

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**  
**SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

**August 15, 2023**

**Present:** William O. Young, George Spear, Steve S. Tarleton – Board, Melissa Spear – Treasurer, Nancy Robinson – Clerk & Victoria Young – Administrative Assistant/Lister

**Visitors:** Cindy Ansardy, Greg Robinson, Bruce Maxham, Lynne Bertram, Tammy Wardwell, Deb Ogden, David & Sherry Whitney, Owen Astbury, Greg Jenne, Anthony & Vicki Scalzilli, Rob & Jen Guptill

**Zoom:** Diane Martin, Dennis & Joan Wideman

Executive Session – William called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. William made a motion to go into executive session for Personnel – per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3) with Vicky staying - seconded by Steve – motion passed.

Out of executive session at 4:30 p.m.- The Board will advertise for the Road Foreman position as Randy's last day is August 31, 2023.

**Call to Order:** William called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

- \*\* Additions/Changes to Agenda: VHB Contract (Landfill Testing/Monitoring) The Board signed the 1-year Contract for the Landfill testing in October 2023. The new contract price includes testing which in previous years was billed separately. Total Contract price is: \$6,005.00 - \$3,160.00 Labor & \$2,845.00 Expenses. (Clerk items were moved to Clerk time)

**Minutes:**

Regular Meeting July 18, 2023, Special Meeting August 01, 2023, & Emergency Meeting August 9, 2023. William made a motion to accept all minutes- seconded by Steve – motion passed.

**Highway Report:** Updates:

- Review/Finalize Markowski's numbers on sites 1,2,3. - The Board accepted the Markowski bids including materials as was discussed on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Jenne Bridge bid that was accepted at \$190,501.00 has been reduced to \$185,420.00. Went from a solid beam to a voided box beam.
- Highway Access Permit –Work in right-of way - #1344 Green Gate Rd – Rogerson-The Board signed Notice to proceed.
- Discussion of weekly meeting to review and award bids. - The Board decided to hold weekly Special meetings for FEMA every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. until no longer needed – not including the Regular warned meetings normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

**Treasurer's File:**

- Expense Warrant #24-02 – Cks #20672-20744, E-checks #2749-2756 –The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant.

- Payroll Order Sheet July 2023 Cks #5055-5063, Cks #3753-3772 – The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant.
- Discussion on temporary office help for FEMA documentation and reporting- Melissa reported that Digger has been helping and that Laurie Scott from Stockbridge came in today. She was the Town Clerk/Treasurer during TS Irene and other flooding experiences and is knowledgeable with the FEMA process. Melissa would like the Board to hire Laurie at \$30.00 per hour for one 8-hour day per week for as long as needed. William made a motion to hire Laurie Scott at \$30.00 per hour as a temporary hire - seconded by George. Motion passed.

**Clerk's File:**

- Catering Permit(s) for Woodbelly Pizza for 8/19/2023 – Holiday Farm Wedding Reception
- Trail Break Tap & Taco's (wedding event at 3 Gold Coast RD on August 22, 2023
- P.A. Reid for Vermont Comedy Festival 8/24/2023 Mill
- 46 Depot Street Annex/Stemwinder 9/9/2023 Wedding Reception at 716 Cox District Rd
- Catering Permit –Trail Break Tap & Taco's (wedding event at 3 Gold Coast RD on August 22, 2023
- Excess Weight Permits for Jeff Grindlay, Mark Johnson, Langford Trucking LLC & JFG Enterprises LLC

The Board approved the Catering Permits and signed the Overweight Permits.

**Lister Updates:** Vicky updated that the Data Quality Study is underway - 30 random properties were included in the Study. We are now waiting for the Vision company to finish the process to see if we can have a Statistical Market Update or a full Reappraisal in the coming year.

**New Business: State Conversationist Natural Resources Conservation Service** – The Board signed a Letter of Request for EWP Assistance. By Sending this request it will open the door for assistance for people whose yard is falling into the stream so much so that their house or well or leach field could be in danger of being washed out in subsequent storms. There is no cost to the Town – except making sure that the landowner cares for the bank stabilization work.

**Old / Other Business:** None

Next Regular Meeting September 12, 2023

**Visitors:** Greg Jenne asked the Board about posting a list of the Road Names and status of the roads. General discussion of communicating with people about the roads. The weekly meetings will help with getting the information as to where work is being done. David & Sherry Whitney asked about Wayside Road – they are having a new bridge constructed and delivered mid-September and need to know that Wayside Road would be repaired by then to get two semi-trucks in to bring the new bridge. Steve said that he believes that Wayside Road should be getting work done next week. He will check on that and make sure that it is ready in time for their bridge work.

**Adjourn:** William made a motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. seconded by Steve - motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young

Administrative Assistant