



**Office of Board of Selectmen  
Town of Mason**

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## Selectmen Meeting 2/15/2024

*Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Accountant Brenda Wiley

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

### **Approvals:**

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 01/30/2024 BOS/PD meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstained, John-aye.
- Minutes of 01/30/2024 BOS FD meeting – Kate motioned to approve as written, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstained, John-aye.
- Minutes of 01/30/2024 BOS meeting – Kate motioned to approve as written, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstained, John-aye.

### **New Business:**

- Kate asked Brenda if she could contact someone she knows to consider being Deputy Treasurer.
- We need to be prepared to find a Trustee of the Trust funds, if there are no write ins during the 2024 Election.
- Kate called Lee at Modular Communications to review the proposal(Quote MODQ2668-A) for the communication tower/system rebuild. The \$129,321.92 is all of it and it includes labor. One half of the materials have already been received. Contract will not be signed until Kate is sure we will be receiving all of the costs from Primex.
- Discussed that the town has received \$95,991.44 from Primex as a partial payment. Invoices have been received from American Security for a total of \$5,775 for completing the Fire Dept and Highway Dept pieces of the project.
- Brenda will find letter/email from Primex to make certain the town will receive the

rest of the cost when the project is completed.

- Energy Aggregation Committee—If the Warrant Article passes, a meeting is set for 3/25/2024 for discussion/interview with CPNH and Standard Power to see who the best provider to the Town of Mason would be.
- Audit Management Letter suggested we should be keeping depreciation schedules. Since this requires finding history of costs of buildings and equipment that are over 40 years old and most likely totally depreciated, Selectmen decided to just leave it alone.
- Ambulance—Kate discovered that if we switch to Souhegan Ambulance, we would have to use Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dispatch. The frequency would also change. We currently have a 3 year contract with Hollis. Recommend we leave ambulance as is.
- Lot A-13 transfer to Conservation—decided to leave it as Town Property. Kate will notify Liz Fletcher.
- Charlie inquired if the Board can review Tax Deeded Property for possible auction. Review will begin in June.

### **Old Business:**

- Alejandro Garay MacLean Zoning Board appointment papers were signed.
- Kilcoyne update status on Colin Road project—owners will be coming in to give update.
- Marty's—Zoning Board has no application for parking lot. Waiting for AOT Compliance. No recorded siteplan. Surveyor is working on it-problem is with the State of NH. No zoning approval until AOT approval for parking lot.
- Marty's—Decibel readings, Start/Stop times, and number of concerts are to be enforced this season and have to be in compliance. Notice will be prepared and sent to Marty's with compliance notification prior to May. Kate will get number of 2023 concerts from Police Dept.

**Public Forum:** No public was in attendance.

### **Non-Public:**

Motion to enter Non-public session made by Kate, seconded by Charlie by reason of:

- *RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll call vote to enter non-public session Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

Entered non-public session at 8:20 pm.

Motion to return to public session made by Kate, second from John; returned at 9:19pm.

Motion from Kate, seconded by Charlie, to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information would.

- *Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.*

Roll call vote to seal the minutes Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Charlie motioned to adjourn, second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brenda Wiley*

Accountant