

**TOWN OF HEBRON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**April 10, 2023  
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER and FLAG SALUTE – Chairman Elizabeth Olsen presided. Selectmen Gino Valeriani,, Derek Pike and Town Clerk Holly Packard, citizens Bill & Joan Clough, Dick Deans, Jim MacDonald and Elizabeth Swift were all present.
2. ACTION ON MINUTES
  - 2.1. *Action on Minutes dated March 27, 2023 – Gino motioned to accept the minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion, 3-0.*
3. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Bill Clough mentioned that some people at town meeting expressed that they wanted the rocks put back on the lawn, but moved a little back. Joan explained the rocks were quarry rocks and were donated by Dennis Durgin and she would like to see them brought back. Gino commented that when we moved the rocks he had mentioned to the landowner who let us store them that we might be wanting them back. Elizabeth said we would consult with DOT, get some measurements as to where, if we brought the rocks back, we would put them. Gino also explained that we still would need some type of a fence to keep people from driving on the edge of the lawn and we couldn't use the rocks for that.*

*Joan mentioned to Elizabeth that an article on the warrant that was approved at town meeting was combined having Workers Comp., Audit and AVCOG. Joan also said that she thought the AVCOG was a duplicate amount. Elizabeth said she would look into it.*

*Joan also mentioned that she thought we needed to vote on spending the fund in the Revaluation account. Elizabeth didn't think we did but would call MMA to see if it was necessary.*

*Joan also asked if the audit report was back yet. Elizabeth said not yet, they had to go back into 2021 to find out where it was off \$26,000, so we can continue with 2022's audit.*

*Joan also asked if we were still maintaining the Packard Field because there was nothing in that town meeting warrant. Elizabeth explained yes we are but it is under the highway department now because they are mowing and taking care of it. Joan said she wanted to make sure we didn't forget.*

*Joan also pointed out that we had some liens due to foreclose back in February, she asked if we did end up foreclosing or were the tax lien paid off. Holly told her that we had one property that did foreclose, that an agreement was made and Elizabeth told her that it was paid off.*

*Joan asked Elizabeth about the Vendor Expense Report that was in last year's town report. She said she wants one that is expanded out and has all the vendors listed, and how much was paid out to them. Elizabeth said she thought that it was expanded as far as it goes, Joan said she wants it opened up so she can see the wages and some other vendors. Elizabeth said she would reprint it.*

*Joan wanted the Board to know that the road across from her house where we put a culvert last year and there used to be a cone there because of a hole. In the last few days cars are coming from Norway and instead of staying on the pavement they are cutting the corner and coming very close to the hole because there is no warning. Gino and Elizabeth said they will pass that along to the highway department.*
5. BUSINESS ITEM –

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5.1 Appointment of Elizabeth Swift to Moody Library Trustee – *Elizabeth motioned to appoint Elizabeth Swift to Moody Library Trustee, Gino seconded.*

5.2 Donation of bookshelf – *Elizabeth Swift wants to donate a bookshelf to have a 'Little Free Library' she explained what that was and gave the Board a pamphlet about it.*

5.3 Claire with the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) – *Claire from Center for Ecology-Based Economy came to discuss Maine's Community Resilience Partnership. She explained that they help communities bounce back from hazards they may face. There are several different grants available. They help you get enrolled, host a couple public workshops and they help you file for your first grant. Once you are enrolled you can apply for grants up to \$50,000.00 every 6 months. Elizabeth asked if there was a cost, Claire said there was not. Elizabeth asked if there was a grant to help with money for upgrading septic systems for the few folks that are within the Watershed District of Lake Auburn. Claire thought that there was a grant program for that, some are matching grants. CEBE will help with finding the right grants. Claire also mentioned that after you file for your first grant there is a Regional Coordinator that works out of AVCOG will take over and help you look on a regional perspective to see if there are any larger, maybe federal grants.*

5.4 Plowing of state roads – *Gino's concern was the State charging too much, he wants more information and some figures on what it cost us to do the sanding and plowing and what they would charge and compare. Dick said long before he was on the Board that towns were given money for local road assistance (LRAP). Dick also said that it is worth looking into, we could end up paying more if we had to pay them and have our regular highway budget. Elizabeth said that maybe we could have someone from DOT come to a meeting to explain our obligation.*

5.5 Discussion of Maine Winter Salt Bid - *Gino explained what was happening with this past winters salt shipments. The person who was scheduling and dispatching the trucks was new. Bob is wanting to get the shipments in thirds, instead of 2 trucks loads at a time. Elizabeth and Gino was explaining to Derek the process with the winter salt bids. Gino told Elizabeth that Bob had the forms for this years but hasn't filled them out yet.*

5.6 ATV Trail Use Permit for 2 years – *Elizabeth said that last year it was only issued for only one year and years pass it has been issued for two years at a time. Gino made a motion to sign the permit for two years, Elizabeth seconded, 3-0.*

5.7 Article 15 – Discussion: Donating old computers to Historical Society – *Elizabeth explained that because we can use the ARPA Funds to replace our computers, the Historical Society would like to have the ones we won't be using anymore. Elizabeth mentioned that we would be keeping the big monitors. The Acer computers would need to be completely wiped, would need to talk to Modem Waves about it and let him know. Elizabeth suggested they check with Community Concepts as they replace theirs often.*

5.8 Quitclaim Deed – Lauraine Pluto – *Elizabeth explained the process of foreclosed property to Derek.*

5.9 Distribution of ARPA Funding – *Elizabeth said that MMA Legal is comfortable with us spending the ARPA Funds. Gino said that they said we can't 'backfill' a reserve account with the funds, Gino*

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*got Derek up to speed with where the Town is at with ARPA. Elizabeth said that she feels comfortable with starting to release the money for the projects that were approved at town meeting. Gino said he feels comfortable with moving forward as well.*

5.10 FirstLight Sign up day - when and where – *Elizabeth was going to email COVE, Firstlight and Chris to have everyone on the same page.*

6. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS – *Donation of 'Little Free Library' possibly would fit near the copier but not so close to the customers. The Board are in agreement if we have a spot.*
  
7. SELECTMEN ITEMS - *Elizabeth asked if Steve was still looking for more bins for the Transfer Station. Derek said that he talked to a couple disposal companies that he uses for work, it sounded promising. He talked to Steve on Saturday, just looking to see what size is needed. He reached out to a couple of vendors that he uses to see if they even had some used ones and not too damaged.*

*Gino mentioned that Bob needs lights in the garage. He is going to need to rent a lift to reach the ceiling. Gino would feel better to go directly through Efficiency Maine to get the process going quicker, to get the lights in. Derek mentioned that newer lights now you can't just change a bulb, you have to change the whole thing. Gino said that Bob might need to hire someone to do it.*

*Elizabeth asked where Bob is at with the paving. Gino said he will talk to Bob to see where he is at. Elizabeth said we need to advertise. Gino said that Bob prioritized Bryant Road, Allen Road, Townsend Road and if there is a way to do it, Hebron Center Road. Gino said he wants ¾ shim, 9.5 mix with 1 ½ overlay. Gino said he will talk to Bob on Tuesday..*

8. SIGN WARRANTS – #19 & #20 *Gino motioned to sign the warrants, Elizabeth seconded the motion, 3-0.*
  
9. ADJOURNMENT – *Elizabeth motioned to adjourn at 7:58, Gino seconded, 3-0.*