

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

Present: William O. Young-Chair, George Spear-Vice Chair, Stephen S. Tarleton – Road Commissioner, Melissa Spear-Treasurer, Nancy Robinson-Clerk, Victoria Young-Administrative Assistant/Lister

Visitors: Gloria martin, Greg Robinson, Bruce Maxham & Charles Shackleton - BACF

Zoom: Diane Martin, Dennis & Joan Wideman

Executive Session – Legal- Per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(2) If needed. None needed.

Call to Order: William called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

- ** Additions/Changes to Agenda: Change Charlie to first because he has a meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: December 19, 2023, January 02, 2024, Budget Workshop – The Board reviewed – William made a motion to accept the minutes as written – seconded by Steve – motion passed.

Highway Report: Updates: Holiday Farm Bridge will be done soon.

- Salt Shed - Pete Fellowes – TRORPC-Pete sent an email to Vicky that “the Town did get approved for the State to cover the rest of the design and our (TRORPC) costs through the MTAP- Agency of Admin. That is another 50k or so. Also, the additional Grant should come through in late February. Almost 500k off the remaining 800k or so.” The Board decided to have more discussion next week at the Budget meeting for Highway.
- Bids – Camp-Pearsons RD-On Hold until Spring
- Crown Point Excavation, LLC –Debris Cleanup-River Road- Not needed as the Town applied for Permits to burn the debris in place. Permission has been granted by the property owner as well.

Treasurer’s File:

- AP Warrant #24-11 – Cks #2798-#2803 & AP Cks #21028-#21061
- Payroll –December 2023- E-Cks #5113-#5123 & Cks #3862-#3885

The Board reviewed the Warrants and signed both.

Clerk’s File:

*Excess Weight Permits for Able Waste Management & North Star Rubbish Removal- The Board signed.

*Notice of Public Hearing for Draft Town Plan for Stockbridge

*Reminder to Selectboard of BCA meeting scheduled for January 10, 2024, at 4:30 pm

Lister Updates: Sales Study Results - Vicky reported that we had received our Notice of the 2023 Sales Study results. The CLA (Common Levels of Appraisal) is 74.32 (previous year was 81.15) & the COD (coefficient of dispersion) is 31.12 (previous year was 27.44) Results are based on a 3-year lookback of sales. The results are not a surprise – and we will be having our Statistical Market Update this Spring to bring our numbers back up to what they need to be.

New Business:

- BACF Lease – Charlie Shackleton came to discuss the new Lease being prepared and reviewed by their lawyer and the Town’s lawyer. The holidays caused a delay in getting the Lease ready to sign tonight. Both lawyers worked on it yesterday and today – but it still needs finishing. We will move signing it to the January 16, 2024, meeting next week if everything is good to go by then.
- Charlie also reported that the Community Center would not be ready to use for Town Meeting at this time - so he has spoken with Bruce Maxham about being able to park the Firetrucks in the old fire station on Town Meeting Day so that the Fire Station could be used for Town Meeting in March.

Old / Other Business:

- Southgate House Plumbing -William has not heard back from the Plumbers that he contacted. Rick Pratte would do the work-but is busy. Will continue to try to get someone to do the work as soon as we can.
- Melissa reported that she had been trying to contact Lawrence & Lober – about the job to the Generator Panel Transfer Switch in the basement. So far- no word from them.

Next Regular Meeting: January 23, 2024 –Budget Workshop next week on the 16th.

Visitors: None

Adjourn: Willaim made a motion to adjourn at 4%0 p.m. - Seconded by Steve- motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young

Administrative Assistant