

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024, 5:00 P.M.**

Those present: Mike Hogan, Skip Bothfeld, Fred Ducharme, Karen Larsen, Jeanne Johnson, R. D. Eno, Amy Mahoney. Frank Kampf; via zoom: Gary Gulka, Kris Schmidt

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda - a motion was made Fred with a second by RD, motion carried.
3. Set tax rate for FY25 – A motion to approve the municipal tax .5158 by Fred with a second by Mike, motion carried. A motion was made by RD with a second by Karen to approve the Homestead Tax Rate is \$1.3398, Motion carried. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to approve the total Homestead Residential tax rate of \$1.8556, motion carried. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to approve the non-homestead tax rate of \$1.3199, for a total of \$1.8357, motion approved.
4. Approve Personal Services Contract for new Town Treasurer – a motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried.
5. Approve Personal Services Contract for Trails Committee – a motion was made by Fred, with a second by RD, motion carried.
6. Other Business –
 - a. Inclusion articles – Karen – when we as a board opted not to accept it, and we thought it would be an asset to include community information. RD finished an article for FPF about the declaration over his signature to be published in the Cabot Chronicle. Karen suggested that we invite the community on August 6 to discuss this. We could have a community update – flood update, inclusion. Mike stated that we will have a short SB meeting beginning at 6:00 with the special meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. We have two Fire Department invoices to approve: Scott Partners \$29,9805 for blueprints. RD moved that we approve this, with a second by Skip. The second one is DeWolfe Engineering in the amount of \$289,875. A motion was made by RD with a second by Karen. Motion carried.
 - c. Overview of West Hill Pond – there was more damage after this flood. The dam needs to be drawn down. Reviewed maps of dam. It is moving to the top level of danger. The State passed statutes but hasn't promulgated any rules. At this point we are trying to get a deeper analysis. There is no decision we must make at this time. It will affect infrastructure. Can we compel the owners to do anything. The pond was drained in 2003. We must draw it down, but we have no authority to do this as it is privately owned. The engineers hope to have a public meeting to answer questions regarding the repair of the dam. We are limited in what we can do. What about West Hill Pond Association? Mike will reach out to other sources to see what we can do.
 - d. Cookies will be provided by Fred.
7. Adjourn – a motion was made by Skip with a second by Fred, motion carried, and we adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk