



**Office of Board of Selectmen
Town of Mason**

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Selectmen Meeting 3/21/2023

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Planning Board Chair Dane Rota; Zoning Board Chair Bob Young

Residents: Landon Smith, Nate Choquette, Hector Bermudez, Barbara DeVore

Non-Resident: Dave Michaud

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Approvals:

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 2/28/2023 BOS/PD meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 2/28/2023 BOS/FD meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 2/28/2023 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 3/7/2023 BOS/HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 3/7/2023 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Minutes of 3/21/2023 BOS/PD meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

New Business:

- Met with prospective Zoning Board members: Landon Smith, Nate Choquette and Hector Bermudez. Charlie moved to appoint, second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Dane will ask NRPC to draft a proposal for rewriting part of the master plan and will present the proposal to the Selectmen once received.
- The engineer working on the Twig Lane project informed the Planning Board they would like to change the type of bridge that is being installed. Planning Board is proposing the applicant submit a revised drawing for the town engineer to review and provide a written review of the revision. This review will then be brought to a Planning Board meeting to be discussed and recorded as a supplement to the original application; The road agent and fire chief should attend this meeting. Selectmen are in support of this proposal.
- Dane briefly discussed the lot line adjustment application submitted for J-60 and that the upcoming hearing will be on March 29, 2023.
- Dane gave an update regarding the still pending status of Unity Farms. Charlie will draft a warning letter for the conditional approval not yet being met.
- Barbara DeVore discussed the intent of the Town Hall Renovation Committee to hold another yard sale in the Town Common. Once more information is gathered it will be presented to the Selectmen.
- A very large tree in the Town Common area was damaged from the recent nor'easter. Barbara asked to speak to the facilities manager Wally Brown about preserving what is left of the tree. Jen will instruct Wally to only clean up the branch debris on the ground.
- MCAA Softball Director, Camie Silva, inquired about using the Mason ballfield for future games. Selectmen are in support of this if the MCAA are able to plan around the existing Mason league and if the MCAA are able to provide a porta-potty at the Mason field for the 2023 season. Jen will relay this information to Camie.
- The current job description for Highway Maintainer I was reviewed. Jen will post the open job position to the discussed locations.

Old Business:

- The road agent was informed there will be no grant opportunities available for the removal of the underground storage tank due to state clerical errors when the account was original setup. The anticipated cost for removal is ~\$25k. John will take action regarding the error.
- John will review the Innovative Surface Solutions contract.

- John gave an update regarding Jeds Lane. After going to Concord to discuss the grant application status in person, it was found that there are no available funds at this time. We will be looking for future grants and a new site engineer.

Non Public:

Motion to enter Non-public session made by Kate, seconded by Charlie by reason of:

- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll call vote to enter non-public session Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Entered non-public session at 8:12pm.

Motion to return to public session made by Kate, second from John; returned at 9:54pm. Motion from Kate, seconded by Charlie, to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would

- *affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.*

Roll call vote to seal the minutes Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant