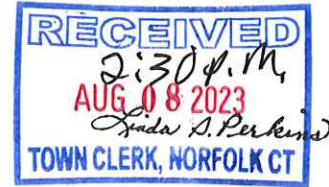


Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
4:30 PM Town Hall



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

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes: June 7, 2023

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointments

- M. Riiska presented the following slate of appointments for approval:
NW CT Convention/Visitors Bureau – Christal Preszler
Workplace, Health & Safety Committee – Tyler Yelsits
Rails to Trails Committee – Gary Scheft

MOTION S. Evans to approve the appointments presented. Second P. Madore.
Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report:

- Flood Update (7/9/23) – The flood completely wiped out the bridges on Smith Road and Old Goshen Road along with multiple washouts in other areas. The 7/16/23 storm damaged some of the work done the previous week. The Town has hired Cardinal Engineering to assess the two bridges needing replacement along with six other bridges and culverts. Matt reviewed areas needing work and work currently being done. The Town hired an outside contractor to remove the tubes and feather the edges of the banks near the Smith Road and Old Goshen Road bridge sites to assure safety in the event anyone visits the area.
- Cardinal Engineering will be performing an evaluation (required by the State of CT) to qualify the two bridges for the State of CT DOT and/or the Federal Bridge Replacement Program. The preliminary work will probably not be completed until September or October, at which time we will submit applications for replacement. Cardinal Engineering estimated the approximate costs to be \$1.8 million for the Old Goshen Road bridge and \$1.7 million for the Smith Road bridge.
- Route 272 Status – The State of CT will be putting a temporary bridge in place. Guerrera Construction is the contractor. M. Riiska has asked for updates from the State which will be posted on the Town website.
- Mutual Aid – There is a mutual aid agreement with Winchester, Drakeville, Goshen and Torrington to service South Norfolk in the event of an emergency.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- The Town of Norfolk has expensed approximately \$437,000 to four contractors who assisted after the storm. Norfolk Public Works focused on tree removal, hauling materials, repairing the smaller washouts and making sure the roads were safe in the event of emergencies.
- M. Riiska has been in contact with John Fields, Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, who will be our contact with FEMA. Troy LaMere, Public Works Supervisor, has completed a large amount of PW employee paperwork which will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement along with expenses from outside contractors.
- Spill Update – ESI is working on the remediation from 51 Maple Avenue to Pettibone Lane. M. Riiska meets bi-weekly with everyone involved (ESI, DEEP, Norfolk Sewer, Public Works, Guerrera Construction and the water company) to stay updated. He discussed current work being done and apologized to everyone for the noise and disruption.
- Firehouse – The civil engineers for the new firehouse will be attending the Inland/Wetlands Meeting on Monday, 8/7/23 for approval.
- The Firehouse Committee and the NVFD are working on a capitol campaign. Rep. Maria Horn has submitted information to the State of CT Bonding Commission in hopes of obtaining funds for the new firehouse.
- Botelle School – New fuel tank has been installed. Slide should be in soon. Tennis court close to completion.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary