

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Chris Roy, Bob Best, Ernest Choquette, Steve Edgerley, Ellen Fox, Barry Sahagian, Mike Baraw

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Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and introduced those present. Jerry read the ground rules for the meeting.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Steve Edgerley stated that the house right before the over pass coming up Vance Hill seems to have a tremendous amount of traffic. Steve Barrup stated he believes that this is in the process of being taken care of.

Sleeper pond dam was discussed. Steve stated the board was presented a letter with the land owners supporting the removal of the dam. Steve made a motion to sign the letter in support of this, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that all is good with the roads. Bob Best stated that he has issues with cars being unattended and blocking Sunrise Drive. Rick suggested that if this happens again the sheriff be contacted. Bob stated this was on a weekend and the sheriff is not available. Rick stated that in that case the Newport Police Department dispatch be contacted.

Water/Sewer/Solar panel/ recycling report – Mike stated that water is doing well. A water leak was fixed on Lawson Road. Mike stated there is an issue by Jim Norris residence on the corner on Vance Hill and Route 105. Mike did camera that line and found the problem and he is hoping that in the spring we can address and fix this. Jerry stated that the solar panels appear to be working fine. Steve stated that the waste district passed the budget being voted by the representatives. This will not take effect until 2024.

Rick reviewed the sheriff's report. Jerry has concerns with the number of warnings being issued instead of tickets. Rick stated he has talked to the sheriff in the past about this and was told that this is at the officer's discretion.

Barry discussed municipal law.

Steve made a motion to appoint Vince and Trish Buttice to the cemetery commission, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. Jerry made a motion to place \$7175.00, which was money voted at the 2022 town meeting but not spent by the commission for cemetery care/upkeep, in a restricted reserve fund to be spent in 2023, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to sign orders and approve the bank statement and journal entries, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished/new business – The board will hold a budget meeting on January 17, 2023 at 8:00AM at the town clerk's office. The board decided, based on the governor's S.222 signing, to no longer use zoom for our meetings. Effective 1/15/2023 the meetings will be in person only.

Voted to adjourn at 6:30PM.