

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– April 1, 2024

Present: Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield, Chris Ellms
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Betsy Holcombe, Nancy Martland, Judy Sawyer, Fred Von Karls, Brian Beaulieu,
Jen Monsein, Marilyn Monsein

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, of March 25, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

There will be no meeting on April 8th and the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office will be closed.

The Department of Revenue meeting with the assessor will be on April 9th at 11:00pm.

MARGO CONNORS will meet via zoom with the Energy Committee tomorrow at 4:00pm.

Community Power plan was filed on Friday. It will launch in June. There will be another information session on May 6th at 4:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Jennifer advised that the state law changed regarding net metering and that we can put the solar credit on one or several of the building accounts. Currently we receive a check once a year that goes to the general fund.

Chief Clark has submitted for reimbursement on Indian Brook costs. Expect a check this next week. He has filed for an extension on the Indian Brook completion date. Construction will start pending the water level and availability of the contractor.

Septic Plan Approval for Construction: Herb Lahout Map 219, Lot 56 Sunset Hill Road

The board accepted the resignation of Greg Connors as Trustee of the Trust Funds. The board appointed Mark Butterfield to fill the open position.

The board will respond to Airosmith Development that they are welcome to submit additional information for the board to review regarding cell towers.

The board signed Amendment #4 for the Crane Hill Bridge Project regarding transplanting of the Hawthorne plant.

Jennifer provided new drafts of the Zoning Ordinance with the board and Mike Hern, Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Margo noted that the State House of Representatives has passed several new laws regarding ADU's and Jennifer will send that information to the Planning Board and Zoning Board. The laws would still need to pass the Senate.

Margo spoke with Eversource this past week and they advised that the town could submit pole #'s where they may want future burial of lines. Mike Morley noted that the cable company has put up some additional gear on the lines along 117.

Public comment:

There was a question regarding a cell company flying a balloon and the board advised that would be something required when they get some information. With a municipal lease it must go to the town meeting. There were several questions regarding the solar credits and net metering. Also questions about line burying and board advised this is not something the town would be doing but perhaps individual land owners. The problems involve more than just burying electric lines as there is also cable and need separate conduit.

The board is going to visit the Eversource sites that will need driveway permits. Date is pending. MR. ELLMS will be meeting with a property owner and Eversource on Crane Hill Road at the owner's request on April 15th.

With no more business before the Board, RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday April 15, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator