



Town of Dublin  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, February 5, 2024

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, Chris Raymond, Judy Knapp, Don Primrose, Jay Schechter, Jerry Branch, Steve Baldwin, Roger Trempe, June Brening, Maureen Hulslander, Geoff Pinney, Brooke and Rob Sullivan

Select Board reviewed the correspondence file.

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

#### SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

1. **Conservation Commission-sediment runoff for discussion-** Jay Schechter, chair of the Conservation Commission, said that storm-water management is a critical subject especially considering the changing weather patterns of rainfall. Photos of Pierce Road were shown to the Select Board and they also viewed a video showing runoff into Dublin Lake by the boat ramp. All culverts near the lake allow the runoff to drain into the lake. Some of the culverts allow the water to be held in a basin so sediment can settle before it drains into the lake, but not all are designed that way. The Board supports finding a solution to the problem but acknowledges improvements are expensive. There may be grants available to offset costs. Currently the State is changing the regulations governing the size of culverts. If enacted, there may be State funds available. The Board suggests compiling a list of problematic areas and prioritizing urgency as well as researching available grants.
2. **Dublin Educational Advisory Committee-** The Committee is looking at what is best for the children's education and wellbeing plus the financial future of the Town. Dublin currently has 137 children enrolled in the ConVal School District and contributes close to five million dollars yearly to the school budget. Geoff Pinney question what the mission statement of the committee is and was told that one has not been determined since the committee has not had their first meeting. The Select Board formed this committee to look forward and examine all possibilities in determining the best avenue for educating our children in the future. Carole made a motion to appoint Andy Freeman, Andy Hungerford, Bill Gurney, Peter Imhoff, Jesse Marcum and John Sistare to the Educational Advisory Committee as recommended by Jay. Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes. The committee's first meeting will be Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the basement of Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

3. **Payment Plans Questions-** Steve Baldwin brought to the attention of the Select Board that several local companies -Monadnock Holdings, CLR Enterprises LLC and CRBM Main Street LLC-owe back taxes. He questioned if members of the Board had the right to evaluate the merits of payment plans for residents. Susan explained that the Town's Conflict of Interest Policy states that any member of any Board or Committee recuse themselves if the subject of a discussion benefits them in any manner including financially or personally and that this policy is strictly followed.
4. **Final review of budget** – Final changes/clarifications were discussed. Warrant Articles were reviewed and amended as needed. Carole made a motion to approve the Expenditure and Revenue Budget and Warrants as amended. Chris seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Carole, yes. Chris, yes.
5. **Library Trustee Appointment-** Carole made a motion to approve Charlie O'Riordan as a Library Trustee Alternate as recommended by Chris Sprague, Trustee Chair. Chris Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Carole, yes. Chris, yes.
6. **Approval of the Minutes of January 29, 2024-** Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Susan seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Carole, yes. Chris, yes.
7. **Approval of the Non-Public Minutes of January 29, 2024, Two Sets -** Susan made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written and that they both remained sealed. Chris seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Carole, abstained. Chris, yes.
8. **Miscellaneous:**
  - Three Library Trustees positions are open this year. Two positions will be filled in the election and the remaining opening will be appointed for one year.
  - The Select Board Members each received a questionnaire from the Auditors and have responded.
  - The Charter Cable franchise contract is still under legal review.
  - The Select Board, Department of Revenue Administration and Avitar will meet Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30.
  - An email was received from Meredith Martin stating that she will finish her term on the Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee but will not serve another term. Meredith has served for many years on this committee and the Select Board thanks her for her involvement.
  - Dublin's Right to Know request was sent to the ConVal School District and it is in legal review.
  - The School Board is holding a deliberative session on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Their Warrant can be amended, but it cannot be eliminated or have the intent changed.
  - Town Legal Counsel, Matt Serge replied to a question about debt liability for the ConVal School District citing RSA 195:27.

- Chris gave a report of how many residents used the Transfer Station over the weekend. Highway has been covering and Monadnock Disposal Service will provide additional coverage when needed.
- The ConVal enrollment report was received with 137 students.
- Construction has begun in Town Hall's basement.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Carole made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:42pm. Chris seconded.

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

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Carole Monroe (Chair)

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Susan Peters

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Chris Raymond