

Selectman's Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023
5:30 PM
Irving Tanning Community Center

Present: Jerry Martin, John Hikel, Mark Brooks

Staff: Susan Frost & Kim Novak

Several Citizens

Jerry read the minutes of February 21, 2023, voted 3-0 to accept

John read the minutes of February 27, 2023, voted 3-0 to accept

Public Forum:

- Tonight, we had a large group of citizens at the meeting to speak about the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. It was stated that this issue has been going on for years and the Town has been out of compliance for years. Several citizens wanted to remind the public that the Shoreland Zoning was about the water quality and persevering the lake and not singling out a business. Some felt that we need more time to understand the laws, map and considering a conditional use permit. Comments and questions of what type of business will be allowed or not allowed in a limited commercial, vacation rentals being currently allowed in the existing ordinance as a limited residential along with both DEP and Town requirements were part of the discussion. The Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Novak, spoke on the need to add the verbiage of vacation rentals in the land use table whether in a limited commercial or limited residential as vacation rentals are not listed as specifically allowed in a limited residential. She also stated that marinas and multi-unit residential have been allowed with PB approval since at least the 2009 ordinance to get the information out in light of a concerned citizen contacting her about a recent Facebook post. Taxation is a concern with citizens. Reviewed chain of approvals. Selectman, Planning Board, Legislative Body and then DEP. Road Associations on private roads around the lake are concerned about the additional cost to maintain private roads with more traffic if a business goes in.
- Jim Towle submitted a request and wanted to know why it was not on agenda. I stated that it will be on the next Selectman's meeting.
- Question was asked about Fire Department Budget last year.
- Three citizens voiced concern on a selectperson being bias towards businesses and acting unprofessional and rude.

Unfinished Business:

- Board discussed the Shoreland Zoning draft, voted 2-1 to proceed to Public Hearing and a Town Warrant Article.
- Board Discussed Building & Property Maintenance Ordinance, voted 3-0 to proceed to Public Hearing and a Town Warrant Article.

New Business:

- Opened Tax Acquired Property Bids:
Harry Gould, \$4,555
Olivia Bjork & Doug Bierschwale, \$4,000
Andrew Martin, \$6,133.33
Limitless Property Management, \$3,000
Tax Acquired Property awarded to Andrew Martin voted 3-0 to accept
- Town to create a Facebook Page for information only, no public comments voted 3-0
- Signed Municipal Quit Claim Deed
- Ad for St. Albans Summerfest book voted full page voted 3-0 to accept
- Signed Assessor's report for Town Report
- Signed Selectman's letter for Town Report
- Board set the Interest rate for the 2023/2024 taxes at 7% voted 3-0 to accept
- Board set the due dates for the tax due dates to be 9/15 & 3/1 voted 3-0 to accept
- Board reviewed the Budget. Recommends the budget for Town Meeting Warrant voted 3-0
- Board reviewed the Town Warrant articles and voted 3-0 to accept

Other:

- None

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm - voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully Submitted, *Susan Frost, Administrative Assistant*