Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 3
May 1, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin; E. Dill
Also Present: J. Moreau; M. Velez; L. Zemienieski; and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Aprill 17, 2024

   Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

5. First Selectmen's Report

   Ms. Haines provided the following report:

   - The April 30th Town Meeting went well and all items on the call were approved, including moving the budget forward to a referendum.
   - Swing Bridge closings will be winding down soon and Ms. Haines stated that she expects the construction of the roundabouts on the Haddam side of the bridge will not present as big a traffic disruption as have the bridge closings.

6. Public Comment: There was no public comment discussed at this time in the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business discussed at the meeting.

8. New Business

   A. Transfer Station Updates – Permit Distribution and Fees: Public Works Director Velez reviewed the new Transfer Station permitting process. She noted that the permits will now be issued for use at multiple Town owned facilities, including the Town Beach. She advised that there will be no charge for the first two permits issued but there will be a charge of $20 for each additional permit with a limit of four per household. She noted the permits will have to be renewed every two years. She reviewed the statistics for the number of permits issued in Town.

Ms. Velez reported that, starting mid to late May, credit cards will be accepted at the Transfer Station and they will begin phasing out cash payments. She also advised that the Transfer Station will use car-counters during the months of May thru July to collect raw data regarding the public's use of the facility. She advised that they are reducing the cost of the composting buckets, the issues with the vendor who picks-up old batteries have been resolved, and they have found a new vendor to recycle used books that are deposited at the Transfer Staton.

Ms. Velez responded to questions from the Board and there was a general discussion regarding the fee for additional Town permits. She agreed to reduce the fee to $10 for additional permits with a maximum of four per household. Ms. Velez and the Board discussed the Transfer Station's composting program.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve two-year town facility permits for use of the Transfer Station, Town Beach, Town Dock and any other Town facilities, two-year commercial business Transfer Station permits and the proposed fee schedule of $10.00 every two years for the third and fourth facility permit stickers (a maximum total $20.00) to become effective July 1, 2024. Unanimous aye.

B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (LIB)

Board of Library Trustees

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of letters from Christine DeLisle and Juliana Tryon Ranaudo regarding the Board of Library Trustees.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine DeLisle from the Board of Library Trustees. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to appoint Kerry McRae to the Board of Library Trustees to fill the balance of a vacant term to expire with the 2025 municipal election. Unanimous aye.

C. Tax Refunds: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to award a tax refund in the amount presented:

- $497.42 to Toyota Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: The following public comment was discussed at the meeting:

- Jay Moreau – Noted that, by his calculations, 80% of the Town's households use the Transfer Station. He took issue with eliminating cash payments and expressed his support for the Transfer Station staff. He commented that he likes the way the facility runs and stated that he does not want to see the staff's hours or the hours the Transfer Station is open to the public reduced. Regarding composting at the Transfer Station, he noted that he feels it is counter-productive, environmentally, to drive across Town to deposit compost at the Transfer Station if that is the only purpose of the trip.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: There were no liaison reports provided at the meeting.

B. Other

1. Budget Referendum (May 14, 2024): Ms. Haines called attention to the May 14th Budget Referendum and noted that the voting hours will be 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

2. Memorial Day Parade (May 27, 2024): Ms. Haines stated that the Town's Memorial Day Parade has been scheduled for May 27th and there was a brief discussion about the Board members' participation.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary