

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
March 16, 2023
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; E. Dill; T. Govert

Also Present: D. Dill; L. Zemienieski; and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of March 2, 2023 and Special Meeting of March 8, 2023

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 2, 2023, as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 8, 2023, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

5. First Selectman's Report

Ms. Haines advised that beginning June 4th through November 1st the Swingbridge would be closed for 63-hour periods each week; the closings would be from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings through 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. She reviewed additional overnight closings and stated that the schedule would be posted on the Town's website and FaceBook page.

6. Public Comment: There was no public comment discussed at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Update on Request to Create an Ordinance Regarding Term Lengths for Elected Officials
Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that this agenda item will be considered at the Public Hearing later this evening.

B. Cemetery Committee Letter & By-Laws: Ms. Zemienieski advised that the Committee will review its by-laws and regulations at their meeting on March 30th. Ms. Haines noted that Treasurer Maureen Goff had received a communication regarding the Basin Hill Cemetery and there was a brief discussion regarding the cemetery.

C. Road Acceptance – Taylor Lane: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

8. New Business

A. Electricity Contract Discussion: Ms. Haines distributed an analysis of the Town’s supplier fixed price comparison for electricity rates based on a 1-year, 2-year, 3-year or 4-year contract. She advised that the Town’s current agreement expires in January 2024. She noted that representatives from the Town and Board of Education met with the Town’s consultant and agreed to recommend a 1 yr. contract at this time; however, the consultant would monitor the market for a potential lock in for future years.

Mr. Dill inquired about the 3-year option and there was a general discussion regarding the proposal.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to finalize prices and authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town with FirstPoint for electricity supply at \$0.1206/kWh for a one year period from January 2024 through January 2025. Unanimous aye.

B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (CC, ZBA)

Conservation Commission

Ms. Haines called the Board’s attention to correspondence regarding membership changes on the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Charles Myers from the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

Ms. Haines thanked Mr. Myers for his work on the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded Mr. Dill, to change the status of Joseph Sina from alternate member to regular member to fill a vacancy with a term to expire June 30, 2024 on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ms. Haines called the Board’s attention to correspondence regarding membership changes on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to change the status of James Fennema from an alternate member to a regular member, filling a vacant term to expire January 2025 on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Unanimous aye.

Ms. Haines noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals has also selected Diane Quinn to be their new chairman.

C. Tax Refunds: Ms. Haines called the Board’s attention to three tax refunds.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to award tax refunds in the amounts as presented.

- \$722.27 to Fernand Tremblay III,
- \$713.65 to Nancy Volpe, and
- \$379.12 to CCAP Auto Lease LTD.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment discussed at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: Ms. Govert reported that the Sustainability Committee is applying for a grant from Eversource to support public education programs.

B. Other: Ms. Haines reiterated that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. this evening.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary