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BOS – Minutes – 10.12.2023

The Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes of October 12th, 2023.

Present: Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; members of the press and public.

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00pm.

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the agenda**. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Report

C. Rand mentioned that every project we have worked on in the past few years has hit some unforeseen obstruction during the excavation process. During the excavation for the Connectivity Project to install the pylons for the pedestrian bridge over Pettee Brook, the construction company was unable to reach the desired 20ft depth because they hit ledge.

The Salmon Kill Bridge project is still underway. The next step will be pouring the concrete deck; that should be completed within the next few weeks. The concrete must cure before being paved with asphalt; the construction company wants to complete this step before the asphalt plants close for the season.

C. Rand announced that the Town of Salisbury has closed all the boat launches at Lake Wononscopomuc (the Town Grove) and Lake Wononpakook (Long Pond) for the rest of the season due to the invasive plant CT River Hydrilla at Washing Lake (East Twin Lake). Boats that are contaminated with the invasive species can spread it into other waters.

New Business:

a. The Selectmen discussed the proposed 2023 Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan. This is a guideline for future affordable housing plans in the Town. Every municipality is required to adopt an “Affordable Housing Plan” and update the plan every five years. The draft plan has been posted for the public for the required 35 days. C. Williams made a motion to adopt the 2023 Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The Selectmen thanked the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission for all their work putting this plan together.

b. The Selectmen discussed the need to replace the windows at the Town Hall. Only one contractor agreed to do a quote for the replacement, including the large custom windows. The estimate is nearly \$782,000 to do the entire building; the Selectman will consider ways that the town might finance these repairs.

c. The Selectmen received a request from the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) for the current Town-owned parcels abutting Grove Street off Undermountain Road be donated to the SHT for a future affordable housing site. SHT has also been approached by the Economic Development Committee to consider keeping municipal parking at the entrance of the proposed site. The Selectmen asked for a concept plan for consideration by the town.

d. The Selectmen motioned, seconded and approve the following tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector: October 2023 – totaling \$303.76 (Daimler Trust, \$176.22; Judith H Gott, \$21.94; VW Credit Leasing LTD., \$105.60).

Selectmen’s Reports

C. Williams mentioned the construction has started for the Connectivity Project (sidewalk & walking bridge) on Route 44 from Lincoln City Road to Brook Street.

Adjourn: 5:45pm