

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 01, 2023

Location: 45 Southgate Loop – Selectboard Room

Present: William O. Young, George Spear, Stephen S. Tarleton – Board, Melissa Tarleton – Treasurer, Victoria Young - Administrative Assistant

Visitors: Lynne Bertram, Bruce Maxham, Linda O’Neil, Pauline Carr, Gloria Martin, Cindy Ansardy, Tammy Wardwell, Greg Robinson, Phil (Digger) Winsor & Nancy Robinson

Zoom: Diane Martin, Julie Melendy, Dennis & Joan Wideman, Sandra Sawyer, Donna Williamson, Wendy Jenne X2, Carrie Bivins, Geoff Eckler, Peter Berdon & Anna Spaulding

Call to Order: William called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

- ** Additions/Changes to Agenda: None

Executive Session – Personnel Per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3) William made a motion to enter executive session with Melissa & Vicky included. Seconded by George. Motion passed.

Out of executive session at 4:43 pm –Steve made a motion for Randy Kennedy to get a .76 raise retroactive to July 1, 2023 - seconded by George – motion passed. Steve made a motion to increase Eugene Westney’s pay to \$30.00 per hour – retroactive to July 1, 2023 – seconded by William – motion passed.

Treasurer – FEMA help – Melissa reported that VTrans had sent three gentlemen to assist the town with GPS and road job sites. They will be coming back to help organize folders and upload the information into the Grant Portal. And Chris Bumps from VTrans is arranging to have two temporary bridges, one for the Holiday Farm and one for the Jenne Road bridges while we wait for bids on the permanent replacement. Melissa would like one of the Board members to sign off on the Contractors invoices so that we can get them paid. William made a motion for Steve to approve the invoices to be paid. Seconded by George – motion passed.

Melissa said that Vicky will be helping her with FEMA paperwork and Digger also offered to help one day a week. He will be here on the 14th. Digger was thanked for offering his assistance. Lynne asked when the FEMA representative will be here- and Melissa said that first she needs to login into the Grant Portal and could not get in without the login information. Will try again tomorrow.

Visitors: Lynne Bertram said that Olmstead's have done a fabulous job on the North Bridgewater Road and asked about putting bigger culverts in place when repairs are done. William stated that we are only allowed by FEMA to put one-size bigger in for replacements of which we will do. If we replace it more than one-size bigger- the cost will be on the town –not FEMA reimbursable.

General discussion and questions ensued. The Board is waiting for more guidance from FEMA.

Adjourn: William made a motion to adjourn at 5:16 pm, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young, Administrative Assistant