

Draft Minutes

MAIDSTONE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, both in person at Town Hall and by Zoom Video Conference

Members Present in Town Hall (in-person): Scott Lovell, Chair and Bruno McKenzie

Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Brad McVetty, Amy Pear, Bob Champagne-Willis, Sam Graham and Sandra Gray.

Also Present via Zoom: Mary Von Alt, Linwood Mixer, Sam and Carol Gorham, Laurie Snowman, Preston Horton, Burt Kline, Marianne Bouthilliar, Lisa & Paul Plourde, Bonnie Lovell, Norman Cohen and Bob Harnish

Chairman Scott Lovell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVE MINUTES

Bruno made a motion to accept January 6, 2025, Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Bruno made a motion to accept January 13, 2025, Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes as amended. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Bruno made a motion to accept January 27, 2025, Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

SELECTBOARD:

- **Discuss and Act upon appointing an Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard –**
There's been no interest in this position.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Nothing much to report. Everything is going smoothly according to Jason. Linwood stated kudos to Jason on the snow removal in a timely fashion.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Office has been extremely busy with the election and the Town Reports. All postings have been done and progressing through everything else.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

There is not a budget to actual because the budget has not been approved by the Voters.

The warrant is on the signing desk to be signed.

REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Not much to report, not a lot of activity but still progressing.

REPORT FROM LISTERS

The Listers asked the Selectboard to challenge the CLA Equalization Study and are waiting to hear from the tax department. As of tomorrow, we can sign off on the 2024 Grand List. This will be added to the next Selectboard agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discuss and Act upon Declaration of Inclusion** – There was a lot of discussion on this subject with questions and concerns as well as reasons to accept this declaration. Please see the zoom link for all details discussed. Scott made a motion to not accept the Declaration of Inclusion. Bruno seconded the motion. Two voted in favor and one voted not in favor. The motion passed.
- **FEMA/Flood map/National Flood Insurance Plan** – There was a short discussion for the town to join the National Flood Insurance Program through FEMA. It would be a benefit to people with homes located in areas of possible flooding, determined by the FEMA Flood Map. If the town joins the National Flood Insurance Program the town is eligible for a higher percentage rate in a declared federal disaster from the State of Vermont. Brad will check with FEMA about what it covers and the percentage increase the town may be eligible for.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sandra would like to do a blood pressure clinic on Town Meeting Day. The Selectboard agreed with her to provide this service to the town.

Amy left the Flag Policy on the signing table for the Selectboard. Information on the Silver Star Family has been given to the Selectboard. May 1st is the official Silver Star Family Day. This will be on the next Selectboard agenda.

ADJOURN: The business of the meeting concluded. Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting for February 3, 2025; Bruno seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.