

Town of Sullivan, NH
Board of Selectmen
Approved Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023
Sullivan Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Jakway, Chair; Paul Bolduc

Staff: Kathleen Rowe, Administrative Assistant

Department Heads: Todd Smith, Highway; Leslie Casey, Planning Board

Public: Nora Hanke, JB Mack - Monadnock Sustainability Hub, SWRCP

A. CALL TO ORDER: Dave called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Paul, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 public meeting as written, all aye.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Dave, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 non-public meeting (legal) as written, all aye.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Dave, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 non-public meeting (personnel) as written, all aye.

B. Public: Nora Hanke, Program Manager of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub presented the Community Power planning program. MSH is a non-profit, volunteer program whose goal is “To lower our regional carbon footprint and make our communities resilient in the decades to come, we aspire to have our region meet all of its electricity needs with renewable energy by 2030, and all of its heating and transportation needs with renewable energy by 2050.”

Community power represents a key portion of this goal; the presentation is a blueprint for research and implementation, should a town body (Town Meeting) determine to move forward with a commitment to community power. Ms. Hanke noted that residents would have the option of opting out of a community power program and retain their current service providers – at any time - should a Town Meeting vote to adopt community power.

Additionally, Cheshire County is also working on a community power plan that could aggregate towns under one plan.

The Board unanimously agreed that the Town should do further research regarding the program; Tom Scherpa and Wendy Byrne will propose a committee of 3-5 individuals to do this work and report back to the Selectmen for approval.

C. SELECTMEN’S BUSINESS

1. Leslie Casey presented the Sullivan Housing Task Force Charter for the Selectmen’s consideration for adoption. Adoption of the charter will allow the Planning Board to create a committee to move forward in

revising the housing portion of Sullivan's Master Plan. Terms will be 3 years (or until the committee is "sunsetting" by the Board, if sooner). After review and discussion, on a motion by Dave, seconded by Paul the Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the Charter and form the task force.

2. Signed: Appointments to the Sullivan Housing Task Force for 3 year terms:

Paul Bolduc (Selectmen's representative)

Leslie Casey

Wendy Pelletier

Gaynelle Pratt

Brad Smith

3. Leslie noted that appointments for the Planning Board do not appear to be correct in the Town Clerk's records; she will work with the Town Clerk and Becky Cummings to resolve.

4. Todd Smith presented an RFP for a special project for paving Church Street in 2023, noting that asphalt pricing may have come down to where this is feasible to complete this project. Selectmen approved the RFP; these will be sent out this week.

Todd noted that if there are sufficient funds available at the end of special projects, it could be possible to reclaim approximately 3100 ft of Valley Road in anticipation of paving in the future.

5. Todd presented three bids for calcium chloride for use in 2023; the contract was awarded to Innovation Surface Solutions for 3000 gallons @ \$1.18/gallon. ISS was the lowest bid of the three.

Signed: Treasurer's Report to the Selectmen for March 2023.

Signed: Payroll, vendors and purchase orders

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Paul, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting for personnel issues at 8:48 PM.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Dave, the Board voted unanimously to return to the Public Meeting at 8:56 PM.

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Paul, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting for legal issues at 8:58 PM.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Dave, the Board voted unanimously to return to the Public Meeting at 9:10 PM.

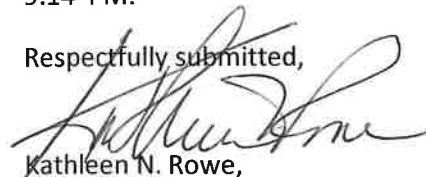
D. Miscellaneous

- The Selectmen regretfully accepted Marsha Cook's resignation from the Board of Selectmen. On behalf of the Board and the Town, the Selectmen express their thanks to Marsha for her concern and care for the residents of Sullivan and for the Town as an entity. Her work on the Board has been both impartial and consequential; Marsha's willingness to approach any project of benefit to Sullivan with enthusiasm, diligence and optimism will be greatly missed.
- The next Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM

E. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Paul and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen N. Rowe,
Administrative Assistant