

**Minutes
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road**

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

Others Present: Paul Fenn, his wife and son, LocalPower.com; Alan Singer, Roy Cohen, Rhyanna McLeester, Finance Committee; Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Minutes	On a motion from Erica to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2022, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
Warrants	None
Meetings Attended by Select Board Members	Erica attended the FRCOG meeting presentation on their services; Bob had no meetings; Phil went on the forest walk and had a meeting with the pool committee.
Public Comments	Paul Fenn of LocalPower.com and two others approached the Selectboard about aggregating waste services throughout Franklin County. A question was asked about what they might provide the town that the Franklin County Solid Waste Management folks don't already.
Old Business	None
New Business 6:05 Joint meeting with Finance Committee	At 6:25 Alan called the joint meeting to order.
<i>Vote to reopen the warrant</i>	On a motion by Phil to reopen the warrant, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
<i>Vote to make revisions to the warrant</i>	On a motion from Alan to approve revisions to the warrant as follows: To increase Article 2, Line 330A Other Technical Schools to add in \$10,100 for special education expenses and to increase the amount of Article 29, C. from \$7,200 to \$21,000, Roy seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. \$15,000 was removed from Article 2, line 433, the transfer station budget, to bring the total budget increase down from 3.71% to 3.49%. On a motion from Phil to approve revisions to the warrant as above, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
<i>Vote to close the warrant</i>	On a motion by Phil to close the warrant, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. At 6:50 p.m. on a motion from Alan to adjourn the joint meeting, Roy seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting	On a motion from Phil to approve his signing, on behalf of the Selectboard, a letter of support for ARPA funds for the MVP flood resiliency project for \$34,300, of which 5,350 is in-kind work, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.
Town Administrator update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Town's first ARPA report was submitted on time April 30th and will not

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have to be done again for another year.

- Ron and I had a meeting with Nate from GZA to discuss the grant for Delabarre Avenue, and we should be able to get an extension on completing that pre-hazard mitigation slope stabilization project. Part of our delay is in researching how the procurement for the designer happened, which was done back in 2015 or 2016 and is therefore slightly problematic. Massachusetts procurement regulations are different from federal ones, and I'm still working on this research.
- The Board of Health wishes to continue the same opt-out plan as last year for mosquito control and I will create the draft plan to send to them for their review.
- Last week I met with the Finance Committee, the Community Preservation Committee and had a FRCOG webinar on state funding sources.
- On May 12th I will be attending the Human Resources 101 'Bootcamp' for training, put on by MMA.

**Select Board member
comments/concerns**

Eversource has been using a helicopter to trim tree-tops along the route from Pine Hill Road to the Buckland town line. A number of residents complained about the noise and the nature of the noise. Eversource had not sent any announcement prior to this work. The work will continue for the foreseeable future.

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*Keith Morris – Post-Emergent
Herbicide Application – May-
August*

The spraying will take place from Bardwells Ferry Bridge and the Railroad Bridge to Shelburne Falls. Erica asked if they would be spraying every day for the duration of the application period. **On a motion from Phil to sign a letter requesting Keith Morris to attend a selectboard meeting, Bob seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

May 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Adjourn

At 7:00 p.m. on a motion from Phil to adjourn, Bob seconded, all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.