

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of April 25, 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, Finance Director, Mary McDonald, and Town Administrator, Amanda Campbell, were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 15 members of the public in attendance on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2023 were approved. 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 Selectboard had a scheduled appointment with FAC Members and the Finance Director to discuss the DRAFT budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Line items were discussed and difficult decisions were made. The Selectboard, FAC, and committees have worked diligently on behalf of the Town's taxpayers to produce this DRAFT budget. The last practical opportunity for discussion or possible changes to the budget is the Town Budget Hearing on Wednesday May 17
- Town Meeting 2023 planning:
Hearing formats approved as virtual. See schedule below
Moved the Ordinance Hearing to Monday May 22nd
Start time for Town Meeting approved as 9am

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Candidates Night	Monday May 15	7pm ZOOM
School Budget Hearing	Tuesday May 16	7pm ZOOM
Town Budget Hearing	Wednesday May 17	7pm ZOOM
Ordinance Hearing	Monday May 22	7pm ZOOM
Election of Officers	Tuesday June 13	12-7pm in the GCS GYM
Town Meeting	Saturday June 17	Time 9am in the GCS GYM

- Status of Draft Ordinances:
Back from legal and approved – BOA, Harbor
From PB and approved – Solar
Back from legal to PB – Building Permit & Minimum Lot Size
Send to legal – Shellfish
Already approved for hearing - TOPMB

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:

- Army Corp of Engineers – Maine General Permit & Authorization Letter for Robinhood culvert project
- Maine DOT – 2022 Bridge Structure inspection reports (Reid State Park & Williams Road)
- Maine DEP – Letter of transfer station report compliance (2019-2022)
- MMEHT – Notice of contract with Anthem through December 31, 2026
- Additional funds for Flying Point Road
- Letter of Resignation from Town Administrator Amanda Campbell

New Business:

- Central Maine Power pole permit (located on the Loop Road, Indian Point) - approved
- Auditor RFP for FY22-23 with RHR Smith - proposal accepted and approved

Old Business:

- Letter from Harbormaster to Bureau of Submerged Lands - approved

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Recreation Committee	Tuesday May 2	6pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday May 3	7pm HYBRID
Conservation Commission	Monday May 8	6:30pm ZOOM
Select Board	Tuesday May 9	7pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday May 11	7pm ZOOM
TOPMB	Tuesday May 16	4pm OFFICE
Planning Board	Thursday May 18	7pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday May 30	7pm HYBRID

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The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 9. 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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