

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Bob Best, Audra Pitts, Renee Fontaine, Steve Edgerley, Matt Wilson, Mike Baraw, Dennis DeLaBruere, Jen Harlow

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Jerry made a motion to nominate Steve as chair of the board with Jerry and Rick being co-chairs. This passed on a voice vote.

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/6 meeting. This passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Dennis DeLaBruere asked if he would be appointed to the conservation committee. The board told him that was on the agenda later in the meeting.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that the town took possession of our new truck and all is going fine with regard to the roads. Mike asked the board if their intention was to pay for the body out the highway fund. The board will discuss this further.

The sheriff's report was discussed. Steve stated that the board has heard from citizens the issue of speeding in the Town of Newport. Jen Harlow explained the department's position on this subject. Some discussion followed. DJ and Anthony Glover expressed their frustration with their contact with the sheriff's department when they call to issue a no trespass order against someone. Jen Harlow explained that process to them and how they should handle this going forward. Jerry made a motion to contract with the sheriff's department and sign the contract. This passed on a voice vote.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Mike stated the water has no major issues. He stated that he continues to get a fair amount of calls that belong to the City of Newport. Mike stated that our annual sewer inspection is coming up in the next few weeks. Steve stated that Paul Tomasi of the waste district is retiring this year and the committee is looking for his replacement. Jerry stated the solar panels appear to be working well.

Steve made a motion to approve the warrants, journal entries and bank statement. This passed on a voice vote. The board signed the appointments for 2025.

Unfinished/new business – Matt Wilson stated that Troy substantially increased their contract with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. He suggested that maybe the board could reach out to them in this regard. Denise presented the board with letters of resignation from Steve Naraghi and Arlene Brown, the listers. The board did not accept their resignation at this time as they have agreed to stay on to lodge the 2025 grand list. The board wants to be sure the listers have the authority to do this and they feel the most efficient way to accomplish this is to not accept this letter until the grand list is lodged for 2025. Denise will inform the listers of this.

Steve made a motion to enter executive session at 6:22PM and invite Mike Baraw and Denise Daigle. This passed on a voice vote. Voted to return to open session at 6:44PM. The board voted to, based on Mike's recommendation and the passing of the budget to give the road crew a 5% increase and an additional one dollar per hour to Ty Camber. Charlie Buck will as well get 5% increase. The board asked

Denise to place an ad in the paper for a town clerk and treasurer. Denise stated she intends to retire effective April 30, 2025.

Voted to adjourn at 6:46PM.