

**TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

October 10, 2023

Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER and FLAG SALUTE** – Chairman Elizabeth Olsen presided. Selectmen Gino Valeriani and Derek Pike, Town Clerk Holly Packard, Citizens Jim and Ruth McDonald, Tim Small and several citizens from Patten Hill Road were present.
2. **ACTION ON MINUTES**
 - 2.1. *Action on Minutes September 25, 2023 – Gino motioned to accept the minutes, Elizabeth seconded, 3-0.*
3. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS -**
5. **BUSINESS ITEM –**
 - 5.1 Tim Small – Greenwood Mtn Road – *Tim Small and several citizens from Patten Hill Road expressed their concerns with the increase in property taxes and lack of services being done on that road, the road needs repair as it hasn't been worked on for quite some time. The Board let them know that they will look into why the road hasn't been maintained. Mr. Small asked where did money go that the town saved because of lack of help and road maintenance not being done and if it could be put towards lowering their taxes. Elizabeth explained the process of setting the Mil rate for taxes and she explained where the left-over money goes at the end of the year. Tim brought up the subject of the town going back to having maintenance and plowing be contracted out like we used to and let the equipment purchases and repairs be someone else's problem. Gino said you lose your control if you don't have your own people, but it's a thought. Elizabeth thanked the citizens for coming in and speaking with them.*
 - 5.2 Moody Library and Fire Station Repairs Update – *Derek made a couple calls, the contractor that put in a quote is not available for questioning. The Board discussed the condition the library is in and if it makes sense to put that amount money into it. Derek asked if an account had been setup at Record Lumber to get supplies for the Fire Department repairs. Gino said there was as he had to sign the paperwork.*
 - 5.3 Cemetery Restoration ad – *At the last Selectmen's meeting Elizabeth had asked Jim McDonald if he could get a copy of a notice from another town that we could use and have Holly type it up with Hebron's information. The notice would inform the public that Jim will be conducting cemetery conservation and preservation activities in Hebron's cemeteries and if family members don't want Jim touching their loved one's stone they need to call the town office before 04/01/2024. Jim showed the Board before and after pictures of some stones that he has been working with. Jim was asked to send Holly some of the pictures so she can post them on our*

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website.

5.4 Town Garage for evacuation for Hebron Station School - Storekeepers *used to be the their place to go in case of an emergency. Elizabeth said Hebron is part of the Emergency Management System and will need to be able to get at their trucks. It presents a safety issue for the children. Elizabeth asked for their information and she will call them next week.*

5.5 Plow Truck Passenger Waiver – *The Board discussed the pro's and con's, Gino asked to table and agreed to table it. The Board agreed the wording needs to be modified, and go over it at the next meeting.*

5.6 Proposed 2024 State Valuation – *The Board went over the Proposed State Valuation.*

5.7 Regional Animal Control Program - *This would involve many towns in our county, we would share the same Animal Control Officer and the cost would depend upon the size of the community. The Board discussed the program but decided to stay with Robert Larrabee as Hebron's Animal Control Officer.*

6. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS –*Elizabeth mentioned a possible insert regarding the cemetery in with the tax bills. Gino said we should put it on the website and Facebook and not in an insert in order to help keep the cost down. They all agreed and would like some information put together to put in the lobby to let people know what a beautiful job Jim McDonald is doing.*

7. SELECTMEN ITEMS – *Gino let the Boards know that the extra fuel that Ness accidentally delivered to the highway garage will be pumped out on Friday and he spoke to them regarding the late fee and they said they will take that off the bill.*

Gino updated the Board that we will have our frequency possibly end of next week pending the final approval from the FCC. The fire department will need get a Repeater, the highway department can have the extra antenna that the fire department had.

Derek let the Board know that Steve had called him to let him know that the garbage truck has an electrical issue and would like the mechanic to look at it while Roland had him at the highway garage. Derek told Steve to let him know if it's going to be costly to fix.

8. SIGN WARRANTS – # 50 & #5 – *Elizabeth motioned to sign the warrants, Gino seconded, 3-0.*

9. ADJOURNMENT – *Elizabeth motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM, Gino seconded, 3-0.*