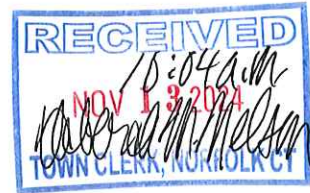


Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
4:30 PM Town Hall



Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Phylis Bernard, Avice Meehan and Kathryn Boughton

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

Public Comments: Sandy Evans inquired about the status of the Christmas tree on the green. Matt Riiska reported that the tree has died and has been taken down. The electrical outlet has been moved to the spruce tree that is towards the church. A new tree will be planted in the Spring.

Minutes: October 2, 2024

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting as presented. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule

MOTION H. Tirrell to approve the Board of Selectmen 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

- We will need to hold a Special Town Meeting to refinance the River Place Bridge loan. M. Riiska asked for a motion to add the Call of the Special Town Meeting to the agenda.

MOTION S. Evans to add the Call of the Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to the agenda. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Because the River Place Bridge is taking so long to complete NBT Bank asked that we refinance the bridge loan and close out and pay off the first loan (approximately 1.7 million). The State of CT will be paying 80% plus the overages caused by the delays. The new loan will be for 1.9 million which will be held for 12 months. The annual loan payment will be \$35,280.00. The scheduled date for bridge completion is 4/30/25. M. Riiska reviewed the Call of the Town Meeting and explained the process of payment and reimbursement. Also included on the Call of the meeting is a winter sidewalk maintenance ordinance.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the Call of the Special Town Meeting as presented. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

- Smith Road Bridge – M. Riiska has a meeting tomorrow with the Army Corps of Engineers and will also be meeting soon with the Smith Road and Old Goshen Road residents.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the solar project at the Transfer Station. The tentative date is Friday, 11/15/24 at 11:00 a.m.

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Selectman's Report (continued)

- Sandy Evans knows someone who needs to complete a High School Community Service Project, and she suggested power washing the EMS Building. Matt asked that he contact the Selectmen's Office.
- Sandy also reported that debris is still being tracked into the ambulance bay from the deteriorating parking lot. Matt will speak to the Public Works Supervisor.

MOTION H. Tirrell to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary