



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Todd Thomas, Zoning/Planning Director

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Martin Green, Evelyn & Jerry Throne, Robert Clark, Tony Cote, Etienne Hancock, Mason Kemerer

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 9-16-24

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of the 9/16/24. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Approve minutes of 9-23-24 Public Hearing

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of the 9/23/24 Public Hearing. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.

Chris Palermo was absent during the 9-23-24 Public Hearing meeting.

3. Approve minutes of 9-30-24 Public Hearing

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of the 9/30/24 Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. Approve minutes of 9-30-24 Special Meeting

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of the 9/30/24 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognition Awards

Jerry Throne, Evelyn Throne, and Robert Clark led the successful renovation of the EMS kitchen,

demonstrating exceptional project management and construction expertise. Their meticulous work transformed the space into a functional area that enhances support for first responders, completed on time and within budget.

Scott Nelson, an experienced Tech III in the Highway Department, received an On-the-Spot Award for his dedication to training and mentoring new employees. His knowledge-sharing and supportive approach have boosted new technicians' skills and confidence, contributing to a positive work environment.

Caleb Holmes and Shane Blaisdell from the Highway Department were recognized with an On-the-Spot Award for volunteering at the 2024 Rocktoberfest event. They coordinated logistics with Gail Beck and ensured proper setup and teardown, demonstrating exceptional community service and teamwork.

Motion made by Chris Palermo to extend our sincere appreciation and recognition to volunteers and staff recognized tonight who have gone above and beyond with their efforts for the betterment of our community and authorize the chair of the Selectboard to sign the certificate of recognition on behalf of the entire Selectboard, expressing the town's gratitude for their service. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Consider canceling November 4, 2024 Meeting due to election November 5, 2024

Motion made by Chris Palermo to cancel the November 4, 2024 meeting due to the November 5, 2024 election. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

3. Discuss Planning Council letter to the Selectboard

Todd Thomas reviewed the Planning Council Chair Etienne Hancock's letter regarding the creation of on-street parking and other improvements on and around Pleasant Street. Todd discussed two of the eight items covered in the letter: the post office parking and the Wee Explorers Preschool parking. The committee recommended the letter be referred to the town manager, Brent Raymond for further consideration.

4. Mason Kemmerer - Ideas for one-way town square and safety improvements

Mason Kemmerer, a traffic design engineer, submitted a comprehensive proposal addressing the traffic pattern downtown for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians. He suggested a one-way town square. His plan included maps delineating which streets would be affected while incorporating the rail trail bikers' use of the town's businesses. Laura Streets voiced a concern about school traffic and the route of the one-way streets. George Cormier had a question about routes 12, 15A, and Copley traffic during rush hours. Richard Craig discussed emergency vehicles. Chris Palermo thanked Mason for his detailed work and agreed that the town should get a consultant. Mason added that there are a couple of grants available through v-Trans and a grant that involved a 50/50 split with the town. Mason suggested that the town create a Transportation and Mobility Committee. The board was in agreement of forming a and suggested that Mason talk to the Town Manager about the committee.

5. Discuss the Morristown Development Fund proposed changes

The selectboard discussed the Resolution Regarding the Establishment of the Morristown Development Fund Loan Advisory Committee. The MDF committee is looking for the selectboard approval as there is \$500,000 being held for the businesses in town. Several discussion points were raised. Brent Raymond will review these and return the topic to the next selectboard meeting.

5:55PM - OLD BUSINESS

None

5:56PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

6:00PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

6:10PM - SCHEDULE

- a. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6 pm The Town Offices
- b. Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6 pm The Town Offices
- b. Monday, October 21, 2024 - SB Meeting - 5:30 pm
- c. Monday, October 28, 2024 - Informational Meeting - 5:30 pm The Town Offices
- d. Monday, November 18, 2024 - SB Meeting - 5:30 pm

1. Upcoming schedule

- a. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6pm The Wing Center **TBD**
- b. Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6pm The Wing Center **TBD**
- b. Monday, October 21, 2024 - SB Meeting - 5:30pm
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- d. Monday, November 18, 2024 - SB Meeting - 5:30pm

The location of the following meetings has been changed to be:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6 pm Town Offices

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6 pm Town Offices

6:15PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:30PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Submitted and filed this 10/8/24.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.