

**Minutes**  
**Selectboard and Joint Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road**

**Present for the Selectboard:** Phil Kantor, Chair; Bob Armstrong. Erica Goleman

**Others Present:** Josh Rapp, Andrew Randozzo, Mass Audubon; Ron Sweet, Highway Superintendent; Alan Singer, Chair, Finance Committee; Roy Cohen, Rhyanna McLeester; Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the town Administrator

**Minutes** **On a motion from Bob to approve the Minutes of April 19, 2022, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**Warrants** **On a motion from Erica to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant W22-23 for \$116,761.70, the Payroll Warrant PW22-23 for \$113,164.03, and the Payroll Deduction Warrant PDW22-23 for \$28,776.15, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**Meetings Attended by Select Board Members** None attended

**Public Comments** None

**Unfinished Business** None

**New Business**  
*Highway Department request for reimbursement of Chapter 90 funds and request for road work projects*  
Ron said the roads have been done since June of last year, but he has to wait for invoices to come in. The monies go back into the Chapter 90 fund. **On a motion from Bob to sign the forms to apply for Mass DOT state aid reimbursement in the amount of \$56,654.40 for East Guinea Road Chip-Seal, \$53,244.00 for Hoosac Road Chip-Seal, and \$88,162.32 for Main Poland Road Chip-Seal, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**On a motion from Erica to apply for Chapter 90 funding of \$61,920.00 for Cricket Hill Road, \$158,544.00 for South Shirkshire Road (to do drainage work and other maintenance), and \$37,800.00 for Mathews Road (for Chip-Seal) Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Discussion and vote on appointment of Randall Williams to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician position, Highway Department*  
**On a motion from Phil to appoint Randall Williams to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician position, currently with 20 hours for the Highway Department and 20 for the Police Department until July 1, 2022; then 28 with the Highway Department and 12 with the Police Department, Bob seconded all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Andrew Randazzo, Forest Ecologist with Mass Audubon: Discuss and vote to sign Rowe's MVP letter of support.*  
Josh Rapp gave some background about how Mass Audubon is working with the Town of Rowe on an MVP grant to help implement the forest stewardship climate plan. This would benefit Conway as we are a part of the MTWP region. Six other towns are also being solicited for their support. For the grant they think they have a match from the US Forest Service, but since Conway is so much further along, we would be a good fit for Rowe's plan. The proposal goes through Rowe, administration would be done by FRCOG. They are working with Rowe's Parks Commission member, Laurie Pike, and the Town Administrator. Heath is very interested, as are the Shelburne Falls Fire District, and possibly North Adams and Williamstown. Conway would be supporting Rowe's application. **On a motion from Erica for Phil as Selectboard Chair to sign Rowe's MVP letter of support, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Discuss and vote to sign Capital Strategic Solutions contract for ARPA consulting services.*

**On a motion from Erica to sign the Capital Strategic Solutions contract, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*Vote to close out CPA fund Articles 23 A. and B. as completed, minus the \$1,150 expended, from 6.5.21 Annual Town Meeting*

**On a motion from Erica to vote to close out CPA fund Articles 23 A. and B. as completed, minus the \$1,150 expended, from 6.5.21 Annual Town Meeting, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**6:30 Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee**

*Review warrant articles and vote out each article*

All warrant articles were reviewed and Selectboard recommendations for each article recorded.

**On a motion Erica from to close the warrant, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting**

None

**Town Administrator update**

• I had meetings with the Community and Economic Development committee last week, and they are currently reaching out to local businesses and interested in creating a calendar of community events to publish. I also met with the Finance Committee during their meeting to discuss and vote each monetary article. The Public Buildings Committee met with civil engineer Mark Beaudry of Civilworks New England to review the design plans and challenges associated with the proposed new public safety building. He will be sending a proposal to the committee for our review.

• April 30th is deadline for first ARPA report, which Jennifer Thompson of Capital Strategic Solutions has already created for the town.

• I received a call from a resident with two concerns to bring before the selectboard; the first is speeding on Bardwell's Ferry Road from Reeds Bridge straight up the hill, and the second is excessive littering on Station Road.

• I am happy to announce that the bench in honor of Ginny Knowlton, our former Town Clerk and Board of Health assistant, is now in place in front of the Town Hall. I forwarded pictures of the bench to her, and she seems very pleased.

**Select Board member comments/concerns**

None

**Mail Franklin Land Trust D2R2 fundraiser bike ride, August 20th, 2022**

The Selectboard briefly discussed the fundraiser.

**Announcements**

None

**Next Meeting**

May 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road

**Adjourn**

**At 7:55 p.m. on a motion from Phil to Adjourn, seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**