



Town of Dublin
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Susan Peters, Chris Raymond, Carole Monroe, Judy Knapp, Roger Trempe, Road Agent, Tim Suokko, Chief of Police and Kathy Nichols, reporting for the *Monadnock Ledger Transcript*.

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

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

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Highway Department Update-** Roger reports that the Town's Spring clean-up has begun along with the Department's 4 day/10 hour work week. They are cleaning up brush and fallen trees plus rough-grading gravel roads. After several minor repairs on equipment, all equipment is working well. Street sweeping will begin tomorrow and the Department is looking to stripe Town parking lots. The town of Nelson has offered the use of their crack-sealing machine; Roger plans on trying it out on the parking lots. Roger has been unable to contact the company which has been supplying the liquid product that minimizes dust on dirt roads; he will look for comparable products. Radios in trucks have been exchanged with the old Fire Department radios and the old truck radios have been put in equipment vehicles allowing full communication. A base station is being set up in the Highway barn. Because of the mild winter, the Department is already anticipating lower needs for sand and salt under the 2024 budget. Roger has received two bids for the paving Warrant Article which passed at the Town Meeting for Page and Goldmine Roads and possibly Forbush Road. Work will be scheduled sometime in July, after school is out for the summer. Although the bid process is still open until the 26th, Chris made a motion to accept Arlington Paving's bid at \$95 per ton providing no other bids arrive before the bidding period ends. Carole seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Carole, yes. Chris, yes. Discussion ensued concerning needed repairs to a headwall on the north side of Dublin Lake. Since the headwall is for a bridge, repairs can be paid for with the State Bridge money the Town has received. Part of the bridge money has been allocated for repairs on Upper Jaffrey Road. Roger will investigate the full scope of the project and report back to the Select Board.

- 2. Police Department Update-** Chief Tim Suokko presented the Board with a list of department activity noting that most activity is due to motor vehicle violations. Tim stated that the new prosecutor was doing well and although we have a year-contract, he anticipates this arrangement to be long-term. The Department has organized several educational events for schools, focusing on safety. The officers have been participating in State sponsored training courses for Police Departments. The new digital speeding signs are in operation and have been very helpful, especially since pertinent information can be displayed to inform drivers of potential problems. This Saturday the Department offers the Drug-Take-back program from 10:00am-2:00pm. Tim reminded the Board of the Police Department's ongoing air conditioner issues. They hope to keep it up and running this year but will probably need to present a warrant article for a new system in next year's budget. Tim is currently getting quotes. Discussion ensued about advantages/disadvantages of leasing police cruisers.
- 3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2024-** Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
- 4. Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2024-** Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as written and that they remain sealed. Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
- 5. Appointments for 2024 Committee Assignments-**
 - Carole made a motion to appoint the following Town employees to the Joint Loss Management Committee for a one-year term: Tom Vanderbilt and Kate Fuller as Co-Chairs, Mike Borden, Tim Suokko, Roger Trempe, David Stone and John McManus. Chris seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes, Carole, yes.
 - Jay Schechter, Chair of the Conservation Commission, recommended Jonathan Morgan as an alternate with a term of three years to the committee. Chris made a motion to accept Jay's recommendation of appointing Jonathan Morgan as an alternate for ConCom to a term ending in 2027. Carole seconded. Roll Call Vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes, Carole, yes.
- 6. Confirm Feasibility Study Appointee-** Chris made a motion to appoint Carole as the Select Board Representative for this study. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, abstained.
- 7. Report of Excavation-**signed by the Board
 - Map 7 Lot 39 B/G
- 8. Current Use Application-**signed by the Board
 - Map 6 Lot 47
- 9. Building Permit-** not signed by the Board-plot plan required
 - Map 4 Lot 45 Sub B 69 Dooe Road

10. Intent to Cut Permits- signed by the Board

- Map 2 Lot 4 Learned and Close Roads
- Map 8 Lot 50 and 50B 433 Brush Brook Road

11. Miscellaneous:

- Energy Committee met with the Southwest Planning Commission which is studying ground field 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. Committee members will be confirmed at an upcoming Select Board meeting.
- Open Enrollment for Health Insurance is coming up.

Non-Public Session- Chris made a motion to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 5:30 pm. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the non-public meeting and reenter public session at 6:36 pm and to seal the minutes. Carole seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chris made a motion to adjourn 6:40 pm. Carole seconded.

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

Chris Raymond (Chair)

Susan Peters

Carole Monroe