

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18,2023
6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order by Kurt Youland at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri and Kurt Schaub.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
3. **New Business: 3-1: Town Office – Christmas Hours:** Due to being closed for three days due to power outages, the office will not close early on Friday, December 22nd for the office party. **3-2: Planning Board Ordinance Amendments:** Board provided a copy of this year’s Zoning Ordinance amendments proposed by the Planning Board. There will be a Public Hearing on them on Wednesday, January 17th. The first two sets of Amendments would implement new standards for commercial solar farms, and the second is to bring the ordinance in line with new provisions to encourage the development of affordable housing. The Planning Board hopes to hear constructive comments on the solar amendments so that they might shape the standards to the public’s liking. **3-3: Planner Contract Renewal:** Renewal contract for planning services provided by North Star Planning. Basic provisions are unchanged. The Planning Board and applicants are pleased with North Star’s services. **Motion and second to approve renewal contract with North Star, unanimous vote.**
4. **Old Business:** None
5. **Regular Reports: 5-1: Highway Manager:** All looks good **5-2: Code Enforcement Officer:** All looks good. **5-3: Town Manager: 5-3a: Town Meeting:** Need to set date for the Town Meeting. Clint Boothby is available to moderate on both April 6th and 13th, though he would prefer April 6th. **Motion and second to set Town Meeting date for April 6, 2024, at the LAHS Cafeteria, unanimous vote.** **5-3b: Budget:** Town Manager, Kurt Schaub asked the board to let him know if there were any specific requests, they would like to include in the draft budget that will be presented to the Budget Committee in early January. The board will be visiting the BQMC to see what they would like to put in the budget for the BQMC improvements. **5-3c: Pending Foreclosures:** At this time, there are eight properties eligible for foreclosure on December 31st.
6. **Consent Agenda:** There are two abatements pending, the first is to reflect a reduction in acreage, and the second is for a nonexistent lot. As for the latter, the assessing record should have been deleted several years ago but somehow remained on the books. There was no cover sheet for Warrant 46-51 due to no power at office, **Motion and second to approve the consent agenda with Warrants 46-51, unanimous vote.**
7. **Executive Session: Legal pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) – Enforcement Action:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 7:15pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:20pm.

8. Adjournment: Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:20pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC**