

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
4:30 PM Town Hall



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

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

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* May 1, 2024

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting as presented.  
Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

*Appointments/Reappointments:*

- **MOTION** M. Riiska to reappoint Jesse Warner as Animal Control Officer with the term to expire 6/5/27. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.
- **MOTION** M. Riiska to appoint William Millard to fill the vacancy on the Inland/Wetlands Agency with the term to expire 12/26/25.
- **MOTION** M. Riiska to reappoint Elizabeth Borden as an alternate to the Website Committee with the term to expire 7/1/27.
- **MOTION** M. Riiska to reappoint James Jasper as an alternate to the Website Committee with the term to expire 7/1/27.

*Selectman's Report*

- Annual Town Meeting – 28 people attended and the budget passed.
- Bonding - with the assistance of Attorney Matthew Ritter and Phoenix Advisors the bonding package has been completed with a rate of 3.46% (down from 5.88%). This will save the town a total of \$1.2 million dollars or \$50,000/year. The Town of Norfolk is close to getting AA+ rating, which is very good for a small town. The Firehouse Building Committee has been in touch with Phoenix Advisors to discuss bonding funds for the new firehouse and were told it would be very favorable.
- New Firehouse – Rep. Jahanna Hayes is pushing through the \$500,000 application which is currently in the House Appropriations Committee for approval.
- Maple Avenue – The final paving will begin next week. Guerrera Construction has done an extremely good job and are very responsive to the residents' needs.
- South Norfolk Bridges – Test borings are being done now for future planning. M. Riiska has not received an update from the State of CT DOT. Both bridges will be fully funded by the Feds and the State.
- Mountain Road Bridge – currently going through the State process i.e. DEEP, NW Conservation, Housatonic Authority, etc.

*Selectmen's Report (continued)*

- City Meadow – Committee currently working with Native Habitat Restoration and Matt's Landscaping to tackle the mowing and invasive issues. A donation of \$100,000 was just received to take care of this work.
- Firehouse Committee has been meeting every 3-4 weeks. The architects are suggesting we hire a project manager who would be responsible for collecting the information necessary to get quotes and move the project forward. This position could cost between \$75,000 - \$80,000. The plans should be completed by early August. NVFD members have been attending the meetings to keep the architects informed and get a design that meets their needs. Tony Kiser and Barry Roseman are working hard establishing a plan for the Capital Campaign. Other funding was discussed.
- Route 44 Wall Project – There will be a State of CT DOT meeting regarding this project next week in Thomaston. The one lane road needs to be milled and paved as it is very bumpy. Most of the water lines have been replaced and the 3-phase power lines have been moved up to Old Colony Road. There is still a lot of excavation to be done.
- Haystack Woods – Site work is almost completed and building should begin in July or August.

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Gomez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Gomez, Secretary