

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

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

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes: February 7, 2024

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting as presented.
Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

Appointments: *Municipal Agent for the Elderly*
Friends of the Meadow

MOTION M. Riiska to appoint Tara Yard as the Town of Norfolk Municipal Agent for the Elderly.
Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

MOTION M. Riiska to appoint the following slate of people to the newly created Friends of the Meadow Committee (replaces City Meadow Committee):

Doreen Kelly – term to expire 2/1/27
Libby Borden – term to expire 2/1/27
Molly Ackerly – term to expire 2/1/26
Martyn Banks – term to expire 2/1/26
Michael Selleck – term to expire 2/1/26
Lisa Atkin – term to expire 2/1/25
George Cronin – term to expire 2/1/25

Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

DESPP Resolution

- This resolution is necessary for the Town of Norfolk to allow Matt Riiska to file for the \$2.5 million dollar grant from the State of CT Office of Policy & Management for the new firehouse. M. Riiska read resolution.

MOTION S. Evans to approve DESPP Resolution. Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

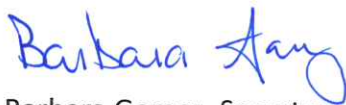
- Maple Avenue – All of the catch basin and storm drainage work has been completed. The next task will be excavation and road grading to flatten the base so that a binder course could be applied the week of April 8th. Once that is completed the sidewalks and curbing will be installed and the wall in front of the Manor House will be rebuilt. The Manor House wall was taken apart during the remediation from the fuel spill and that expense will be covered through Federated Insurance as well as any road work in the remediation area. M. Riiska is working with Cardinal Engineering in putting together an itemized list of all remediation work from the fuel spill to be submitted to Federated.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- River Place Bridge – Work on the bridge was stopped in November 2022 due to structural concerns and necessary redesign work by WMC engineers. New plans from WMC had to be approved by the State of CT and quoted by New England Infrastructure (the contractor). The plan is to get NE Infrastructure back on site by early April. The down side is that the additional unforeseen work will cost an extra \$1.1 million, of which we pay 20%. M. Riiska is hoping to get total reimbursement from the State of CT.
- Budget – M. Riiska will be attending a budget meeting at Regional School #7 tonight. Unfortunately the Town of Norfolk's share of the Regional #7 budget increased by 19.1% or \$345,000. Last year we paid \$1.8 million, this year it will be \$2.1 million. Employee wage increases were discussed. M. Riiska has not seen the Botelle School budget yet.
- M. Riiska will schedule a Special BOS Meeting for next week to discuss the budget.
- M. Riiska put together a budget plan with Troy LaMere for the Public Works Department. We have gotten quotes for paving, milling and chipsealing portions of Doolittle Drive, Wheeler Road, part of Bald Mountain Road and Meekertown Road which came to \$373,000. Our policy is to chipseal one year after we pave a road which will include Hillside Street and Laurel Way for a total of \$25,752. Mills Way also needs to be worked on, as it has gotten a lot of use during the fuel spill and the current work on Maple Avenue, at an estimate of \$54,000. Also, we want to replace the sidewalk from the Post Office to the Berkshire Store.
- Lawsuit – The Town of Norfolk is being sued due to a slip & fall three years ago. M. Riiska was notified that a settlement has been reached. With that said we need to do some sidewalk work where this occurred. M. Riiska has been in touch with Julie Scharnberg from the Historic District Commission about removing the old slate sidewalks and replacing them with gravel paths or grass in the area of the Church of Christ and the Stoeckel Estate (Yale).

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary