

**Town of Wayne, Maine
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024
Ladd Recreation Center**

Call Meeting to Order/ Selectboard Present

Trent Emery determined quorum and called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the following members present: Marianne Butak, Lloyd Irland, and Henry Steck, and Hazel Stevenson.

Bryce Cobb, Interim Town Manager, and Cathy Cook, Town Clerk, were also present.

Conflict of interest. Hazel Stevenson stated there were two abatements to be voted on for people she was related to.

Minutes.

- a. **The Board approved the Selectboard meeting minutes for December 3, 2024. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**
- b. **The Board approved the amended Selectboard meeting minutes for October 1, 2024. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**

Warrants.

- a. **Motion to approve the use of Road Reconstruction & Paving Reserve Funds in the amount of \$2107.60 for culverts. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**
- b. **Motion to approve the use of Foot Bridge Reserve Funds in the amount of \$121.92 for board replacement. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**
- c. **Motion to approve Semi Annual Payroll #26 in the amount of \$15,103.26. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**
- d. **The Board approved Accounts Payable #27 in the amount of \$268,165.15. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**
- e. **The Board approved Payroll #28 in the amount of \$9,801.05. (Butak/ Stevenson) (5/0).**

Old Business:

- a. Discussion on Church Exemption removed because prior consult with the MMA Attorney deemed legislative action the only way to change the exemption amount.
- b. Discussion on Paid Family Medical Leave. **Motion that Town withhold the required amount by the Paid Family Medical Leave Act from the employee salary, rather than the Town paying that amount, for the remainder of the fiscal year. Steck/Butak) (5/0).**
- c. Discussion ARPA Funds. Bryce Cobb, Interim Town Manager, explained remainder amount has been obligated as Revenue Replacement fund.

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Presentation from Timothy Pieh, MD on Kennebec County Emergency Management Agency EMS Physician Response Team.

Executive Session Personnel Matters: 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405 (6) (A).

Motion to enter Executive Session Personnel Matters: 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405 (6) (A). (Stevenson/Butak) (5/0).

Motion to exit Executive Session Personnel Matters: 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405 (6) (A). (Stevenson/Butak) (5/0).

Motion to accept Bryce Cobb's resignation as Interim Town Manager, with appreciation for his service, effective January 17, 2025. (Butak/Ireland) (5/0).

New Business:

- a. Discussion Court Project Fiscal Procedures. Motion was made by Hazel Stevenson initially, then modified, and the modified motion is: that the Selectboard approves payment of the court project contractor of \$117,575. which approval is conditional upon receiving a legal opinion that the payment is authorized and compliant with all the laws, and if absent that opinion, the payment is not to be made, and alternately, we will pursue a loan. (Stevenson/Butak) (5/0).
- b. Motion to approve Use of Road Reconstruction & Paving Reserve Funds in the amount of \$98,527.87. (Ireland/Stevenson) (5/0).
- c. Motion to approve Use of Road Reconstruction & Paving Reserve Funds in the amount of \$186,210.07 for Shimming of Portion of Old Winthrop Road, Pond Road, and Richmond Mills Road. (Butak/Ireland) (5/0).
- d. Review Finances. Tabled.
- e. Discuss Draft Road Committee Charge. Tabled.

Supplements / Abatements

- a. Motion to Approve Abatements #2425-12 through #2425-22 for a total of \$4,177.18. (Steck/Ireland) (5/0).
- b. Motion to Approve Abatements #2425-23 and #2425-24 total of \$616.96. (Steck/Ireland) (4/1) Stevenson abstained.

Town Manager Report:

- a. The Town Office will be closed 12/24 & 12/25, open only 9a-1p on 12/30, and closed 12/31.

Board Member Reports:

- a. Motion that the Selectboard authorize the facilitators from the hiring committee to contact MMA about publicizing the job posting and work out an agreement with them that is expeditious and could be less than \$1000. (Steck/Ireland) (5/0).

- b. Hazel Stevenson informed the Selectboard of status of the Hiring Committee immediate tasks. **Motion to accept the Town Manager job posting, with amendments. (Emery/Steck) (5/0).**
- c. Lloyd Irland mentioned he would like Bryce to invite Sustain Wayne representative to update the Town on plans for using the Masonic Hall grant, and to add to next meeting agenda discussion on 100 Acre Wood, and check with Chip, CEO about recent issue brought up by resident in an email concerning Jellystone.
- d. Hazel suggested a meeting be scheduled with the Ladd Recreation Board.

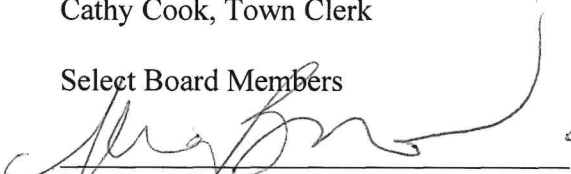
Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM. (Steck/Irland) (5/0).

The next regular Select Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, at 6 p.m. by Hybrid format.

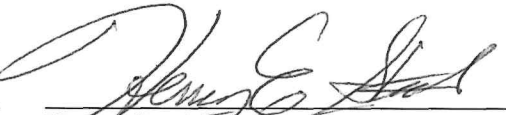
Recorded by:

Cathy Cook, Town Clerk


Select Board Members




 Marianne Butak



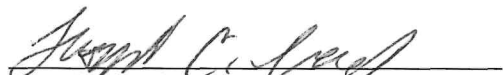
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