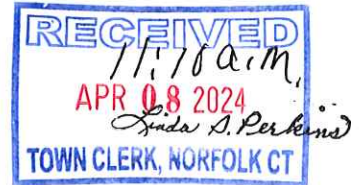


Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
4:30 PM Town Hall



*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Henry Tirrell, Sandy Evans, Barbara Gomez, Phylis Bernard  
and Ruth Melville

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

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* March 6, 2024

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting as presented.  
Second M. Riiska. Abstained H. Tirrell. Motion carried.

*Resolution to Authorize, Sell and Issue Town of Norfolk General Obligation Refunding Bonds*  
M. Riiska reported that the Town of Norfolk currently has a \$4,000,000 (25-year) loan with Dime Bank for Maple Avenue reconstruction and the Botelle School roof. He has been in discussions with our bond counsel to find a way to refinance and reduce this debt and is currently gathering the necessary documents to proceed. M. Riiska summarized the resolution which is necessary to start this process.

**MOTION** S. Evans to authorize the resolution presented by Matt Riiska. Second H. Tirrell.  
Carried unanimously.

#### *Selectman's Report*

- River Place Bridge – Weekly meetings are being held with the WMC Engineers and New England Infrastructure regarding completing the bridge. Next week's meeting will include scheduling and additional costs. Matt is working with the State of CT to cover the 20% not reimbursed by the federal government.
- Botelle School Roof – Materials were delivered last week and work began Friday. The project could take up to two months to complete. The contractors have been keeping the school staff updated on the progress making sure it is a safe environment.
- Transfer Station – Linda Perkins, Town Clerk, asked if there were going to be any changes to the Transfer Station fees for FY 24/25. After discussion it was decided that the fees would remain the same.
- Norfolk Now – M. Riiska discussed the increase in disposal costs and reducing waste at the landfill in this month's Selectman's Corner. The disposal costs for FY 24/25 will be increased from \$71/ton to \$132/ton. A few towns in Connecticut are considering the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program, where you purchase trash bags and pay only for the trash you throw out. Matt will get more information on this program. Composting was also discussed.
- FY 24/25 Budget – The budget was discussed at yesterday's Special BOS Meeting.
- Maple Avenue – paving completed to Route 44.

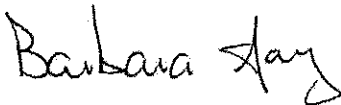
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*Selectman's Report (continued)*

- Town owned land in Colebrook – M. Riiska reported that the Town of Colebrook will be taxing the Town of Norfolk for the 30.5 acres we own between the Transfer Station and Rock Hall Road (interior lot). The Town has owned this land since 1866 and has never been taxed. Matt met with the Board of Assessment Appeals in Colebrook but because the land is not used for “public purpose” it cannot be tax exempt. Matt will declare the land forestland prior to 10/01/24 to reduce the value and taxes.
- Wheeler Road & Doolittle Road – M. Riiska received a quote to from a milling company to perform work on Wheeler and Doolittle Roads. He will be meeting with Troy LaMere, Public Works Supervisor, to discuss options.
- Botelle School & Regional #7 Budgets – between the two schools the FY 24/25 budget has increased by \$560,000.

**MOTION 5.** Evans to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Second Henry Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary