

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of April 11, 2023

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

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The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, and Finance Director, Mary McDonald, were together in the Town Office. Selectboard member, Bronwen Tudor and Town Administrator, Amanda Campbell were on Zoom. There were 7 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2023, were approved as amended. They will be posted on the Town website.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- The next Selectboard meeting on 4/25 will be entirely for discussion of the draft Town budget. This allows for one more meeting to make additional changes before the official presentation at the May 17th budget hearing
- Town Meeting logistics planning was discussed. Amanda will try to schedule the same Moderator as last year. There was some discussion of whether the meeting will be inside or outside, with a preference for inside. Setting up the tents outside presents logistical challenges due to volunteers needed to set them up
- The abandoned vessel, S/V Whisper, was discussed. The Town Attorney will be consulted
- Mary McDonald reported that there will be a GFD supervised burn of blueberry fields this weekend, weather permitting

Committee Liaison Updates:

- Bronwen Tudor reported that The Conservation Committee is continuing the search for a vendor to conduct a Level 3 Energy Audit with the grant from the Community Resilience Partnership.
- Jonathan Collins reported that the Shellfish Committee is considering a minor revision to the shellfish ordinance regarding waiving the requirement for conservation time for certain commercial harvesters
- Rich Donaldson reported that the Planning Board is considering a minor revision to the Solar Ordinance regarding maximum height of a Private Use Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems

Correspondence:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department – March Incident Report*
- Sagadahoc County – Invitation to Spirit of America award ceremony – Rich Donaldson will attend
- Letter from Dan Wood, Woolwich resident, regarding Citizens Climate Lobby LLC

Upcoming Events/Dates:

School Committee	Wednesday April 12	5pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday April 13	7pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday April 18	4pm OFFICE
Planning Board	Wednesday April 19	7pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday April 25	7pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 25. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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