted to the State of CT for reimbursement.

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

  
Submitted