



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

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Selectmen Meeting 3/26/2024

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Accountant Brenda Wiley; Police Chief Kevin Maxwell; Planning Board Chair Chris Jones and Vice Chair Dane Rota

Residents: Richard Stockdale, Michelle Siegman

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm 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 3/7/2024 BOS - HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 3/7/2024 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

New Business:

- John motioned to nominate Kate as Selectboard Chair, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Planning Board members Chris and Dane came to discuss:
 - The Planning Board's plan to recommend increasing the escrow amount required when submitting applications. Often times applicants are asked to pay additional fees that are beyond the initial escrow amount. Jen reviewed several cases where monies were still owed. Selectmen are in support of an increase to \$1500.
 - Reviewed the NHDES response regarding the Restoration Plan Approval for File Number: 2022-01644.

- Dane discussed the increased interest in detached accessory dwelling units. The Planning Board is working on revisiting the current zoning regulations.
- Energy Commission member Michelle Siegman asked if the Selectmen have any energy related suggestions they'd like looked into? Selectmen would like on demand hot water tanks and better options for heating and air conditioning for the buildings in use. Make sure to include Town Hall Renovation Committee Chair Jim Dore in any discussion regarding the Town Hall.

Michelle stated some areas in the basement need fixing, Jen will share the number for the building maintenance manager.

Michelle asked if the Selectmen are considering solar panels on the Highway Department shed? No, at this time it would cost more money to save the roof than to rebuild it. Selectmen stated any solar array proposal should have a well laid out plan with specific locations, costs, return of investment explained etc. Energy Commission has brought up solar panels behind the Police Department; Selectmen advised a basketball court is going there.

- Reviewed year-to-date budget. No IT projects have been approved at this time. Brenda typically transfers approved warrant article funds towards the end of the year; Selectmen asked for the highway vehicle funds to be transferred sooner since Selectmen are looking into trade-in options for a new highway vehicle.
- Reviewed highway staffing.
- Kate motioned to authorize a \$500 payment to Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- The Recreation Committee have asked for an email address to use with vendors, Selectmen support this.
- Kate shared that the Energy Aggregation Committee hopes to sign with a provider for Community Power by the end of next month.
- Charlie was sworn in as Planning Board ex-officio.

Adjournment: There being no further business, John motioned to adjourn, second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney
BOS Administrative Assistant