

Barbara Campbell _____

Robert Thompson _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Unofficial Until Approved**

Present: Barbara Campbell, Chairman and Robert Thompson, Selectmen

Attendees: Julie Hoyt Town Administrator, Betsy Eaton Administrative Assistant, Emily Benson EMD, Kevin Bennett Building Inspector, Fred Tompkins, Ben Halcyon, Andrew Tullis and Hank Benesh, Videographer.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Approval of Minutes:

March 26, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the March 26, 2024 minutes as written, seconded by Barbara Campbell. All approved.

4. Discussion and/or Motions:

a. EMD Updated/USDA Disaster Recovery program

Emily and Gary submitted a letter of intent for the hazard mitigation assistance program for the Green Hill RAD culvert. The cost for the total project is \$30,000 with \$22,500 coming from federal dollars and a \$7,500 match from the Town. Emily reported that the Hazard mitigation plan process started this week and the completion date is by August 2025.

The annual review of the Emergency Operations plan needs a signature from the Select Board. The review consisted of updating different resources and contacts.

The Select Board received a letter from Thorn Mountain Property Association concerning damage to the culvert and road on Bear Lane during the December 18, 2023 storm. The culvert compressed roughly 4" and vegetation on both sides washed away. There is fire hydrant located towards the end of the road. Emily conferred with Jay and Scott Hayes since the fire department accesses the hydrant for any fires, and the water precinct uses it for flushing of the systems.

Matt Brown was contacted to get information on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The program requires a sponsor and yearly maintenance. (this is not a onetime deal) The program only protects the area surrounding the culvert, the water and future erosion but not replacement of the culvert. The Select Board asked for a meeting on-site with Frank DiFruscio Selectman, Gary Highway Department, Scott Hayes Water Precinct, Emily Benson and a representative from the Thorn

Mountain Property Association in the next few days with a report at the next Select Board Meeting.

b. Bridge Loan – authorized signers

The Select Board approved the new bridge construction loan for \$1,222,274.74 (rounding it up to \$1,222,275.00). The previous amount noted in the 3.26.2024 meeting minutes was the old amount reported before the amended bridge construction cost.

Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the \$1,222,275.00 amount for the bridge loan, seconded by Barbara Campbell, All approved.

The Select Board authorized two people the ability to request and sign disbursements for the bridge loan.

Bob Thompson made a motion to authorize the chair of the Select Board Barbara Campbell and the Town Administrator Julie Hoyt to be the authorized signers, seconded by Barbara Campbell. All approved.

c. Board/Commission appointments

There is still one opening on the Conservation Commission for one regular member for a 3-year term.

i. Conservation Commission – Brian Byrne has expressed interest to be re-appointed to Conservation Commission

Barbara Campbell made a motion to re-appoint Brian Byrne to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

ii. Zoning Board of Adjustment – David Matesky has expressed interest to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Barbara Campbell made a motion to re-appoint David Matesky to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a regular member, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

d. Trustees of Trust Funds – Funding & Withdrawals

Jackson Select Board authorized the transfer of \$22,000 be deposited into the Expendable Trust Funds for the warrant articles below:

Police Department Equipment ETF (0051) Article 5 for \$3,000

Melloon Groundwater ETF (0071) Article 5 for \$2,000

Town Office Equipment ETF (0047) Article 5 for \$7,000
New Library Maintenance and Repairs ETF Article 9, in the sum of \$10,000
approved at Town Meeting and the Library Trustees are agents to expend funds.
Barbara Campbell made a motion to authorize the transfers, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

The Select Board is requesting the following withdrawals from the Trust Funds as indicated below:

\$2,700.20 from the Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0051)
Invoice Number INUS235671 / Dated 3.15.2024 / Axon Enterprise Inc.

\$7,500 from the Town Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0047)
Invoice Number JACKSONNH-0001 / Dated 3.28.2024/ VotingWorks

\$712.00 from the Melloon Road Groundwater Maintenance Expendable Trust
Fund (0071) Invoice 30933 / Dated 12.22.2023 / HEB Engineers, INC.

\$160.00 from the Wentworth Wildcat Fund Fund (0029)

Invoice Number 2403/Amount \$160.00/Dated 3.7.2023 /Jackson Ski Touring
Foundation

\$90.00 from the Baker Prospect Farm Trust (0023) Invoice Number 2403 /
Dated 3.7.2023 / Jackson Ski Touring Foundation

Barbara Campbell made a motion to approve the withdrawals, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

e. Liquor License – Wentworth

The Wentworth Hotel, privately owned by Atlantic Equity would like to extend the liquor license outside to accommodate outdoor wedding receptions between May 1st and November 5th 2024. The proper license was obtained from the State of New Hampshire with normal rules: all tent walls will remain closed the entire time the tent is up while any amplified music is playing, noise levels will not exceed 90 decibels as measured from center of tent and music will not play any later than 10:30pm.

Barbara Campbell made a motion to approve the Wentworth Liquor License, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

f. Solar Update

The Highway Department has had roughly a 50% cost savings per year and the Town Office roughly a 65% cost savings per year with the solar panels.

g. Valley Cross Road Bridge

Signs posted and the tree work will be starting this week. The road closure is scheduled for April 16th with detours and delays expected. The completion tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2024.

5. Short Term Rentals:

New permits: N/A

6. Approved Building & Driveway Permits (FYI): N/A

7. Public Comment: There were no public comments

8. Upcoming Meetings:

- *No Meeting on April 23rd*
- *Tuesday, May 14th at 3:30pm*
- *Tuesday, May 28th at 3:30pm*

9. Non- Public Session: N/A

10. Adjourn Meeting

Barbara Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Betsy Eaton

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