



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

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Selectmen Meeting 5/23/2023

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney;
Accountant Brenda Wiley
Residents: Joe Harney, Curt Spacht, Kathy Chapman

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm 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 5/9/2023 BOS / HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-abstain.
- Minutes of 5/9/2023 BOS / FD meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-abstain.
- Minutes of 5/9/2023 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-abstain.

New Business:

- The additional emergency management funds in line item #4290-01, approved of at the town meeting, need to be dispersed to the appropriate line items.
 - Kate motioned to move \$18k from line item #4290-01 (Emergency Management) to line item #4311-05 (Part-time Wages) due to storm clean-up costs, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
 - Kate motioned to move \$6k from line item #4290-01 (Emergency Management) to line item #4311-06 (Overtime Wages) due to storm clean-up costs, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

- Brenda will be monitoring the hours worked and associated jobs completed for building maintenance so we can budget accordingly when the building maintainer leaves.
- Brenda discussed that due to the recent banking change we were unable to secure a TAN before the end of the month. TANs from the current bank now have a 90-day expiration and cost \$2k each for legal fees. Brenda will start the next application process in August for use at the end of the year.

Old Business:

- Recreation Committee - Kate gave an update that included project discussions, available funds and pending invoices.
- Energy Aggregation Committee - Curt Spacht and the Selectmen discussed the current status and needs. We will likely establish an email address for their use. Curt will send an informational paragraph about Community Power and the Committee for use during the summer kick off. John will arrange a date for the first meeting.
- Energy consumption boxes at the Fire Station - Kathy Chapman updated they have been installed for awhile and the Energy Commission needs to retrieve the updated data.
- Grader replacement – John feels it is unlikely to find a decent used grader due to the high costs. The best option is to rebuild the lower engine for ~\$25k and it should last a minimum of 5 years. To be discussed further at the next Highway Department meeting.
- Underground storage tank removal – John has been working to resolve the serial number issue. It's likely this issue will not be reversed and the town will be responsible for the removal of the tank. John will continue to try to resolve this issue and will get an estimate for removal and disposal of the tank.
- 2022 Ram extended warranty – John researched further and does not think it is warranted; Selectmen agree not to pursue.
- ISS contract – John will reach out to the company again regarding contract questions.
- Jeds Lane – Jen to get an update from KVP
- Driving Range – Jen to get event dates and request sound data
- Town Hall – Kate spoke with Town Hall Renovation Committee chair, Jim Dore, about upcoming renovation projects for the Town Hall and the current closure status. Due to the upcoming renovation projects, Jim is in favor of keeping the Town Hall closed until completion of these projects. An updated site evaluation will be done before re-opening.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney
 BOS Administrative Assistant