

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska, Paul Madore, Barbara Gomez and Phylis Bernard

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes: November 2, 2022

MOTION P. Madore to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting as presented.
Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

Appointments: Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Economic Development

MOTION M. Riiska to add an appointment to the Workplace, Health & Safety Committee to the agenda. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Matt Riiska presented the following people for appointment/reappointment:

- Historic District Comm – Lawrence Nelson to fill Michal Halloran’s term to 12/31/26
Mark Burke alternate reappointment to 12/31/27
- Conservation Comm – William Ticineto to fill Samuel William’s term to 12/17/25
- Economic Development – Robert Wipple to fill James Nelson’s term to 12/31/25
- Workplace Safety Comm – Benjamin Puffer to fill Robert Marieni’s term – no limit

MOTION M. Riiska to appoint/reappoint the above people to the positions presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectmen’s Report

- Fuel Spill – The Town of Norfolk has engaged the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin out of Hartford to represent the town on any matters that could arise from the fuel spill. Their expertise is in environmental law. There are 6 houses still affected. We are trying to make sure that everyone’s questions are answered, and everyone is safe. Anything the town pays for is being documented and sent into East River Energy’s insurance company.
- Fuel Spill Public Informational Meeting – Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm at Botelle School Hall of Flags. In attendance will be the town attorneys, DEEP, Verdantas (the site testing company), ESI (remediator) and hopefully someone from the Department of Health. The meeting will be posted to the town website.
- Mountain Road Bridge #2 – Originally the town was going to pay for 20% of the construction but Matt found out yesterday that the State and the Federal Government will be covering 100%.
- Infinity Hall – There is a group currently working to create a 501c(3). Goodworks Entertainment, the previous owners, are being extremely cooperative with their assistance. Matt would like to make sure that the town still receives payment in lieu of taxes, as the previous owners paid \$26,000. Discussion regarding the process.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- The town purchased a 2022 Ford F550 plow truck.
- Volunteers from NVFD will be going out to Minnesota to pick up their new tanker truck. The total cost of the truck was \$320,000.00. The NVFD paid \$60,000 from their Annual Appeal and the town used \$212,000 from ARPA money. The balance came from our town's capitol reserve account with permission from the Board of Finance. Discussion is still ongoing regarding converting the Fire Department's old tanker truck into a large plow truck vs. purchasing another F550.
- Maple Avenue – We will be going out for bid by early January. The town received a \$500,000 STEAP Grant from the State which will applied to the cost. Because of the fuel spill remediation work on Pettibone Lane there is piping that is being replaced which will be taken out of the original plans going forward for Maple Avenue construction.
- Hillside Street – The fuel spill caused concerns for the wells at 3 homes. Aquarion Water Co. will be putting in a new water main down Hillside Street which will hook-up those homes. This work to start next week.
- The town will be working on implementing a Bear Ordinance to keep residents from feeding the bears. Matt has gotten calls about this, and other towns have implemented similar ordinances.
- Mountain Road – Aquarion is working to repair the new water main past Golf Drive.
- Botelle School Oil Tank – A new 5,000 gallon above ground tank will be put in at the end of the lower driveway. The 8,000 gallon underground tank will be removed.

MOTION P. Madore to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Gomez