

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2022

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk (Lee Ann Dalessandro absent)

Guests: Abby Cramer (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Marlene Newhall, Dot White, Judy White, Jeff White, Steve White. Budget Committee: Justin Merrill, Esther OBrien Nolan, Darryl Winter, Kendra Baker, Marilyn Morse. Dept. Heads: Richard Caton (PD Chief), Mike Booker (FD Chief), Ronda Palmer (Town Clerk), John Johnson (PW Director), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent).

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 pm - Tim led the pledge.

2. Spirit of America Award – Shiloh presented the Spirit of America Award to Dot White for commendable community service. Shiloh read the Municipal Resolution aloud. Dot was also presented with a copy of the Town Report which is dedicated to her this year. The cover of the Town Report is a picture of Dot and the gazebo for which she spent many years raising funds.

3. Public Hearing on Warrant for April 26th Town Meeting – Terry opened the Public Hearing. Ronda read aloud the Town Warrant articles allowing for questions and answers. Terry closed the Hearing. M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve the Warrant. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Minutes – February 28, 2022 – M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 4-0-0.

5. Old Business – No discussion.

6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – Shiloh reviewed the suggestions from Town departments on potential projects using ARPA funds. \$10,800 is already obligated to the Orthoimagery project. Some suggestions were made by Esther (sewer, website and remote access) and Gary (revaluation). No decisions were made at this time. The Board wanted additional time to review the information. Shiloh indicated that some of the projects just include a brief description and would require additional research. If any of these items are ones that the Board wants to pursue, she asked that they let her know so that she can gather more information for future meetings.

7. Community Solar – Gary asked to go forward with a contract quickly because we could get 15% savings. Shiloh explained that there are other groups (Livermore Falls, town and water district, and Wilton) interested in solar also and if they sign up along with Jay then the town may be able to get contract for more than 15%. Each town would still have its own contract separate from the others. The other groups are checking with their Boards as well. Terry indicated that the Board would like Shiloh to continuing pursuing this with the other entities.

8. Update on Foreclosed Taxes/Sewer – All properties that were pending foreclosure for taxes and sewer on March 4th were paid. No further action is required.

9. Other Business – Terry announced upcoming meetings and dates of interest.

10. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. Union Negotiations (All) -
M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into executive session under MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss. D. Union
Negotiations (All). Vote 4-0-0 Terry declared out.

M/M/S Tim/Tom Ann to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York