

**Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair Hazard, Selectman Stock, Selectman Keyes, Interim Town Administrator Nutting

Chair Hazard called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

Chair Hazard notified the meeting participants that there is an issue with the Zoom link, stating that it is incorrect.

Consent Items

Review/Approve Select Board meeting minutes – December 27, 2022 and January 9, 2023

No votes were taken under this agenda item.

Select Board acknowledgement of The Hopedale Foundation gift to Bancroft Memorial Library

Chair Hazard read the donation letter provided in the meeting packet. The Select Board thanked the Hopedale Foundation for their continued support and contributions.

Appointments & Resignations

Resignation of Call Firefighter Catherine D'Alessandro effective 2/17/2023

Chair Hazard read the resignation letter from Catherine D'Alessandro. The Select Board thanked D'Alessandro for her time serving the Town of Hopedale and wished her well.

Selectman Stock motioned to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Catherine D'Alessandro effective 2/17/2023. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Appointment of Part-Time Dispatcher McKealy Locklin effective 2/14/2023

Chair Hazard read the recommendation letter provided by Chief of Police, Mark Giovanella.

Selectman Stock motioned to appoint McKealy Locklin as a part-time dispatcher effective 2/14/2023. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

New Business

Highway Department Update - Chris Nadeau, Highway Superintendent

Nadeau began with a winter update pertaining to equipment and employees. Nadeau stated that this winter has been mild, and the budget is doing well. The Highway Department salt shed is about half full; total spending on salt this year has been \$47,000. Nadeau stated that by the end of the season he will stock up the salt shed. Nadeau also noted:

- There has only been one storm that needed plows, the storm was mild enough that only highway employees were utilized.
- The Highway Department has cleaned up the basement and upper level of Town Hall.
- A new fuel reader has been installed and this new system is very efficient.

- The Route 16 MASSWORKS grant project is about 99% complete.

Interim Town Administrator Nutting stopped the meeting to inform the Select Board that Town Counsel informed him that the Select Board should not continue the meeting because the zoom link is not working, and the meeting was posted as a hybrid meeting. Nutting stated that meeting will need to be reposted and start over on all agenda items. The Select Board decided to repost the meeting for Thursday February 16 at 5 p.m.

Selectman Stock moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes- Aye, Hazard – Aye

Chair Hazard dissolved the meeting at 7:04p.m.

Submitted by:
Lindsay Peterman

Board Approved: November 27, 2023