

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Bob Best, Matt Wilson, Ernest Choquette, Steve Edgerley, Jay Knight, Barry Sahagian

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

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/9 and 4/5 meetings, with one correction to the 3/9 minutes as follows: to read the board signed appointments for 2023 not appropriations, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Steve Edgerley asked if Rural Edge was moving forward with purchasing the Creative Real Estate properties. The board and Denise stated that as far as they knew that yes this was still moving forward. Steve asked about the dry hydrant by the building next to the town park. Rick Gosselin stated that this is non-functioning.

Road Commissioner report – Mike was not present. Jerry mentioned that one resident had an issue with ruts in his field that he believed the town had made.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling reports – The board signed the annual wastewater inspection agreement with Aldrich & Elliott. Jerry stated the solar panels appeared to be in good working order.

Sheriff's Report – Rick reviewed the monthly report. The board signed the contract for the sheriff's department since this article passed at the 2023 town meeting.

The board opened lawn care bids – one bid was submitted by Knight Property Management: Town Lawns - \$4400.00 Route 100 cemetery - \$5200.00 Lake Road and Wright Cemetery - \$8050.00 Ballfield and flower beds mulching at town clerk's office and upkeep of these - \$3800.00. Steve made a motion to award the 2023 lawn care bids to Knight property management, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion to appoint Dave Ghelli and Wendy Matthews to the NEK Broadband board for 2023, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Jerry made a motion to approve liquor licenses for 2023 to Glover's Family Market and Hilliker's Store, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

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

Unfinished/new business – Steve stated that we had put money in the budget for a greeter at the boat launch on Strawberry Acres. Tom Latta, who is heading this up, would like to know if the board would like to put an ad in the paper to see if anyone would be interested in this position. The board asked Denise to place an ad in the paper to see if anyone would be interested. This will be on the May agenda for further discussion. Jerry stated that he and Rick were at the annual meeting with VTRANS, along with Mike and Denise, and all went well. Voted to adjourn at 6:05PM.