

**Minutes
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors
May 20, 2024
Cotter Room
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Board of Selectmen: Kevin Donovan, Chair, Suzanne Djusberg, Roger Woods, Paul Bunker

Board of Assessors: Larry Keough, Chair, Ann Welch

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations to First Responders and Emergency Staff for action at 500 North Quincy Street. Captain Jack Glynn gave an overview of the fire. The Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls for the building fire. Ninety of 91 apartments were occupied. They immediately called for a mutual aid engine with Holbrook, and the initial crews made an enormous difference. Everyone worked together. The American Red Cross was on hand. Lindsay Wright and Amy Barrett were called in and the Senior Center was opened. Two people were transported.

Mr. Donovan thanked everyone on behalf of the Board and the Town. Representative Alyson Sullivan-Almeida also thanked everyone on behalf of the delegates of the House of Representatives. Commendations were presented to all the first responders and dispatchers from the Board and Representative Sullivan (list attached).

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, the Veterans' Lot, at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day.

6:40 p.m. Vote by joint appointment of the Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors until the 2025 annual Town Election.

There were two applicants – Joseph Shea and Peter Walters. Both candidates were highly thought of, with Joe having prior experience as an Assessor. Roll call vote: Mr. Keough, Mr.

Shea; Ms. Welch, Mr. Shea; Mr. Bunker, Mr. Shea; Mr. Woods, Mr. Shea; Ms. Djusberg, Mr. Shea; Mr. Donovan, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea was appointed by unanimous vote. The appointment is effective until the April 2025 town election.

6:45 p.m. Request for transfer of Commercial Garage and Class II license from Excel Auto Collision Services, Inc., Gustavo Matos, Mgr., to Fox Auto Group, Larissa DaSilveira, owner, Rogerio Kreidtlow, Mgr., 123 Centre Avenue. The inspections were in order. There were no questions. Motion to close made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous. Motion to approve made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous. The abutter notification cards were submitted.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. Motion by Mr. Woods to approve April 29, 2024, minutes, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
2. A letter of resignation was received from Selectman Kevin DiMarzio (letter attached). The Board thanked him for his years of service while on the Board. A special election will be held on Saturday, September 21st to fill the position until the April town election. Motion by Mr. Woods to hold the special election on September 21st, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous. There was discussion on the hours. Motion by Mr. Woods to hold the election from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., if legally acceptable, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
3. Vote to fill the vacancy on the Plymouth County Advisory Board. The Board meets once a year and votes on the budget for Plymouth County. The next meeting will be held on June 6th. Ms. Djusberg nominated Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous. Mr. Woods agreed.
4. Vote to approve the issuance and details of a loan from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (Loan number DWPEC-22-23) and sign related interim loan note closing documents. Mr. Woods made the motion to approve and sign the related documents, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
5. Beautification Program – will be taken up at the June 24th meeting.
6. Status on Capping Landfill - will be taken up at the June 24th meeting.
7. Center and North School Update. We will be relocating DPW to the North School as soon as we begin Phase 1 of the construction project the co-located fire headquarters and DPW, so this is going to be held off. The idea was to put these out as a package. It will probably be two years before we are ready to vacate North School. We can be working towards getting the building listed as some sort of historic building for tax credits.

8. Town Manager Report:

- Working on year-end closeouts.
- Putting together bid documents for things to begin in July.
- Mr. Donovan – would like to know how we are doing with reconciliations with the Treasurer.

Public Announcements:

- Mr. Donovan - the Chairman of the Rockland Board of Selectmen invited the Board to participate in the 150th Anniversary Parade on June 15th with the step-off at 9:30 a.m. at Larry's Garage on the corner of Bigelow/Union Street and wanted to extend the invitation to Police and Fire Chiefs.
- Mr. Bunker – noted that it was National Department of Public Works Appreciation Week and to thank our DPW workers for all they do.
- Mr. Bunker – received a note from Alex Leary, resigning from the Conservation Commission effective 5/20/2024. Mr. Woods made a motion to send him a thank you letter and congratulate him on starting as a firefighter in Walpole, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
- Mr. Bunker received a complaint on the Centre Avenue playground regarding the equipment, which may not be safe. He suggested someone take a look at it.
- Mr. Donovan – Firefighter Sunday is June 9th. The Selectmen are meeting on June 10th and 24th. Rockland's Parade is June 15th. We will be going on a summer schedule after the June meetings.

Motion by Mr. Woods to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst

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