

# SELECTBOARD MINUTES

## December 18, 2024

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Curt Robie, Member, with Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Member present as well. Ann Marie Visconti, Chair arrived at 6:30 PM due to work commitments. Mark Doane, Administrative Assistant was also present. Town residents present: Karri Trask, Donald Trask, Diane Thome, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, Kenneth Murray, Stephen Harris, Gita Josef, Doreen Black, and Jenny Dion, Police Chief.

The meeting was called to work on the recommendations from Ira Bresinsky, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Ira planned to be in attendance, but felt the Town had work to do first. The Finance Committee handed out their budget plans, which were extensively discussed. This discussion then went in varied directions of needing a list of building assets, the architectural plans for the Senior Center, needing an Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee, money in Free Cash and Stabilization Accounts. The Selectboard Chair then made a motion to form an Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee pending a By-Law change. The Committee would consist of a Selectboard member, a Finance Committee member, a Planning Board member, A school representative, and a community at large member. Tamarin questioned the need for a representative from the school, or whether information should just be supplied by the school to the Capital Planning Committee.

Further discussion in other areas took place, and finally the motion made was seconded and carried to establish an Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee. Diane Thome will be the Planning Board representative. Curt Robie was asked to be the Selectboard representative. He hasn't decided as of the end of the evening whether to accept or not.

Discussion then turned to how to proceed with FY 24 close out. Various options were discussed on how to get Beverly Cooper to finish the closeout. Questions were raised about legal action, ask for the password so the new Accountant could access soft wright. The new Accountant has also tried to contact Beverly, to no avail. Ann Marie has also texted Beverly multiple times about the close out, and if not completed will need to proceed with possible legal counsel.

No further discussion occurred, the Selectboard meeting was closed at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark W. Doane,  
Administrative Assistant

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Curt Robie, Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Member: \_\_\_\_\_