

Minutes

MAIDSTONE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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, Bruno McKenzie, Brad McVetty and Skip Rylander.

Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Town Clerk Amy Pear; Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector, Lister, Zoning Board and Planning Commission member Bob Champagne-Willis; Assistant Town Clerk Sam Graham; Lister, Auditor and Health Officer Sandra Gray; Zoning and Planning Commission member Paul Kamins; Zoning and Planning Commission member Raymond Lovell.

Also Present via Zoom: Mary Von Alt, Linwood Mixer, Sam and Carol Gorham, Laurie Snowman, Bonnie Lovell, Norman Cohen, Barbara Noyes Pulling, Allison Lowe.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Brad made a motion to accept the November 4, 2024, Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Bruno seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

SELECTBOARD:

- **Vermont Declaration of Inclusive Initiative (Norman Cohen)** – Norman read the declaration of inclusion. He also gave some history of the declaration which can be heard on the zoom call by requesting it from Amy Pear or on the Town of Maidstone's website. There are 157 cities/towns in Vermont that have adopted this declaration. Barbara Noyes Pulling went over some statistics and economic issues and can be heard on the Zoom meeting recording as well. The Selectboard asked a few questions on what happens if this is adopted. The Selectboard will reach out to the Town's people for their opinions before deciding whether to adopt it.
- **FEMA/Flood map/National Flood Insurance Plan** – Allison Lowe from NVDA spoke on the flood insurance plans and flood hazard regulations. She went over how the National Flood Insurance Plan works. In general, the NFIP allows property owners or renters that participate in it to purchase flood insurance at a more affordable rate. To participate in the program, the town must join the FEMA Flood Insurance Program and make it accessible to the Town's people as well as providing flood regulations which are usually embedded in the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws. Allison went over a lot of information regarding the NFIP on what happens if you do or do not participate along with a lot of discussion with the Selectboard and Zoning member which is available on the Zoom meeting recording. This item is tabled until next month due to internet issues and being able to hear all the details.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Nothing to report.

ADJOURN: The business of the meeting concluded due to zoom/internet issues at the Town Office and there will be a Special Selectboard Meeting to go over the rest of the this agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.