

Weybridge Selectboard Meeting
Town Office
August 1, 2023

Present: Alyth Hescock, Megan Sutton, Matt Broughton, Stacey Rainey, Kelly Flynn, Charlie Jordan, Bill Mayers, Brenda Jaring.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Appraisal Alyth Hescock – Introductions, Alyth talks about other Towns he works for and his background. Explanation of reappraisal, for the 2025 Town reappraisal. Inspections, field work, schedules, tables, notices sent out. Recommends a reappraisal every 6 years. There will not be paper files, only online and print outs. Alyth will send an estimate for reappraisal. Kelly makes a motion to hire Alyth Hescock as our Town Assessor & to do the Town Reappraisal for 2025. Stacey Second. Unanimous.
3. Comments & Questions – Road closures due to the rainstorms, Sheriff Department Patrolling closed roads and giving tickets as commuters just driving through high water. Mike Winslow will be our project manager for Quaker Village Road Slide. The State of Vermont purposed parking lot going in on the end of Cave Road will create easier access to Caves. Flashing speed signs are being investigated as Town could use a few more.
4. Highway Business – Route 23 flooded, Thompson Hill, Prunier Road, Lemon Fair completely closed due to culvert failure. Jersey barriers have been placed. The Sheriff's Department handed out \$250.00 tickets to people driving through closed roads. 5 tickets in 20 minutes. Grading is being done and new gravel is also being spread. 40 loads of products have been placed on Bittersweet Falls Road. It is in rough shape. Roadside mowing will be done before Field Days Starts. Chip Sealing Cave Road & Prunier Road. Line stripping will be done once paving is completed. Invoice submitted to insurance for review for the electrical box that was torn off the garage this past winter from storms.
5. Tax Rate – Discussion on setting the Tax Rate, some changes. Stacey makes a motion to approve the 23/24 tax rate at the amount of 0.4576, Selectboard agrees to seek clarity of the excess budget of past years. Charlie Second. Unanimous.
6. Office update – Discussion of pre-buy of propane from Fyles for heating office & garage. The board agrees it's a good rate and to move forward. A new heat pump is to be installed tomorrow in the Town Office. Fire Dept Cd is now in place, 7- month certificate at the rate of 4.08%.
7. Town Reappraisal Recap – Talked about with Line #2.
8. Act on Bills – Stacey makes a motion to approve the bills as presented except for the payment to Adam Powers. Bill Second. Unanimous.
9. Personnel – Executive Session – Kelly makes a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:39 PM to review personnel files. Stacey Second. Executive Session finished at 10:24 PM. Kelly makes a motion to make a cost-of-living raise of 7% back dated to July 2023 pay. The board will also investigate the VMERS retirement that was not paid from 8/3/ 2015 – 7/2/2019. Work together to put personnel files together, 2-week vacation policy for each employee. Stacey Second. Unanimous.
10. Stacey makes a motion to accept minutes corrected. Second Bill. Unanimous.
11. Other Business - Dog Ordinance, there has not been any feedback. ARPA funds – few questions, fix Town Buildings. The board presented the signed reimbursement contract for Goose Neck Bend. Matt Brown & Peter Kellerman are using the Town Library to paint in.

12. Adjourn – Stacey makes motion to adjourn. Charlie Second at 10:41 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Jaring- Town Clerk