

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Present: Larry Hebert, Clayton Woodworth, Chris Wade, Chris Peloquin

Town Manager, Jackie Higgins

Call to Order: Larry Hebert called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Set the Agenda: Chris P. made the motion to add Library Trustee Appointment under New Business. Chirs W. seconded the motion. So moved.

Review of Open Public Comments

Selectboard Announcements: N/A

Public Announcements: Mike MacAskill questioned the contract with Orange County as well as the Vermont State Police. Chris P. suggested that the discussion be put on the agenda for the next Selectboard Meeting.

Barre Town EMS Report: David spoke on behalf of the BTEMS, in January there were 61 calls responded to in town with an average response time of 7 minutes. The BTEMS has received positive feedback from Williamstown Residents and continue to serve our community.

Commissions/Committees/Trustees/Other Board Announcements:

Jill Plastridge spoke on behalf of the Library, questioning why the second article was omitted from the March Town Meeting Warning.

Jill also requested the town update the Library parking to meet ADA Compliance. Rodney Graham mentioned grants that could help with funding for these projects. Horace Duke mentioned plans for sidewalk on Construction Hill and down Main Street.

Approve SB Warrants: Chris W. made the motion to approve warrants SB22083, SB22085 & SB22086. Chris P. Seconded the motion. Clayton made the motion to approve the warrants SB22084 & SB22087, Chris P. seconded the motion. Larry Heber recused himself. So moved.

Approve Payroll Warrants: Chris P. made the motion to approve Warrants 1/14/2024, 1/28/2024 & 2/11/2024. Clayton seconded the motion. So moved.

Approve SB Meeting Minutes: Chris P. made a motion to approve the Minutes from 1/8/2024 and 1/2/2024 as written. Clayton seconded. So moved.

New Business:

Washington Electric Permit Work in Town Right of Way – Therriault Hill Road: Chris P made the motion to grant the permit. Chris W. seconded the motion. So moved.

Recreation Board Resignation: Chris Dessureau submitted his letter resigning from the Recreation Board. Chris W. made the motion to accept the resignation. Clayton seconded the motion. Chris P. abstained but thanked Chris Dessureau for all his service to the Recreation Board for our community. So moved.

Recreation Board Appointment: Two letters were submitted to the Town Manager regarding the open positions for the WRB, Tyler Ballard and Cassandra Kuhn. After some discussion, Chris W. made the motion to appoint Tyler to the WRB as a non-voting member until he resides in Williamstown in the Spring. Clayton seconded the motion. So moved. Chris W. made the motion to appoint Cassandra as a member of the WRB. Clayton seconded the motion. So moved.

Roadside Historic Marker – Major Ira Day – Relocation: Discussion regarding the relocation of the Marker to Rachel’s Gardens on Route 14. Chris P. suggested not in front of the park benches and Larry mentioned the location of the water line. Chris P. made the motion to approve the relocating of the Historic Marker to Rachel’s Gardens. Clayton seconded the motion. So moved.

Around the Table:

Executive Session: Chris P. made a motion to take a 15 minute recess before entering into Executive Session for Employee Contract Agreement at 7:45pm. At 7:58pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session and exited at 7:59pm. Chris P. made the motion to made the adjustments to Jackie's contract to amend Health Insurance to 100%. Clayton seconded the motion. So moved.

Adjourn: Chris P. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, Chris W. seconded. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Keys

Scott McCarthy

Chris Wade

Larry Hebert

Clayton Woodworth

Chris Peloquin