



Town of Amherst, NH

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Landry Meeting Room

2 Main Street

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:30PM

1 Attendees: Chairman Peter Lyon, Selectman Bill Stoughton, Selectman Cynthia Dokmo,
2 Selectman Danielle Pray, and Selectman Tom Grella
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4 **1. Call to Order**

5 Chairman Peter Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
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7 **2. Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Cynthia Dokmo.

8 Chairman Lyon welcomed newly elected Board of Selectmen member Cynthia Dokmo. He
9 expressed the Board's thanks and gratitude to previous Selectman John D'Angelo for his years
10 of work with the Board.

11 **3. Citizens Forum**
12 None at this time.
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14 **4. Board of Selectmen Reorganization**
15 **4.1 Board Reorganization and committee assignments**

16 The Board agreed to address their committee assignments at the next meeting.
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18 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to nominate
19 Danielle Pray as Chair of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.
20 Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [D. Pray abstaining.]*

21 *A MOTION was made by Chairman Pray and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to nominate
22 Bill Stoughton as Vice Chair of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.
23 Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [B. Stoughton abstaining.]*

24 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
25 nominate Peter Lyon as Clerk of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.
26 Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [P. Lyon abstaining.]*

27 **5. Scheduled Appointments**
28 **5.1 Amherst Highway Safety Committee**
29 • Discussion re: No Through Truck Traffic Ordinance on Boston Post Road

30 Police Chief Ciampoli explained that the Highway Safety Committee met several times
31 regarding complaints from residents about commercial motor vehicle traffic in the Village.
32 The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) did an evaluation of the Village

39 roadways to gather data. It was determined that almost all vehicles are currently speeding
40 through the area to some degree due to the current speed limits. Approximately 85% of
41 vehicles traveling through the area are traveling at a higher rate of speed than the posted 25
42 mph. Generally, with this data, roadways are made safer by increasing the speed. This would
43 not be helpful in this case as there are safety concerns due to the speeding in the Village. The
44 Committee discussed if a prohibition against through truck traffic would be appropriate but
45 could not find any data to support it. The Committee struggled, as the priority is to create a
46 safe area, but there is no data showing that this is currently an unsafe area. The Committee
47 questioned whether this is a true safety issue or a quality-of-life issue for those who live in the
48 Village. Chief Ciampoli explained that his position is to be proactive and address potential
49 safety concerns before they start, even in the face of a lack of data. He stated that enacting a
50 prohibition backed by Town ordinances would need to be data driven.

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52 Chief Ciampoli stated that the Committee voted 4-1 against a prohibition. The Committee
53 discussed many reasons against the prohibition, such as it becoming a financial burden on
54 local businesses whose truck drivers would then have to find alternate routes. He explained
55 that a prohibition would have to be carefully tailored to avoid liability for the Town due to a
56 lack of data. Regarding enforcement, an outright prohibition against all truck traffic through
57 the village would be very difficult to enforce and not a good use of Police Department
58 resources. He suggested that a time restricted prohibition may be better, though it would still
59 be hard to enforce. He suggested that the Board discuss other opportunities such as a
60 prohibition against compression braking or jake braking to ease the noise concerns in the
61 Village.

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63 Selectman Stoughton stated that he supports enacting a noise restriction in the Village. He
64 does not agree with the majority of the Committee regarding there not being enough of a
65 safety concern to enact a no thru trucking prohibition. Truck traffic invites a safety problem
66 due to the configuration of the Village, the amount of pedestrian traffic in the area, and the
67 sidewalks being located close to the roadway. Trailer trucks are heavier, cause greater injuries
68 during accidents, impair other vehicle visibility more than smaller vehicles, and are noisier.
69 He does not believe that the Board should wait for statistics to occur but should be proactive
70 to avoid accidents. This prohibition should not apply to those trucks whose business
71 originates/ends within a certain zone in order to not shut out local commerce. He urged the
72 Board to direct the Chief to draft an ordinance to these points.

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74 Selectman Grella stated that the only pedestrian accident he is aware of within the last 35
75 years involved a pedestrian and motor vehicle at the Moulton's intersection. He stated that he
76 believes large truck drivers have increased safety in mind as driving is their livelihood. He
77 supported the recommendations of the Committee and a prohibition on jake brake use.

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79 In response to a question from Selectman Dokmo, Chief Ciampoli stated that the prohibition
80 is proposed to be from either 8pm-8am or 9pm-9am. This was also a concern of the
81 Committee as it does not capture both ends of the school day. He stated that he believes there
82 are likely more complaints in the early morning hours, though it is not clear if these are due to
83 the presence of trucks or the noise they produce. He explained that a time-restricted
84 prohibition would be more enforceable.

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86 Selectman Dokmo stated that most of the noise from these trucks seems to come from braking
87 after speeding. She asked if the braking would be necessary if the trucks were going the speed
88 limit. Chief Ciampoli explained that emergency vehicles would be an exception to this
89 prohibition, mostly dealing with Fire and EMS vehicles.

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91 Selectman Dokmo asked what the traffic volume currently is during the 8pm-8am hours.
92 Chief Ciampoli stated that he believes this is very low. Most truck traffic likely occurs during
93 business hours.
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95 In response to a question from Selectman Lyon, Chief Ciampoli stated that there is a legal
96 basis for a proposed waiver for some from this prohibition. Waivers can be given for good
97 cause shown at the Board's discretion.
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99 Selectman Lyon explained that his concerns are mostly from large dump trailers coming
100 through the Village. He asked if an ordinance could be weight based to allow for more local
101 contractors to continue to use the area. DPW Director Eric Slosek explained that weight limits
102 are difficult as the legal definition of weight for certain trucks could exclude many local
103 businesses that use trailers of any type. Selectman Lyon explained that the proposed time-
104 restricted ordinance does not necessarily accomplish the Board's goal. DPW Director Slosek
105 explained that the waiver process could help local businesses get around the ordinance.
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107 Chairman Pray asked if DPW Director Slosek's main concern is impacting local businesses.
108 DPW Director Slosek explained that his main concern was that, as the Highway Safety
109 Committee, the group could not find safety concerns to point to in order to gather data to
110 support the proposed ban. He stated that he believes this is a quality-of-life issue for those in
111 the Village. Four of the Committee members did not feel there was a safety issue at hand.
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113 In response to a question from Chairman Pray, Chief Ciampoli explained that there has been
114 an increase in all types of traffic through the Village. There was discussion by the Committee
115 if some of the increased truck traffic was coming from new development construction at the
116 north end of Town.
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118 DPW Director Slosek explained that one resident's concerns were around children's safety in
119 the Village, but there is already a reduced speed limit in the school zone and flashing lights
120 from all directions. Thus, these areas already have safety measures in place and there were no
121 additional safety concerns found through the data.
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123 Chairman Pray suggested that the Chief look into a no thru trucking ordinance with a waiver
124 included. She stated that she does not want to see accidents occur in this area. Out of Town
125 businesses use the Village as a cut through and this is a pedestrian-friendly area.
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127 DPW Director Slosek noted that enacting an ordinance in this area could be a precedent for
128 other areas in Town, such as by the High School and Middle School. Traffic also tends to
129 travel quickly in this area and there are not sidewalks of any type, as there are in the Village.
130 Chairman Pray stated that roads could be added to the ordinance as needed. DPW Director
131 Slosek also noted that a prohibition through the Village will send the trucks onto other roads,

132 and the ban may thus need to be posted on additional nearby roads as well. Selectman Lyon
133 suggested a weight-based ban to limit traffic.

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135 Dennis Wheeler stated that he believes many of the noise complaints are coming from large
136 trucks that have no mufflers. If noise is in fact the problem, this should be addressed by
137 ticketing those that are causing the noise. He stated that the idea that jake braking is used to
138 allow for speeding and quick stopping is false. Using brakes causes them to heat up, and so
139 jake brakes are often used when going down a large hill as a safety measure. He stated that he
140 believes there should be enforcement measures to make cars and trucks slow down through
141 the Village.

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143 Kevin Grassett, 75 Merrimack Road, asked why, if child safety is the main concern, there are
144 sidewalks in the Village at all. He asked why the Town is trying to add more of them if
145 sidewalks are not enough of a safety measure. He noted that traffic barely moves at all
146 through the Village during school hours due to the traffic volume. He stated that the Board
147 should deal with facts instead of scare tactics. He stated that it is discrimination to not allow
148 large trucks to drive on these roads based on their appearance. He stated that truck drivers pay
149 extra attention to the road due to the liability they carry. A blanket prohibition is wrong. This
150 will push all truck traffic onto other roads. He asked if the Town would have an issue if the
151 trucks were pushed to Amherst Street, as this also has a sidewalk and pedestrian traffic. He
152 pays a lot in taxes and has every right to use these roads. Any business owner would not be
153 okay if their drivers started getting speeding tickets regularly, so if speed is the issue,
154 enforcement through ticketing should be used.

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156 Doug Chabinsky, 89 Boston Post Road, stated that the speed of both trucks and cars in the
157 Village is a big issue. The ordinance would allow for those who do business within the area of
158 the Village to continue to use the roads. He stated that truck traffic starts at 4am, and he has
159 counted 27 trucks past his house some days before 8am. One day he saw a total of 150 trucks
160 between the hours of 6am-6pm. There are no current accident statistics, but the Town is due
161 for one to occur. Everyone should do the speed limit of 25 mph through the Village, and this
162 should be enforced. The volume of pedestrians through the Village is much greater than along
163 the Amherst Street sidepath. There may not be as much of a concern in the Village if the
164 sidewalks were as wide as the one on Amherst Street.

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166 Chairman Pray directed the Chief to explore a weight limit no thru trucking ordinance for the
167 Board's review. DPW Director Slosek noted again that the Committee was 4-1 against an
168 ordinance.

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170 • Discussion re: No Engine Brakes Boston Post Road

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172 The Board agreed to move this item to public hearings and a review by Town Counsel.

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174 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
175 advance the No Engine Brakes on Boston Post Road draft ordinance to public hearings.
176 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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178 **6. Administration**

179 **6.1. 457(b) Secure Act 1Election Forms for 457(b) Deferred Compensation plans**
180 **for Corebridge (VALIC) and Mission Square (ICMA)**

182 Jennifer Stover, Executive Assistant, explained that an active employee has requested the
183 Board consider a change to the contract with the Town's 457 (b) deferred Compensation
184 Plans, allowing an active employee to disburse funds after reaching the age of 59 ½, in
185 accordance with the Miners Act. Both Corebridge (formerly Valic) and Mission Square
186 (formerly ICMA) have sent election forms to initiate that change.

188 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
189 authorize in service distributions from pension plans and government 457 plans at age 59 ½.
190 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

191 **6.2. Rail Trail Referendum discussion**

194 DPW Director Slosek explained that he spoke with Chris Buchanan, Bicycle & Pedestrian
195 Advisory Committee, and the NH DOT project manager for this project and it was determined
196 that the next step is for the Board to sign an agreement to allow for the engineer selection
197 process to occur. This process could take 2-3 months.

199 In response to a question from Selectman Stoughton, DPW Director Slosek explained that the
200 local match for this project for FY25 is \$20,200. It is estimated that there are currently Bean
201 Grants available for approximately \$70,000 to be used for this project and the CMAQ project
202 along Route 122. It is at the Board's discretion to determine the split for this funding.

204 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
205 authorize the Town Administrator or the Director of the Department of Public Works to
206 execute agreements with the State consistent with the Town's approval of the rail trail
207 referendum and to go forward with that project.*

208 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

210 **6.3. BOS Action Items**

212 The Board reviewed its action items.

214 Regarding the solar panel function at the Fire Station, Fire Chief Connolly explained that it
215 was determined that there is an issue that needs to be fixed on Eversource's end. He will
216 follow up with them this week.

218 **7. Staff Reports**

219 **7.1. DPW- Request for Authorization to expend CRF funds**

221 DPW Director Slosek explained that the computer server at DPW has been identified by
222 Microtime as needing replacement. The server is nearing the end-of-life and is nearly at
223 storage capacity. Microtime has provided a quote for its replacement. They are recommending
224 moving to a cloud-based system instead of replacing the hardware. The cloud-based system

225 offers several advantages over physical hardware, including requiring less maintenance, and
226 eliminating the need for replacement of the server in future years.

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228 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to*
229 *authorize DPW to expend \$7,575.00 from the "Computer System" capital reserve fund to*
230 *complete a cloud-based computer server replacement at DPW.*

231 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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233 **7.2. DPW-Road Work Bid**

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235 DPW Director Slosek explained that the Department recently solicited bids for upcoming
236 FY25 planned road work. Bids were received from two companies, Pike Industries and
237 Continental Paving. Continental Paving had the low bid of \$1,661,430.90. Their bid was
238 \$67,751.10 less than Pike's for a difference of 4.08%. It was observed that prices have
239 generally decreased as compared to last year's pricing. Continental's bid represents a total
240 decrease of 10.5% when comparing the requested pay items with their respective quantities
241 using last year's prices. Pike's bid represented a 7.3% decrease over last year's prices. The
242 asphalt paving items are the largest pay items. Paving items represent approximately 57% of
243 the total base bids. Both companies are listed on the NH DOT pre-qualified contractor's list
244 for road construction. The recommendation is to award the DPW05-24 contract to the low
245 bidder, Continental Paving, Inc., for the amount of \$1.594M. The approved FY25 road
246 construction budget is \$1.5M. The Board also approved the use of an additional \$94,000 in
247 FY24 "extra block-grant" money. This brings the total road construction funding amount in
248 FY25 to \$1.594M. The DPW05-24 road contract gives the Town the right to change the scope
249 of work in the contract to stay within our available budget.

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251 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*
252 *award the DPW05-24 Multi-Road Construction contract, in the amount of \$1,594,204.42, to*
253 *Continental Paving, Inc. for work on various Town roads, utilizing the unit prices submitted*
254 *with their bid. Further, to authorize the DPW Director to sign the related contract documents.*
255 *This work is planned to commence in FY2025 upon award.*

256 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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258 **7.3. DPW- PD Roof Bid**

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260 DPW Director Slosek stated that the Department recently solicited bids for replacement of the
261 Police Department roof. This project had been planned but was postponed until the station
262 renovation was completed. Seven bids were received for this project. The low bid was
263 \$27,140 and the highest bid was \$35,499. The Board approved a request by DPW to use up to
264 \$70,000 in ARPA funds for this project. The recommendation is to award the DPW06-24
265 roofing bid to JB Roofing Systems, LLC.

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267 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*
268 *award the DPW06-24 Police Department Roof bid to JB Roofing Systems, LLC, in the amount*
269 *of \$27,140.00, contingent on contract acceptance of the Town's additional ARPA terms and*
270 *conditions. Further, to authorize the DPW Director to sign all related contract documents.*
271 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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273 **7.4. DPW- Church Steeple Painting Bid**

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275 DPW Director Slosek explained that the Department recently solicited bids for the painting of
276 the Town-owned Congregational Church steeple and bell tower. This includes refinishing the
277 clock faces. It has been several years since the Church painted their portion of the building.
278 The steeple is in desperate need of paint to prevent further deterioration, which would result in
279 more costly repairs. Two qualified bids were received from contractors. The bid amounts were
280 \$92,320 and \$57,760 respectively. Both contractors submitted portfolios containing examples
281 of projects they have completed, and both are well qualified with experience working on
282 historical structures. The recommendation is to award the bid to Target New England
283 Restorations.

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285 Funding for this project has not yet been established. The Town unsuccessfully applied for the
286 moose plate grant last year. The recommendation is for the Board to use the balance of the
287 earmarked ARPA funds for the Police Department roof, totaling \$42,860, toward the balance
288 of the Church Steeple Painting. The remaining balance of \$14,900 will be covered using
289 unused funds identified in the FY24 salt budget.

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291 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
292 award DPW01-24, the Congregational Church Steeple Painting project, to Target New
293 England Restorations, for the amount of \$57,760. Funding for the project will come from
294 \$42,860 in ARPA funds, and \$14,900 from the FY24 Highway budget contingent on contract
295 acceptance of the Town's additional ARPA terms and conditions. Further, to authorize the
296 DPW Director to sign all related contract documents.*

297 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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299 **7.5. Land Bond for purchase/refinance**

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301 Finance Director, Debbie Bender, explained that the NH Municipal Bond Bank had attractive
302 rates for July 2023 and January 2024 bond issue dates. This is something that the Board
303 should consider for the July 2024 Curran land purchase and for the refinancing of another two
304 land purchases.

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306 The Board reviewed an estimated payment schedule for borrowing \$2M for 20 years at 3.5%.
307 There would be a savings over 20 years of approximately \$250,000 for each \$2M bond by
308 financing at a lower rate. Refinancing all three bonds would lead to a savings over the life of
309 the bond of approximately \$750,000.

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311 Selectman Stoughton stated that he is in favor of exploring refinancing the loans. He noted
312 that the existing loans are 20-year loans based on the approval of the previous Warrant Article
313 authorization. He asked Debbie Bender to check with bond counsel on if these loans could be
314 refinanced for a new 20-year term.

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316 **7.6. Employer Election to Participate in the NH Retirement System**

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318 Debbie Bender explained that, as the budget has passed, she contacted NHRS about next steps
319 to include employees in the NH Retirement System Plan. In order to do this, the Board will
320 have to vote and allow the Chairperson to sign the Employer Election to Participate form.
321 Once this is accepted by the NHRS Board of Directors, the Town will be able to complete the
322 process of adding NHRS as a benefit for employees.

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324 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to approve
325 the Employer Election to participate in the NH Retirement System Plan and further to allow
326 Chairman Pray to sign on behalf of the Board.*

327 *Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [Chairman Pray abstaining.]*

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329 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to that this
330 should properly reflect the resolution language contained within the form.*

331 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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7.7. FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale – Effective 4-7-24

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334 Debbie Bender explained that, in the past the Board has approved the Seasonal Wage Scale to
335 be effective in early April, so that seasonal hires do not have to start at one rate and then
336 change to another on July 1st. The recommendation is to approve the FY25 Seasonal Wage
337 Scale to be effective on 4/7/24.

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339 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Grella and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to approve
340 the FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale with a 3.5% COLA, to be effective as of April 7, 2024.*

341 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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8. Approvals

8.1. Use of the Town Common, Memorial Day Parade: Friday, May 24, 2024

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344 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Dokmo and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
345 approve the use of the Town Common for the purpose of the Annual Memorial Day Parade on
346 Friday May 24, 2024 from 5-7pm, as well as road closures as approved by the Director of
347 Public Works, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.*

348 *Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [T. Grella abstaining.]*

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8.2. Use of the Town Common, Fourth of July Celebration

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351 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Dokmo and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
352 approve the request of the Fourth of July Committee for the use of the Town Common on July
353 4th, 2024 from 7am - 12:30 pm for the celebration of Independence Day, along with the
354 specified road closures as approved by the Director of Public Works, the Fire Chief and the
355 Police Chief.*

356 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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8.3. Atlas Fireworks Permit for Wholesale/Retail Sale of Permissible Fireworks

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359 *The Board did not vote on this item at this time.*

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365 **8.4. 2023 Elderly Tax Deferrals**

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367 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to
368 approve and sign the 2023 Elderly Tax Deferral applications for Map 005 Lot 114-000 and
369 Map 002 Lot 166-013.*

370 *Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [C. Dokmo abstaining.]*

371 **8.5. Assessing**

372 **Abatement**

373 *Item A. This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

377 *Item A-1. The reason for the abatement is the current owner purchased this property on
378 November 8, 2023, for \$125,000. They suggest the assessment should be more indicative of
379 the purchase price. The building is uninhabitable. The land value assessment is consistent with
380 others in the area. The foundation seems to be adequate to be reused if the building is razed.
381 The Assessor recommends granting the abatement due to condition of the building.*

383 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
384 Grant an abatement in the amount of \$2,116.00 for this property, revising the assessed value
385 to \$178,500 to reflect the physical condition of the building on Map 024, Lot 040-000.
386 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

388 *Item A-2. The attached abatement is to correct a data entry error. The Veteran Tax Credit was
389 approved in 2022 for the 2023 tax year but was never placed on the property for tax purposes.
390 This abatement is to correct the error and apply the \$500 Veteran Tax Credit to the property.*

392 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
393 approve an abatement for Tax Year 2023 for Map 002, Lot 163-032 in the amount of \$500
394 plus any applicable interest/fees.*

395 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

397 *Item A-3. This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

399 *Item A-4. This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

400 **Solar Exemption**

402 *Item B. The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the
403 applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.*

405 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
406 approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 008, Lot 084-001
407 commencing in tax year 2024.*

408 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

410 *Item B-1. The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the
411 applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.*

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413 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
414 approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 010, Lot 005-028
415 commencing in tax year 2024.
416 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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418 **Item B-2.** The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the
419 applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.
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421 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
422 approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 003, Lot 022-000
423 commencing in tax year 2024.
424 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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426 **Elderly Exemption**

427 **Item C.** The assessor has reviewed the application for an Elderly Exemption under RSA
428 72:39-a and recommends approval.
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430 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
431 approve the Elderly Exemption for Map 002, Lot 166-013, commencing in tax year 2024.
432 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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434 **Item C-1.** The assessor has reviewed the application for an Elderly Exemption under RSA
435 72:39-a and recommends approval.
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437 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
438 approve the Elderly Exemption for Map 018, Lot 005-000, commencing in tax year 2024.
439 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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441 **Veteran Tax Credit**

442 **Item D.** The attached application has been reviewed by the Assessor and the Assessor
443 recommends granting this credit.
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445 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
446 approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 008, Lot 089-003 commencing in tax year 2024.
447 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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449 **Item D-1.** The attached application has been reviewed by the Assessor and the Assessor
450 recommends granting this credit.
451

452 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
453 approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 017, Lot 049-000 commencing in tax year 2024.
454 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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456 **8.6. Payroll, AP, and Minutes**

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458 **Payroll**

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460 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
461 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$260,182.91 dated February 22, 2024,
462 subject to review and audit.
463 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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465 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
466 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$260,997.42 dated March 7, 2024, subject
467 to review and audit.
468 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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470 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
471 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$1,430.80 dated March 8, 2024, subject to
472 review and audit.
473 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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475 **Accounts Payable**
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477 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
478 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of
479 \$42,997.14 dated February 16, 2024, subject to review and audit. (NH DMV)
480 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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482 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
483 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$464,820.87 dated February 29,
484 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)
485 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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487 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
488 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$3,149,219.00 dated March 1,
489 2024, subject to review and audit. (Schools)
490 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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492 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
493 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$320,807.02 dated March 6,
494 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)
495 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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497 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
498 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$28,629.86 dated March 1,
499 2024, subject to review and audit. (NH DMV)
500 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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502 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to
503 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$367,193.01 dated March 11,
504 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)
505 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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507 **Minutes**

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509 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
510 approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 26, 2024, as presented.
511 Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [C. Dokmo abstaining.]

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513 **7. Action Items**

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515 The Board reviewed any new action items.

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517 **8. Old/New Business**

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519 Selectman Stoughton noted that the voters approved the Community Power Warrant Article at
520 Town meeting. He outlined the next steps in this process noting that the Town would not
521 launch the program unless rates are lower than Eversource rates at that time.

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523 Selectman Stoughton explained that the Energy Committee has been reviewing the potential
524 for solar panels on Town buildings. It will use the Police Station as a pilot project.

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526 Chairman Pray explained that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee would like to
527 submit an application to Senator Sheheen's Office, similar to the one it submitted last year, for
528 the sidepath by Souhegan High School. This requires approval from the Board.

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530 A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to
531 authorize the submission of the project as described.

532 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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534 Chairman Pray noted that the deadline for all exemptions in Town is April 15th.

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536 Selectman Lyon noted that, while the Town budget was supported by approximately 60% of
537 voters at Town Meeting, that also means it was not supported by approximately 40% of
538 voters. He would like the Board to keep this in mind moving forward.

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540 **9. Adjournment**

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542 A MOTION was made by Selectman Grella and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to adjourn
543 the meeting at 8:42pm.

544 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

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546 **NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2024**

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549 *Selectman Peter Lyon*

Date