

## MAIDSTONE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:00 PM

Meeting in person at Town Hall and Zoom Video Conference

**Members present in Town Hall:** Scott Lovell, Chair, Bruno McKenzie, Brad McVetty and Martha Rylander

**Town Officials and Staff present via Zoom:** Amy Pear, Bob Champagne-Willis, Sam Graham, Sandra Gray and Bruce Baker

**Also present via Zoom:** Linwood Mixer, Bonnie Lovell, Burt Kline, Jan Barker and John Kascenska

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

### APPROVE MINUTES

Scott Lovell made a motion to accept the December 9, 2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Brad McVetty seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### SELECTBOARD:

#### **Discuss and act upon appointing an Administrative Assistance to the Board**

Scott Lovell made a motion to appoint Martha Rylander as Administrative Assistant to the selectboard. Bruno McKenzie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Nothing to report. All the grants are good until next year.

### REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Update about activities of the Town Clerk's Office

Amy is working on the annual Town Report and the Town Meeting. Consent forms are in the town hall and will be online Thursday.

VLCT sent out several emails regarding a new ethics law that passed on January 1, 2025. This may require work to be done. Amy will let the board know what the law entails. Scott and Amy will work on this. We will need something on the website for the process to take if anyone believes posting of meetings were not correct.

LEMP emails going around on new requirements. Brad as the EMD will stop and pick up information from Amy.

Dog licenses are available from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The price has increased by \$2.00

VTBGS (Vermont building and ground services) regarding flag services as to when to lower the flag.

Amy requested the bulletin board area on the Lake Road to be plowed. Bruno McKenzie offered to do it.

There have been several calls concerning the inconsistency on trash pickup. Amy has been in touch with Dottie Hodgdon.

#### **REPORT FROM TREASURER**

**Budget to Actual**-Nothing extraordinary to report. The budget will be finalized on Thursday. We budgeted \$311,000 in expenses and we have \$304,000.

**Selectboard Warrant**-Warrant is on the signing desk to be signed.

#### **REPORT FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Not a lot of activity. For 2023 there is \$7,605 in delinquent taxes. Currently preparing the delinquent tax report required for town records by January 15.

#### **REPORT FROM THE LISTERS**

Equalization study has been finalized. CLA is 103.69 compared to last year's 113. Bob would like to add challenging the CLA to next special meeting. He has 35 days from December 26, 2024 to challenge it. The COD is 9.34. The grand list will need to be put on the next agenda as well to sign off and close it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss and act upon maintenance and paying from ARPA funds and/or**

**Relocation of funds**-The desk has been purchased and installed. Bob feels the best place for this money is in the Reserve Account.

**Discuss and act upon flooring**-We only received one bid from Carpet Connection. There was some discussion on options they recommended. Bruno made a motion to accept the bid from Carpet Connection for 8,039.00. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and Act Upon the Budget (2025)**- Monday, January 13 at 6:00 PM will be a special Selectboard meeting to discuss the Town Budget for 2025.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There is a box in the town office for people to dispose of tattered flags so they are disposed of in the proper way.

#### **ADJOURN:**

All business concluded. Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bruno seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

