

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING – THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Mike Baraw, Dennis DeLaBruere, Bob Best, Sheryl Brown, Matt Wilson, Steve Edgerley, Barry Sahagian, Bob Hansen, Denise Daigle

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

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/4 meeting, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Barry spoke about the Derby town meeting. He suggested that we might want to do like they do.

Bob Hansen of Rural Edge was here to discuss the easement for the former store, 4116 VT Route 105. The selectboard signed the easement deed for this, which is for parking. Mike Baraw wanted to inform Rural Edge that there are man holes in the parking areas of these two buildings. He needs them to be mindful when they are constructing these buildings/parking areas to not bury these. The town needs access to these. Bob thanked Mike for this information.

Sheryl Brown was here to ask the town to abate the taxes for the 2023 tax year for the former Wayne's Restaurant on Route 105. Sheryl had sold this property and has since foreclosed and taken this property back. The board informed her that there are certain criteria that need to be met, by statute, for this to happen and these have not been met in this case. Sheryl thanked the board for explaining the process to her.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated he has been going thru the trucks and equipment getting them switched over from winter to summer. Jerry mentioned he has seen traffic on Watermelon Lane and wondered if the gates should be closed? He wanted to bring this to Mike's attention.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Mike stated that all with the water seems to be going well. Mike stated that our annual sewer inspection has been completed. There were a few minor issues that Mike needs to take care of. He is waiting for the inspection report to come in to see exactly what those items are, but he stated nothing major was found. Steve stated the solar repair had been done and Jerry stated all panels seem to be working.

Rick reviewed the February and March Sheriff's reports.

Steve made a motion to approve the orders, journal entries, and bank statement, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote. The board signed the Kilby and Tessmann cemetery deeds.

Unfinished/new business – Jason Willis stated that the fire department sent in the payment to the City of Newport Police Department for the annual dispatch services. He asked if the town could re-imburse the fire department for this prior to the collection of the 2024 property taxes. The board had no issue with this. Mike stated that the bike race that occurred did not hurt our town roads at all.

Voted to adjourn at 6:25PM.