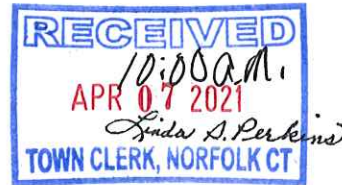


Board of Selectmen Meeting  
March 2, 2022  
4:30 PM Town Hall



*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Barbara Gomez, Phylis Bernard, Ruth Melville, Daryl Byrne, Keith Byrne, John DeShazo, Tobin DeShazo and Wilson DeShazo

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

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* January 5, 2022, February 2, 2022 and February 10, 2022

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 special meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Route 44 State Land Sale*

- M. Riiska received a letter from the State of Connecticut offering the Town of Norfolk the opportunity to purchase a piece of property on Greenwood Road East, across the street from our Transfer Station. The land is the site of the old rest area which is 1.46 acres and is being offered for \$12,000. After some discussion it was decided that this land would be of no use to the Town.

**MOTION** S. Evans to pass on the piece of property offered by the State of Connecticut for \$12,000 along Route 44. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*CDBG Grant Resolution*

- The State of Connecticut Community Development Block Grant has been awarded to the Town of Norfolk for the Haystack Woods affordable housing project in the amount of \$1,297,193.00. This grant was created by the federal government for the purpose of rural development affordable housing. As part of the application process we are required to approve a certified resolution. M. Riiska reviewed the resolution (copy on file).

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the State of Connecticut CDBG Grant Resolution as presented by Matt Riiska. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*First Selectman Report*

- We recently received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$241,199.00. There are 66 categories of criteria to be followed when spending the money and the Board of Finance has established an advisory committee to assist. We recently

*First Selectman Report (continued)*

approved \$74,000 for a new generator for the Norfolk Sewer District. The next item that they are looking at is the replacement of the slide at the Botelle School playground which has been broken for a few years now. Since December 2020 we have received three different quotes from Creative Recreation to replace the slide (December 2020 - \$36,000, August 2021 - \$43,000 and January 2022 - \$78,900). Discussion about the slide included fundraising, vandalism and possible liability. In addition, the ARPA funds were intended to assist local businesses that were distressed during the COVID pandemic.

- Mountain Road and River Place Bridges – The process is moving forward. Matt is working with Salisbury Bank for funding at 2.25%.

*Public Comments:*

- Phylis Bernard asked how much of the slide damage was due to vandalism? Matt reported that all the damage is due to vandalism and additional lighting and security will be needed.
- Keith Byrne feels that the playground and slide get a lot of public use and draws major attention for local youth and visiting sports teams (after the games). He feels it gets a lot of use.

*Budget:*

- The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the Fiscal Year 22/23 budget. M. Riiska reviewed the new budget in detail. This was a discussion process only. The hearing won't be held until the end of April.
- Daryl and Keith Byrne were in attendance to discuss their ideas for future plans for the Fire Marshal position. Daryl will be retiring as Fire Marshal effective 6/30/22.

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez, Secretary