



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

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Selectmen Meeting 10/11/2022
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney, Accountant Brenda Wiley, Police Chief Kevin Maxwell, Road Agent Dave Morrison, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Bill Fritz; Residents Wendy Sue Avery & Dennis Avery

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 9/27/2022 BOS / HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 9/27/2022 BOS / FD meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 9/27/2022 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

New Business:

- Selectmen request Accountant Brenda Wiley distribute preliminary 2023 budget worksheets to each department for them to review and return to Admin Asst Jen Tenney by the Nov 7th, 2022 Selectmen meeting.
- Motion by Kate to accept unanticipated funds in the amount of \$8,500.00 from the sale of the 1990 Ford L9000 truck, and to apply these funds to line item 4220-02 (Volunteers Per Diem Pay), second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Motion by Kate to accept unanticipated funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the sale of the 2011 Ford F2500 (highway truck 070), and to apply these funds to the General Fund, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- A concern was brought to the Selectmen's attention regarding motocross race trails at 120 Hurricane Hill Rd. There is nothing actionable on site at this time. Selectman Charlie spoke to the complainant and no further action from the Selectmen is needed.

- ZBA Chair Bill Fritz acknowledged receipt of the Motion for Rehearing for case no. 01-2022. Chair Bill Fritz requests legal counsel from a source outside of the town's current legal council. Selectmen agree to up to \$1000.00 in outside legal council fees for the ZBA to use regarding consult regarding Motion for Rehearing for case no. 01-2022.
- Accountant Brenda and Chief Kevin Maxwell discussed credit cards for the Police Department. Previously there have been two credit cards, one for the Chief and one for the Admin Assistant. Chief requests there to be one credit card for the police department to use as a whole. Selectmen agree to this and will have Brenda work with Treasurer Dee Mitchell to get this in place.
- Previous underground storage tank issues and future plans for getting diesel and unleaded fuel were discussed with Chief Maxwell. Brenda and Treasurer Dee Mitchell will get three separate credit cards, one for each police cruiser, for fuel use only.

Old Business:

- Update on deeding in town – only 2 properties have been deeded, both being deeded within the last three years.
- Chair Kate is reviewing the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, June 2016, to address an expiration date for the issuing of building permits.
- Selectman John visited L-45 to address concern regarding the storage, disposal and possible burial of junk motor vehicles, vehicle parts, and/or other waste, on the property. John reports the property does not appear to be disposing of or burying anything of concern at this time. Selectmen will continue this discussion at a later time to ensure there are no other areas of concern from the original complaint that need addressing before completing this matter.
- Selectman John visited the Driving Range on 9/30/22 & 10/1/22 to perform decibel readings during a concert. These readings were performed at the required monitoring locations and John reviewed his findings. Most readings appear to be below the required 75dB level, however, John stressed that he does not feel it is possible to accurately monitor these levels with a handheld decibel reader at single points in time during the events due to reasons such as: who is managing the sound system; the type of artist; the type of song; and the time it takes to walk between measuring points. John strongly feels the only accurate way to monitor the decibel levels during an event will be for a continuous monitor running at both reading locations throughout the entire event.

John also noted that he met with Driving Range owner Nicole Ruggiero while he was there performing his readings. Nicole was performing decibel readings throughout the night and logging as required, however, John notes that all readings done by Nicole that evening, and previously done by the Driving Range, have only been done at the pond location and not at the second location on the hill. John reports Nicole is very open to resolving any sound level concerns moving forward.

Wendy Sue & Dennis Avery discussed decibel readings from their property during the 9/30/22 & 10/1/22 evening events and their concerns regarding the levels.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant