

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 07, 2024, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Justin Campbell and Chris Whalen; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe (for a short time); Joe Mangan (Cemetery Sexton), Manny Sainz, Diana Levine, Rich Baker, Michael Senecal, Jacob Gouge (Electrician), Susan Green (Library Director), John and Eileen Wood

At 5:36 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Justin.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:**  
**Review and approval of minutes:**

**Trails Policy:** Rich Baker brought printed examples and explained that all trails that were previously Class IV roads already have a right of way established. Manny Sainz also showed some maps concerning his property and an old town road that he uses as his driveway. It was understood when he bought the property from Elizabeth Winn that the town highway was discontinued and became part of the property. Rich agreed to help draft a trail policy to have ready to review at the next meeting.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Bobbi Brimblecombe discussed the needs for an engineering study for the grounds and the building. She expressed concern that if we don't look at the grounds and building as a whole project, we may be creating more problems in the long run. She explained the reasoning and desire for an engineer to design the space as one cohesive design that addressed the drainage issues, protecting the vault in the Clerk's office from future damage and placement of grounds items like the community gardens, picnic shelter and skating rink in a permanent place. Rich suggested a scoping study for the projects. Justin agreed with Bobbi's assessment of needs and suggested considering the possibility of moving the building to a more flood resilient spot on the grounds.

**Community Gardens:** Susan expressed her desire to at least place temporary community gardens. The Board asked for a proposed location and square footage of the temporary gardens to be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

**Cemetery Work:** Joe Mangan explained the white wooden fencing in Eaton Cemetery is rotting. He suggested replacing with black chain-style fencing going forward. The Board will approve a decision at the next meeting.

**Culvert Policy:** Chris presented a draft Culvert Policy. Justin moved to adopt the culvert policy. Chris seconded. All in favor.

**Conservation Commission:** the Conservation Commission requested permission to cut the two pine trees near the solar panels. Justin moved to grant permission. Chris seconded.

**Picnic Shelter:** Justin described the meeting with Kevin Farnham to review the possibility of putting the picnic shelter between the ball field and the basketball court. He explained how that site could be more challenging and expensive than the proposed site by the parking lot. It would require more fill and drainage work. The board hopes to have these options considered in the scoping study of the grounds.

**Lighting at OSC:** Jacob Gouge quoted less than \$1000 for specialty lighting in the library. Justin suggested reviewing the lease with the library.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The board signed a contract with Gideon Mangan for removing the foot bridge that was in the brook from the July flood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 07, 2024 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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