

**General Assistance Public Hearing Minutes  
September 21, 2023 Opened Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Several Citizens attended**

Chris read through the new rates on each appendix.

Questions:

How do people know about General Assistance? Chris stated that it is on our website.

How much do we budget for General Assistance? Chris was unsure of the exact amount. Actual amount is \$12,000

Does the State reimburse us? Chris stated yes at 75% reimbursement rate.

Motion to suspend the public hearing at 5:43 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Motion to accept the General Assistance new rates as presented voted 3-0 accept

**Selectman's Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2023  
5:44 PM  
Irving Tanning Community Center**

**Present:** Jerry Martin, John Hikel, Mark Brooks

**Staff:** Christopher Littlefield

John Hikel read the minutes of September 7, 2023, Motion to approve as read  
Voted 3-0 accept.

Unfinished Business:

Chris reported that Representative Cray's aide was going to reach out to the Town of Fairfield to see what legislation was presented last year. Selectmen requested that this item stay on the agenda for a while

New Business: (all came under other)

Appointed Holy Bubar as Registrar

Chris shared slides that were received from the Downtown Plan training that he attended. Chris to reach out to other communities to see what their RFP's looked like

Other

Announced that Hadley Buker and Elmer Littlefield will be recognized on October 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the old Skowhegan court house (same building the county commissioners meet) for Spirit of America Award

Chris reported that the legal costs to support the shoreland zoning ordinance up to the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Town Meeting was \$9297.58 and the Towle lawsuit

to date is at \$3631.22 as of 8/30/23.

Discussed lunch for employee appreciation at Town office on 9/22/23 and purchasing gift cards

Chris shared that all Hartland Citizens to receive a notice from Elizabeth Swain inviting the public to an informational meeting on October 5, 2023 at the ITCC at 6:00 pm

Question asked about when we were opening back up on Wednesdays? Chris stated that we need a few more weeks.

Question asked if Sheriff Lancaster has got back to us? Chris stated "no"

### Public Forum

Terry Legere asked if we could give the tennis courts to the ITCC to set up a basketball court? Chris state, "no" as we would have to create another park if the Town sells the property.

Who is the new Clerk? Chris said "Holly Bubar".

Neil Greenberg says we should look for a student from the universities to lead our Downtown plan project.

Margaret Greenberg asked three questions:

1. Who is in charge of town's grounds? Chris stated public works  
Margaret thinks the downtown is a disgrace and we should have public works fix the Gazebo if we expect others to fix their places
2. Margaret thinks the town's website is not properly administered.
3. Margaret wanted to know who was in charge of the dam as water has been extremely high this year and docks keep going under water? Chris stated that Bill Ramsdell adjusts the dam

Betty Childs said thanks Bill as she thinks the past two seasons the water has been controlled very consistently.

Cindy Hawkins asked if anyone saw the article in the paper about the monies available to assist with funding on a shoreland zone ordinance upgrade. She is to forward the information to Chris

### Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully Submitted, *Chris Littlefield Town Manager*