

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2024**

PRESENT: Daniel Trabucco (Chair), Steve Ciciotti (Vice Chair), Tracy Marino (Clerk), John G. Brown, Jr., (Selectman), Richard Flynn (Selectman), William Chenard (Town Manager), Becky Malamut (NSRWA), and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Trabucco opened the meeting by reading the Chairman's statement.

BECKY MALAMUT: NSRWA REVIEW OF RESULTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ms. Malamut reviewed the results of the feasibility study for the Luddam's Ford dam. She stated that there was a full project update online for the board to review. She reinforced the fact that this was a separate study from the Fireworks Site and the funding was not connected. She discussed the sediment samples at Luddams Ford and at State Street in Hanson, as well as the change in the conditions of the water if the dams were removed. She discussed the unknowns of the project because of the Fireworks Site project with the EPA. She discussed the possible alternatives for the area as well as the pros and cons of those alternatives. Ms. Malamut reviewed the cost of each alternative: Dam repair estimated at \$1 Million, dam rebuild estimates at \$4.7 million and dam removal estimate between \$2-5.5 million. Both rebuilding and repair would be the sole responsibility of the towns. There were possible state and federal funds available for the dam removal option with the requirement of town funding contribution still required. Discussion ensued between the board and Ms. Malamut regarding the dam removal. Mr. Chenard stated that as the Town Manager, he could not support the project at the current time because of the ongoing Fireworks Site cleanup being undertaken by the EPA, and the cost to the Town. Mr. Ciciotti requested the slides be sent to the board along with the final report. Mr. John Mahoney addressed the board about dam removal in other areas and the results of them having been removed as well as cost impacts. Mr. Brown, Ms. Marino, Mr. Ciciotti and Mr. Trabucco stated that they were in favor of signing a letter of support for dam removal, Mr. Flynn stated that he would like to see some more information before signing a letter of support.

JOINT APPOINTMENT: ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST TO APPOINT BRIAN LOGAN OF 295 VALLEY STREET

Ms. Linda Peterson spoke to the board about the Advisory applicant. Ms. Peterson made a motion to appoint Brian Logan of 295 Valley Street to the Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Mr. Trabucco, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Logan introduced himself and addressed the board.

MICHAEL TREVISONE OF POWER HOME REMODELING: DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION APPLICATION, FOUR MEMBER GROUP (M. TREVISONE, K. RENAUT, M. BORGHESANI, F. CLIFFORD)

Mr. Borghesani provided background on Power Home Remodeling and spoke to the board regarding the request to solicit door-to-door. Mr. Ciciotti asked for the permit to be approved to dusk instead of 8pm. Ms. Marino made a motion to approve the application of Michael Trevisone on behalf of Power Home Remodeling for a door-to-door solicitation permit authorizing sales from 9am to 8pm or dusk, whichever comes first, Monday through Sunday for 90 days, permit to expire April 24, 2024, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE WARRANT SCHEDULE FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: ANNUAL WARRANT OPEN FEBRUARY 5; SPECIAL WITHIN ANNUAL WARRANT OPEN FEBRUARY 12; ALL WARRANTS CLOSE FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Mr. Brown made a motion to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant on February 5, 2024, and open the Special within the Annual Town Meeting warrant on February 12, 2024 and to close all warrants on February 16, 2024, seconded by Mr. Flynn, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN SCHOLL FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mr. Ciciotti made a motion to accept the resignation of John Scholl from the Advisory Committee, seconded by Ms. Marino, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF NICOLE PEDRO FROM RECREATION COMMISSION

Ms. Marino made a motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Pedro from the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR VOTE: FARMSTAND PERMIT, RYAN DUCKLESS AT 679 SCHOOL STREET

The board discussed the application with Mr. Chenard. Mr. Ciciotti made a motion to approve the permit for a farm stand at 679 School Street, conditionally upon a meeting with the Town Manager, from 8:00am to 8:00pm daily selling firewood and chicken eggs, seconded by Mr. Flynn, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO APPROVE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE: BRAYMORE, INC. D/B/A THE BLACKSMITH, 825 WASHINGTON ST

Mr. Flynn made a motion to approve the Live Entertainment license request of The Blacksmith for a Live Entertainment license to be exercised at 825 Washington Street, Mondays through Saturdays until 11pm, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2024

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024, seconded by Ms. Marino, the motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Discussion and Vote: Hanover Fireworks Site as EPA Classified Superfund Site: Mr. Chenard discussed the presentations that were made to Hanson and Hanover. HE stated that Hanson had voted to support the designation and Hanover was scheduled to take a vote in the coming weeks. He stated that the only way to clean the site was to designate the site as a Super Fund site, and he recommended that the board vote in favor of that designation. Mr. Ciciotti made a motion to support the Hanover Fireworks site as an EPA classified Superfund site, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chenard updated the board on the Herring Run culvert replacement project, he stated that it was moving along but weather had an impact on progress.

Mr. Chenard stated that the switchgear had been installed at the Community Center and the building would move from temporary to permanent power in the coming days. He informed the board that Town Hall and Police Department phones had been upgraded. He also stated that he would be asking for an executive session to discuss upcoming union contracts in the next few meetings.

The board and Mr. Chenard discussed the Community Center opening, Mr. Chenard stated that he anticipated a hard opening for June 1. Discussion ensued regarding different parts of the building and property including elections, farmers market, and band stand.

Mr. Ciciotti asked for an update on the Public Safety Building. Mr. Chenard updated the progress so far including perc tests, working group meetings, and building committee meetings. Discussion ensued regarding the bid process, with Mr. Chenard anticipating a late summer timeline for bids on the buildings separately.

LIASION UPDATE

Mr. Ciciotti discussed the MMA Annual Meeting that he had attended the weekend prior. Mr. Chenard discussed the Governor's address at MMA with the board and stated his concerns with the upcoming budget.

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Mr. Flynn updated the board on the Bylaw Review committee, stating that the committee would have about five or six articles for Town Meeting. He also stated that there would be a public meeting to discuss the proposed changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marino shared upcoming library events. Mr. Chenard stated the Pembroke High School Girls Hockey was having a great season.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Mr. Fraser Townley stated that he was hosting a social on February 6 with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Trabucco read the upcoming issues. At 8:34pm, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, Ms. Marino seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Appointment Requests (TM Office)

Minutes (TM Office)

Live Entertainment License Application (TM Office)

Door to Door Solicitation Application (TM Office)

Farm Stand Application (TM Office)