

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
4:30 PM Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: August 3, 2022

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Restatement of Qualified Retirement Plan Approval

The Town of Norfolk Pension Plan Committee voted to change the 401(a) and 457(b) retirement plans from Nationwide to Empower effective 7/1/22. The Restatement (copy attached and a permanent part of this record) officially adopts the changes and affirms Matt Riiska as the Trustee of the Plan.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the signing of the Restatement Plan by Matt Riiska.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

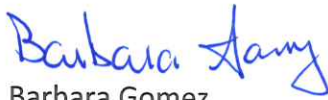
- Mountain Road Bridge is scheduled for completion by 9/30/22. Contractors are currently working on the stone refacing of the bridge. After the sewer manhole is replaced the road will be paved with a binder course from Rt. 272 to Westside Road at a cost of \$145,000 to Aquarion Water Co. Aquarion will also be covering the cost of paving further up Mountain Road where they replaced water lines. The final coat of paving will be done when the 2nd bridge is completed.
- Mountain Road – 2nd Bridge – The State of Connecticut will be doing the engineering work covering those costs. This is a federal bridge and currently an 80/20 split (feds pay 80% and town pays 20%) but with the new infrastructure bill coming out the feds may cover 100% if we meet the criteria. Engineering work could take up to a year.
- River Place Bridge work will be delayed until 6/1/23 because of issues with overhead utility and sewer/water lines. M. Riiska meets biweekly with the DOT, New England Infrastructure and WMC Engineering. The bridge will not be passable for a day in October. Emergency Management has arranged for a fire truck and crew to be stationed on the other side of the bridge to protect the homes.
- Westside Road – waterline being replaced.
- CDG Grant money (\$1.3 million) for Haystack Woods has been approved. Closing on land soon. Site development work has gone out to bid.
- Infinity Hall – M. Riiska reported that Infinity Hall will get turned over to a newly formed 501c3 nonprofit with the focus being to preserve the building and provide payment in lieu of taxes to the Town of Norfolk. Discussion followed.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- Botelle School BOE Meeting was held last night with an open forum discussion following. Some of the resident's expressed concerns about the six staff members that left last Spring.
- M. Riiska has had conversations with Colebrook regarding consolidation and with Judy Palmer, Regional School #7 Superintendent. Botelle School has a dwindling population and the community needs to address this issue and find solutions i.e. affordable housing. Discussion followed.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez