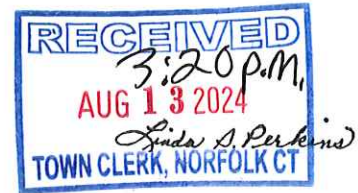


Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
4:30 p.m. Town Hall



*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Ruth Melville and Kathryn Boughton

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* July 3, 2024

**MOTION** H. Tirrell to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2024 meeting as presented.  
Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

*Appointments: Conservation Commission Alternate & Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate*  
M. Riiska presented the following two appointments:

**MOTION** M. Riiska to approve the appointment of Rebecca Eaton as an alternate to the Conservation Commission with term to expire on 2/17/25. Second H. Tirrell. Motion carried.

**MOTION** M. Riiska to approve the appointment of Philip Carr-Harris as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term to expire on 11/16/27. Second H. Tirrell. Motion carried.

#### *Selectman's Report*

- River Place Bridge – NE Infrastructure is back working after a 1 ½ year hiatus. With design and engineering issues to resolve, and the need for additional State approval, the cost may now be increased by \$200,000. M. Riiska will be meeting with NBT Bank to discuss the project extension and increased costs to the town. M. Riiska will also be meeting with the State of CT DOT regarding picking up these extra costs so there will be no impact to the town. A Town Meeting may be planned if any additional funding is needed.
- Maple Avenue – Guerrero Construction will be returning in the Fall to correct some grass areas. Also, we hope to do some tree planting.
- Fuel Spill – M. Riiska met with attorneys from Shipman & Goodwin regarding recouping funds the town spent on the Maple Avenue remediation area. M. Riiska supplied the documentation and related costs to the insurance company involved.
- Smith Road & Old Goshen Road Bridges – A public information meeting was held last night which included a State of CT DOT presentation (see website). M. Riiska asked the State to focus on the Old Goshen Road Bridge as the town will be putting in a temporary bridge on Smith Road. M. Riiska will present a cost proposal to the Board of Finance at next week's meeting.
- Zoning Enforcement Officer – Karl Nilsen resigned in July. Troy Lamere, Public Works Supervisor, has been temporarily filling in. Fortunately, Stacey Sefcik who is currently ZEO in Thomaston has agreed to take the position two days/week.

*Selectman's Report (continued)*

- Tax Collector – Sarah Brusco will be leaving on September 5, 2024. This is an appointed position, and we will be looking for a certified replacement. Sarah is a member of the Litchfield County Tax Collectors Association and is assisting with finding a replacement.
- Fire House Committee – There will be a meeting tonight in Matt's office. We did not get any response to our ad for a construction manager. Downes Construction, one of the three companies recommended by architect Silver Petrucelli, was contacted and will be attending tonight's meeting.
- Capital Campaign – Tony Kiser and Barry Roseman are heading the capital campaign, and the Town has been pursuing funding from State and Federal sources. The State has committed \$2.5 million towards the project. M. Riiska and Matt Ludwig discussed obtaining a grant for the sprinkler and ventilation system(s).

**MOTION** H. Tirrell to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Gomez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Barbara Gomez, Secretary