

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
4:30 PM Town Hall



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

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2025

M. Riiska would like to add under "MSW & Recycling USA Options" that the MIRA Dissolution Authority has relinquished responsibility of the MIRA facility in Torrington, and the 11 towns it services, to the State of CT Department of Administrative Services.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting with the above addition. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Reappointments: Recreation Committee

M. Riiska put forth Marc Crone and Jill Hall to be reappointed to the Recreation Committee.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint Marc Crone and Jill Hall to the Recreation Committee with the terms to expire 7/31/27. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

- River Place Bridge is complete. Matt Riiska is now trying to finish up the billing which may take until September.
- Smith Road temporary bridge is complete at a cost of \$100,000 from the capitol reserve account (approved by Board of Finance). Will Sweeney (Evergreen Construction) did a fantastic job. We are currently working on barricades and signage for Old Goshen Road.
- Mountain Road bridge #2 – The State of CT has asked that we put out a bid for an inspector consultant to oversee the project. The project and consultant will be reimbursed 100% by the State of CT DOT.
- Incentive Program – The State of CT has increased the amount to a maximum of \$2,000. The Town of Norfolk ordinance allows the recipients to receive a check or a deduction from their taxes. Because of the bookkeeping complications on the tax side, it would be easier if all recipients received a check, which would require a change in the ordinance. This will be put on the agenda for the next Town Meeting.
- Haystack Woods – Once the final paving of the road is completed in September, and it meets the criteria for a zoning permit, we can declare it a town road through approval at a Town Meeting. M. Riiska updated the group on the building progress.
- Aquarion is replacing the water mains on Shepard Road. They started saw-cutting early and will begin digging up the road on Wednesday, 7/9/25.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- Firehouse bid opening has been moved from 7/2/25 to 7/8/25. Newfield Construction is optimistic about the bid results. Ron Zanobi will be representing the Firehouse Committee.
- M. Riiska reviewed in detail the new firehouse plan changes that resulted in decreasing the cost by almost \$1.2 million dollars. As funds come in some of the items may be added back into the building. Matt credits the Firehouse Committee members for diligently reviewing the plans and making these changes happen.
- M. Riiska met with Kevin Case, the new Botelle School Superintendent today.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary