

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Tara Yard, Phylis Byrne, Ruth Melville and Richard Byrne

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: June 1, 2022

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting as presented.

Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments: Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Marshal, Website Committee
Recreation Committee, Pension Committee & Tree Warden

- M. Riiska reported that Daryl Byrne has resigned as Fire Marshal effective July 1, 2022. Matt is presenting for appointment Keith Byrne for Fire Marshal and John DeShazo for Deputy Fire Marshal.

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Keith Byrne, Fire Marshal and John DeShazo, Deputy Fire Marshal.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

- M. Riiska presented Recreation Committee reappointments – Marc Crone, Jill Hall, Christopher Gomez, Heather Adams and Frank Christinat. Terms to expire 7/31/25.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint the above-named members to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire 7/31/25. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

- M. Riiska presented Pension Committee reappointments – Linda Perkins, Howard Crunden, Susan MacEachron.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint the above-name members to the Pension Committee.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

- M. Riiska reported that the Town of Norfolk has taken over the Norfolk website from the Coalition of Sound Growth effective 7/1/22. A new budget line in the amount of \$15,000 was created to cover the costs related to the website. A Website Committee has been created and will consist of 4-year terms to expire 7/1/26. Members will be: Marjory Sue Frisch, Kathryn Boughton, Susan Caughman, Deborah Nelson and Andrew Thomson. Website Committee alternates will be 2-year terms to expire 7/1/24. Alternates will be: Elizabeth Borden and James Jasper.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the above-named members for the newly created Website Committee. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

- Currently Matthew Klimkosky is our tree warden but needs to be reappointed for another two years. M. Riiska would also like to appoint Star Childs as our deputy tree warden, with both terms expiring on 8/5/24.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint Matthew Klimkowsky as tree warden with the term to expire 8/5/24 and Star Childs Deputy Tree Warden with the term to expire 8/5/24.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Call of the Town Meeting Approval

The Call of the Town Meeting is to enter into a contract with Lodestar Energy and place a 5 megawatt solar installation at the Transfer Station. The Planning & Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission and Inland/Wetlands Agency have all approved this project. Lodestar will now need to get approval from the State of Connecticut Siting Council and the DEEP. The approval of the Call of the Town Meeting has been tabled until next week at which time we will hold a Special Selectmen's Meeting.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan Approval

- M. Riiska presented the Northwest Hills Council of Government's Hazardous Mitigation Plan for approval. The purpose of this plan is to encourage assessment of natural hazard risks (i.e. storms, hurricanes, etc.) at the regional and local levels as well as completion of the mitigation actions that reduce the risks. Matt reviewed the plan with those present. Richard Byrne, Emergency Management Director, was present to answer questions. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office.

MOTION S. Evans to adopt the Resolution for the Northwest Hills Council of Government's Hazardous Mitigation Plan which is valid from 2022 to 2027. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

- The new fiscal year began on July 1st and we have a lot of projects coming up.
- Mountain Road Bridge is moving along and they will be done in September.
- River Place Bridge has had some delays because of coordination in moving some of the overhead wires and installing poles. These delays have caused the completion date to be moved from 11/30/22 to June 2023.
- M. Riiska reported that Aquarion and Snyder Engineering have been informed that Mountain Road will not be repaved until the bridge is complete, as we do not want the large construction trucks on a newly paved road. Mountain Road will be paved from Route 272 to just before the Falls Village line.
- Trees are being removed between the Town Hall and Station Place. This opens up the view from Station Place to the Town Hall and allows people to see that there is additional parking up above (as discussed at the Charrette two years ago). The lighting and the pathway to Town Hall will be worked on next.
- Robertson Plaza will be completed by the end of July with the ribbon cutting during WIN Weekend (Sunday, August 7th).
- Public Works is currently cutting trees on Doolittle Drive. Because the roads are deteriorating we will also be working on roadside drainage. Next year's budget will include paving.

MOTION P. Madore to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez

