

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of January 3, 2023  
Hybrid meeting

Present: LaCava, Papp, Angevine

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm by First Selectman LaCava

- 1) **Minutes of December 6, 2022:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022. All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 2) **Additions to agenda:** *Motion (Angevine/Papp) to add (1) roof on Ag Barn and (2) implementation of Optimum Plan All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 3) **Expenditures for FY 2022-23:** LaCava noted that the BoF meeting for Jan 4<sup>th</sup> is cancelled and a special meeting on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> will be held with the auditor for the 2021-22 audit. We are in good shape with the FY 2022-23 budget/expenditures.
- 4) **Library Renovation Committee:** E. Schoenfeld spoke for the committee and gave a report. The committee has completed their task and recommends disbandment. *Motion (LaCava/Papp) to disband the Library Renovation Committee as of 1-3-2023 All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*  
LaCava thanked the committee members for their effort, time, and dedication to this project. Report attached.
- 5) **Additions to Agenda: (1) Ag Barn:** Angevine suggested LaCava go back to the quotes Angevine received to fix the Ag Barn and to pursue in getting more quotes. LaCava had already received quotes on fixing the roof which is on his Capital Plan and added that he had updated the plan – color coded it- as suggested at the last meeting. **(2) Optimum Plan:** Angevine stated that Optimum said they would be going forward in January with the fiber optics. LaCava and Rosenfeld have been making calls to find out the progress of running the Fiber to the Home (FTTH) without any response. LaCava, as stated previously, once there is information to share, a meeting with Optimum and our residents would be held.
- 6) **BOE RSD# 20 Update:** Papp gave an update on the progress of the new RSD #20 BOE – right now they are reviewing policies and procedures to see what needs to be modified. RFP's have been done for banking and legal services. The 2023 schedule for the new BoE is on the RSD#6 website
- 7) **First Selectman's Report**
  - Welcome and Happy New Year. Thank you to the staff and all our volunteers for their services this past year. 2022 saw a lot of changes, coming out of the pandemic, the economy and so on.

- DPW – continuing to clean up from the past holiday storm with trees down and repairs throughout the Town. DPW finished connecting the conduit for the library and Optimum will be running the cable soon.
- Social Services: Habitat for Humanity will be in Washington this year. Anyone interested in helping, see Missy for more information. We are still working on helping those with fuel assistance. Covid test kits are still available.
- Parks and Recreation: LaCava read the report (see attached)
- National Opioid: LaCava attended a webinar and handed out a few “snapshots” of the PowerPoint to the other Selectmen. In the early stages of discussion is the possibility of the towns pooling their funds to help with the awareness of this epidemic.
- Held a staff meeting in December for the mandated Sexual Harassment training. The Town Hall was closed so all employees could attend.
- ARPA Funds were used to purchase a generator for the repeater. We are purchasing upgrades to the repeater. We are happy to say we are coming in underbudget on this ARPA item. All ARPA funds are tracked and reported to the State.
- Heart Safe Training: A CPR and AED class is offered to residents on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> for non-first responders. This class, even though not a certified class, will qualify as one of our needs to keep our Heart Safe Community status. We have 23 signed up as of today.
- I have updated the Capital Plan – it is now color coded as suggested at the last meeting.
- LaCava, Tanner and Frisbie sat with the Otto Company (heating/HVAC) company on the ongoing issues with the Town Hall and the Community Center. The system at the Town Hall is outdated and continues to breakdown weekly. The system at the Community Center, we can no longer get parts to repair the Mitsubishi system. The Otto Company gave us a few different quotes for the buildings. These problems are something we do need to address in our next budget and capital plan.
- We are going to finish the downstairs “storage” room. Parks and Recreation will be helping with expenditures and will have space in the room for all their materials instead of being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Community Center.

**8) Public Comment: The following resident(s) spoke:**

- E. Schoenfeld – commented and thanked the volunteers, staff and DPW crew for keeping our residents safe during the holiday storm. A very special thanks to Greg LaCava and Craig Nelson who went door to door doing wellness checks on residents during the holiday weekend.

*Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 5:43 pm*

***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***

Respectfully submitted by  
Colleen Frisbie

Submitted attachments are available at the Town Hall, Town Clerk’s Office

Note: there were technical difficulties with the Zoom program