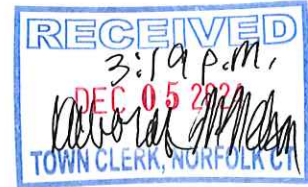


Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
4:30 PM Town Hall



Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Barbara Gomez, Phylis Bernard, Avice Meehan, Kathryn Boughton, Barbara Roberts and John DeShazo

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Public Comments: John DeShazo expressed concern that the Norfolk Board of Education members were unaware of the meeting that the Town of Colebrook held regarding school consolidation. Matt Riiska will address this further into this meeting.

Minutes: November 6, 2024

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024 meeting as presented. Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

M. Riiska asked that a motion be made to add an appointment for the Website Committee.

MOTION S. Evans to add an appointment for the Website Committee. Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

Appointments/Reappointments: Economic Development Committee, Inland Wetlands Agency, Recreation Committee, Website Committee

M. Riiska put forth the following people for reappointments:

- Marjory Sue Frisch and Laurence Hannifin for reappointment to the Economic Development Committee with the terms to expire 12/31/28.
- Hartley Mead for reappointment to the Inland/Wetlands Agency with the term to expire 12/26/27.
- Phillip Lovett for reappointment as an alternate to the Inland/Wetlands Agency with the term to expire 12/26/27.

MOTION M. Riiska to approve the above reappointments. Second S. Evans. Motion carried.

M. Riiska put forth the following people for appointments:

- Peter Crippen to the Recreation Committee with the term to expire 7/31/27.
- Benjamin Rotolo to the Website Committee with the term to expire 7/1/27.

MOTION M. Riiska to approve the above appointments. Second S. Evans. Motion carried.

Norfolk/Colebrook School Study Committee

The Colebrook Board of Selectmen invited the Norfolk Selectmen to attend a meeting held in Colebrook. It was Matt's understanding that the Norfolk BOE knew about the meeting. It was an open discussion, no decisions were made. Going forward a committee will need to be formed. Sandy Evans suggested that Norfolk hold a similar meeting here to let the Norfolk residents speak prior to forming a committee. It was agreed among those present that a Norfolk meeting needs to be held, possibly in January.

Selectman's Report

- River Place Bridge – Because of the bridge delays the first loan needed to be closed and financing for the second loan was approved at the 11/20/24 Town Meeting. Paperwork is still being processed through NBT Bank and the interest rate could come in under the 4.25% rate expected. The bridge is scheduled for completion by 4/30/25.
- Solar Project – A ribbon cutting is being planned for the solar project on Friday, 12/6. M. Riiska will forward details.
- Smith Road temporary bridge – Paperwork is still being worked on with the State of CT DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Smith Road and Old Goshen Road permanent bridges are being designed by CSA Solutions. The State of CT DOT will be paying 100% of the costs. There will be no reimbursement for the temporary bridge which will cost an estimated \$200,000.00. An informational zoom meeting is being planned for the Old Goshen Road bridge on 1/21/25. More information to come.
- Mountain Road Bridge over Tobey Brook – was damaged during water main installation and was repaired but the DEEP is not happy with the repair because it does not allow the fish to swim upstream. Matt is waiting to hear from the DEEP.
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) – MIRA, the company we use to pick up the Town's MSW, will be closing effective 7/1/25. They will honor the town's contract which goes until 2027, but we should expect rate increases. A group from the NW Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) is looking into options to replace MIRA. M. Riiska is also looking into options. The MSW/recycling process and costs were discussed.
- Botelle School Slide – S. Evans asked about the repair progress on the new slide. M. Riiska will contact the company again.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary