



# Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

## Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 12:00 am

**Non-Public Session @ Municipal Office Bldg @ 5:30 PM**

**Resume Regular Meeting @ Old Town Hall @ 6:30 PM**

### 1. Call to Order

**Minutes:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by Scott Ferguson- Chair

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

**Minutes:**

All the board members were present. Scott Ferguson-Chair; Tim Cremmen-Vice-Chair: Roxanne Tufts-Keegan-Member; Tracy Donovan-Laviolette-Member; Mike Green-Member;

### 4. Approval of Minutes

**Minutes:**

The minutes from April 8th were reviewed by the board members and approved. All in favor. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan motion to accept the minutes as read; Mike Green seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

## Signature Action

### 5. Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions

**Minutes:**

There was a Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for Solar. This was reviewed by the board of Selectmen. All were in agreement and signed the form.

There were numerous Personnel Action Forms for the 3% COLA increase. The board of Selectmen all signed.

### 6. Discharge of release of real estate lean.

**Minutes:**

Scott Ferguson signed a discharge of release for real estate lean. This was a discharge for a lean for property taxes back in 1988.

**7. Wage increases for COLA 3%**

**Minutes:**

The board all signed the Personnel Action Form for pay increases for the 3% COLA increases.

**Old Business**

Department Heads:

**8. Department Heads**

**9. ZBA meeting**

**Minutes:**

The ZBA meeting is scheduled for May 21st at the school. This was a regularly scheduled meeting, just switched loactions. The paperwork for the school has been submitted and approved.

**10. ARPA funds**

**Minutes:**

The ARPA funds will need to be expended this year. We have approximately \$15-20K remaining. We need to see what was spent on the water testing and Joy's HVAC for the mini splits. After checking the expenditures there is a balance of \$20,159.04 remaining. Scott Ferguson - I know we discussed potentially doing new carpeting flooring in the municipal office along with other ideas but we also need a new heating system in the building at which time we did not know about the heating system. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan mentioned we have a couple of bids and continue to get a couple more bids for the heating and that's what we should spend that money on. Then we should see what is left over because Mike Green had talked about gettin a new AED for the OTH. Probably with those two things are going to take up the funds. Mike looked into it and he has some paperwork on it, and is about \$1,900.00. Depending what the boiler comes in at we should be able to cover it all by ARPA. If not, we may need to pull any money we can find. Does anybody have any other ideas on the use of ARPA funds? Tim Cremen mentioned depending on what's left over maybe looking int getting a camera set up for the OTH building. The amount for this is about \$1,500.00

**New Business**

**11. Other Items**

**12. BOS Meetings**

**Minutes:**

The BOS will not be meeting next week on the 29th. Next meeting will be May 6th.

**Public Comment**

**13. Comments**

**Minutes:**

Bonnie Gagnon discussed that the Recreation department will be having their first Craft Fair on

May 18th at the Old Town hall from 11-4. We have almost a packed room but have room for a few more. Tim Cremmen asked if there was a flyer, Bonnie stated there is one online under the Recreation department. Get a copy to Kim and Tim so that they can get it on the Town payge as well. Andrea had some comments were there have been some discussion that some employees were omitted and left off the ARPA fund payouts from two previous boards. Andrea mentioned she would bring it up until there is no longer funds in the ARPA funds. No matter how you look at it they were employees of this town during that time and worked very hard during covid that were omitted. She is not saying any employees should have gotten any of the money but there were a certain maybe three or four that did not. Scott Ferguson stated he was aware of the employees but I don't recall, can you get me a list of them just out of curiosity. They were employees, not new hires and had been there for some time. They were people out in the community that were facicng Covid. Tracy Donovan-Laviolette stated she agree with you Andrea that it was wrong when it was done, howevere as a sitting board member that boiler needs to be fixed I don't know where we are going to find the money. Her son was one of the people that did not get a pay check or bonus so I would be out of that vote anyway. She doesn't feel that anybody should have gotten the money. The board would like to look into the history and kind of the backlog before they make a decision. It's just a matter of principal.

## **Non-Public**

## **Adjournment**

### **14. Motion to Adjourn**

#### **Minutes:**

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan made the motion to adjourn at 7:02, Tracy Donovan-Laviolette seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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