

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 March 20, 2024

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Paul Lamberson, Todd  
4 Odit, Joy Dubin Grossman, John and Sally Mead, Jason Booth, Janet Francis, Bob Mello, Pricilla Reidinger.

5 Attending remotely; Laura Wisniewski, Jim and Kathy Rohde, Erin and Kevin Dente, Annamarie Cioffari,  
6 Jim Jarvis, Alex Weinhausen

7 Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

8 Agenda Additions or Deletions

9 none

10 Public Comment

11 none

12 Selectboard Forum

13 Merrily said she has been working on the “open room” celebration and has been talking with people  
14 about it

15 Approve Minutes of 3/6/24

16 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 3/6/24 as amended. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5  
17 yes votes.

18 Consider Acceptance of WWTF Project Bid

19 This will be delayed till probably the April 17 meeting.

20 Consider Approval of WWTF Project Loan Application

21 Jason, from Aldrich & Elliott, explained the loan document. He noted that the Town needs to request  
22 the full amount, including the subsidy up front. That will be reduced at the end of the project. Todd  
23 added that there will be a need to approve a bridge loan to have cash to pay the contractors in the  
24 interim. Dennis asked if there will be interest on the bridge loan. Todd said there will be interest to pay.  
25 His hope is we will be borrowing chunks of money and paying it back in 6 weeks. When we get the  
26 proposal, we will know what that rate is.

27 Maggie moved to approve the WWTF Project loan application in the amount of \$9,348,000. Seconded by  
28 Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

29 Consider Approval of Donegan Quit Claim Deed

30 Merrily noted the Board has discussed this item and now need to sign the actual documents.

31 Mike moved that the Selectboard approve the proposed Quit Claim Deed and authorize the Town  
32 Manager to act as the Town Agent to execute the same. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes  
33 votes.

Approved 4/3/2024

34 Discussion of Landfill Well Testing Regimen

35 The Board reviewed the new recommendations which is instead of a groundwater monitoring well at the  
36 Southern boundary the residences at 182, 206, 259 and 291 Forests Edge be added to the groundwater  
37 monitoring program in the Spring of 2024. For the Southern properties 413 North Rd., 714 and 794  
38 Beecher Hill Rd. The monitoring wells were redrilled and continued to be monitored.

39 Dennis asked for an update on bringing Town water to the area. Joy said she met with the engineers a  
40 few weeks ago and they are working on the getting the preliminary engineering report done and hope to  
41 have it by April.

42 Janet Francis thanked the Board. She said the testing will verify the science.

43 Paul moved the Selectboard approve the groundwater compliance boundary suggested by Waite &  
44 Heindel and the DEC in lieu of a groundwater monitoring well at the landfill's southern property line and  
45 that the residences at 182, 206, 259 and 251 Forests Edge be added to the groundwater monitoring  
46 program in the Spring of 2024. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

47 Consider Appointment of Zoning Administrator to a Three-year Term

48 Merrily happily recommended and moved that Jim Jarvis be reappointed as Zoning Administrator for a  
49 three-year term. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

50 Paul moved to reappoint Alex Weinhausen as acting Zoning Administrator, pursuant to the following  
51 policies regarding the authority of the acting ZA in relation to the ZA as detailed in the proposal.  
52 Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

53 Consider Approval of Various Boards and Committee Appointments

54 Merrily moved to approve the slate of reappointments on the memo to respective Committees and  
55 respective terms. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

56 Consider Approval of Liquor and Tobacco Licenses

57 Mike Loner recused himself for this item.

58 Merrily moved to convene as the Local Board of Liquor Control. Seconded by Paul and approved with 4  
59 yes votes.

60 Paul moved that as the Board of Liquor Control they approve the first, second, third class liquor licenses,  
61 outside consumption permits and tobacco licenses and endorsements listed in the memo presented to  
62 them. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes votes.

63 Dennis moved to adjourn as the Local Liquor Control Board. Seconded by Paul and approved with 4 yes  
64 votes.

65 Consider Approval of Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending

66 Maggie moved to approve the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending. Seconded by Mike and approved  
67 with 5 yes votes.

68 Town Manager Report

- 69 • Todd said related to the WW project he got a call from Jason that heard from the State they  
70 were considering dropping the Town's PC grant from 34% to 29%. Todd had a team meeting with  
71 the person who makes those decisions and explained the importance of keeping the 34%. Todd  
72 heard back from the State the next day stating it would remain at the 34%.
- 73 • Advertising for a new road foreman has begun.
- 74 • The energy audit on Town Hall was done yesterday. The report will allow the Town to apply for  
75 up to a \$500,000 implementation grant. There is a mini grant available to fund ADA  
76 assessments.
- 77 • Todd submitted a highway structures grant for some of large culverts on Lincoln Hill.
- 78 • The next Board meeting will include the proposed zoning changes discussion.
- 79 Paul asked regarding the ww treatment facility if Todd has had any luck getting relief from the  
80 discharge permit. Todd said he has not had an update from the attorney yet.
- 81 Paul noted he read the logging operation lost the appeal. He asked if the Town is responsible for  
82 paying the legal fees. Todd said we do, that is how it works.

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84 Approve Warrants and Payroll

85 Maggie moved to approve the warrants signed by herself and Merrily, including payroll, as submitted by  
86 the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

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88 Adjourn

89 Maggie moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Paul and approved with 5 yes votes.

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91 Respectfully submitted,

92 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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