



Town of Dublin
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Susan Peters, Chris Raymond, Carole Monroe, Judy Knapp, Maureen Hulslander-Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Cameron Cashman, reporter for the *Monadnock Ledger Transcript*.

Select Board reviewed payroll, accounts payable and the correspondence file.

CALL TO ORDER: Carole Monroe called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

1. **Abatements for signature**-The Town clerk presented a list of abatements; very small amounts of interest, some as small as \$.01 were on the lien list. Maureen stated that she could not waive these very small amounts of interest but the Board could abate them. De Minimis interest waiver authorizations will be included with the tax warrant twice yearly. Current abatements signed by the Board.
2. **Committee Appointments for 2024-**
 - Planning Board: The Board received the Planning Boards report that Don Primrose has been elected Chair and Francis McKenna elected vice-chair. The Board currently has two open positions for alternates and has recommended Katy Wardlaw to fill one of those positions. They also recommend Matt Saveliev to fill the position of secretary.
 - Conservation Commission: Jay Schechter, Chair, informed the Board that Maria Finnegan's term expired in 2024 and that she no longer wished to serve. Katie Featherston's term also expired in 2024, but she wishes to remain on the Commission. The Commission is recommending that Katy Wardlaw, currently an alternate, fill the vacant member slot with a term to end in 2027. Their secretary position will be filled by Brooke Sullivan.
 - Dublin Educational Advisory Committee: Jay Schechter, Chair, informed the Board that John Sistare has stepped down from serving on this committee and that he would like to meet with the Board at their convenience to discuss a replacement.

- Carole made a motion to appoint all people as recommended by the committees. Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.
3. **Vote for Select Board Chair and Committee Assignments-** Carole made a motion that Chris Raymond be appointed Chair of the Select Board, 2024-2025. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, abstained. Susan, yes. Carole, yes. Carole made a motion to rotate committee assignments with Chris/Planning Board, Susan/Budget and Carole/Con Com. Further discussion allowed Chris to voice his concern about the “appearance of conflict” considering his partner is an alternate on the Planning Board. Discussion ensued. Susan will be the Select Board alternate to the Planning Board. The Board will rotate committee representation if that becomes an issue, Chris and Carole would change positions. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.
 4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2024-** Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
 5. **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2024-** Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as written and that they remain sealed. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
 6. **Building Permits-** signed by the Board
 - Map 8 Lot 37 Sub F 27 Greenwood Road
 - Map 4 Lot 34 Sub B 140 Goldmine Road
 - Map 8 Lot 33 Sub C 53 Brush Brook RoadFor the Brush Brook Road permit: original permit shows that the garage would be 5-feet into the wetland buffer. Chris called the owner, during the meeting-witnessed by all present- to let the owner know that he could move the building 5-feet, not encroaching on wetlands and the Board would sign. He could alternately, hold to the submitted plan and the Board would not sign and that he, the owner, would have to go before the Planning Board for a waiver. Owner agreed to move the building 5-feet clearing all wetland buffers.
 7. **Timber Warrant-** signed by the Board
 - Map 1 Lot 1 Old Troy Road
 8. **Vote to Unseal a Set of Non-Public Minutes for the limited purpose of Legal Advice-** Chris made a motion to unseal the minutes of January 29, 2024 for legal review. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
 9. **Current Use Application-** signed by the Board
 - Map 13 Lot 7 and 7-A
 10. **Code Enforcement-**several properties have been presented to the Board in violation of Town ordinances

- Avenues of Recovery Sign-The Planning Board has notified the corporation of their non-compliance and requests enforcement of the ordinance.
- Halliday Real Estate sign at the intersection of Rt 101 and Upper Jaffery Road
- Residential occupancy at Business zoned property at 1459 Main Street
- Discussion concerning “temporary banner/flags/waving” signs on 13 Main Street. The Board will ask the Planning Board to clarify/redefine the language of the ordinance due to new signage technology since the ordinance was developed and to advise the Board.

Miscellaneous:

- Street Light Funding- Susan reached out to Jack Paloucek. Funds may be available under NH Saves.
- Chris spoke to a resident about the possibility of welfare reimbursement from the Trust Fund Account. The details of the trust will be brought to a future meeting.
- April 30th, the State Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut, will speak about various town education models at 6:00 p.m. in the conference area of the Library.
- Discussion about the ConVal Feasibility Study regarding representation. Discussion ensued about the representative for the Select Board.
- Warrant for Post Office Repair: First step would be to have Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Borden, outline the project scope. Chris will meet with him to review the project and then a Request For Proposal will be issued.
- April 3rd: Dublin will meet with the other three towns which were recommended for school closure to discuss the minority report and other aspects of the education meetings.
- Energy Committee met with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission which supporting the study of brownfield solar array sites such as capped landfills. Grant money may be available. Susan is looking into this as well as possible grants available for smaller solar array projects as suggested for the roof on the Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Carole made a motion to adjourn 6:05 pm. Chris seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller and Pamela J. Celko

Carole Monroe (Chair)

Susan Peters

Chris Raymond