

Selectman's Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024
5:30 PM
Irving Tanning Community Center

Present: Jerry Martin, John Hikel and Mark Brooks

Staff: Christopher Littlefield

Jerry Martin read the minutes of December 5, 2023, Motion to approve minutes as read voted 2-0 accept. (Mark was late due to an appointment)

Unfinished Business:

Reviewed Selectman Board Policy (add to next agenda)

Representative Cray Reported that he and Senator Black put Bills forward regarding youth accountability and the majority party voted them down/rejected them

New Business:

Motion was made to accept the Municipal Election and Town Meeting Dates as presented voted 3-0 accept

Foster Brooks to be on Front Cover of Annual Report, Dedication to go to Steve and Brenda Seekins, and In Memory to be Foster Brooks and Viola Sides

Discussed Landfill getting 57% compaction rate since last survey and that there has been a several week struggle with odors

Discussed "Steering Meeting" for Downtown Plan

Mark Brooks suggested a diverse mix of citizens as the committee

John Hikel feels it should be business owners primarily

Other

Chris shared the State Of Maine Letter from Colin Clark officially accepting the Town's Shoreland Zone and Map

John Hikel asked if the Code Enforcement Officer intends to get LPI certification?

Chris stated No... Phil Stevens is our LPI

Chris Stated that Spirit of America Recipient Nomination should go on next Agenda

Public Forum

Tim Kuespert says landfill smell getting worse and the three Selectmen shouldn't be tolerating it

Tom Kuespert asked why we aren't using lime?

George Greenwood said we need flares...gave the name Tim Sans as a contact

Josh Holmbom asked if the rain this fall worsens the problem? Chris answered "yes"

Mark Brooks asked if we had been doing all that the DEP and our Consultant have recommended to date? Chris said "yes"

Karen Towle asked the following: how much we have spent on trying to mitigate odor? Chris stated \$17990 +/-.

How much more will we spend? Chris said a minimum of \$3000 to \$6000 range

How much are Flares? Chris stated "no idea yet"

Tom Kuespert asked what the downtown area is? John stated Commercial Street, Academy Street, and Elm Street

Tom Kuespert doesn't want to have to write anything in order to have it as an agenda item.

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn 7:39 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Littlefield
Town Manager