



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2019

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Liz Farrell

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board was given copies of the FY 2018/19 financial results that will be presented the following night to the Board of Finance. This was an exceptionally good year for the town financially as incomes exceeded expectations and final expenses were substantially below the amounts budgeted. Highlights are the \$758,000 positive variance compared to budget expectations along with the improvement to the level in the General Fund and the reduction in outstanding debt levels.

The board continued its discussion regarding making the GIS mapping system available on-line. The roll-out has been scheduled for September 3, 2019. A disclaimer on the mapping system will explain the limitations of the mapping depiction and the need for validation prior to use by the public.

The board agreed to the continuation of the maple tree tapping on Mt Archer Woods. Small modifications to the tubing locations will be discussed with the farmer involved and the agreement will be finalized pending that discussion. The board noted that letters from the public were in favor of this practice continuing.

The board has appointed Don Gerber as the Town Engineer so his expertise can be applied to the sizable bridge work planned over the next 5 years.

The town has begun a project to replace the Hamburg Road Recycling building and convert the facility to single-stream compacted recycling. This project will improve the facility's appearance and achieve transportation savings of approximately \$25,000 annually. The town will communicate the changes coming on its website and social media prior to the facility's change-over.

The Board endorsed the addition of 3 alternative members on the Planning and Zoning Commission as recommended by the ZEO and the board chair. The creation of alternate members will allow for more training of members and assure quorums at the board's meetings. This item will be proposed at the next town meeting for the voter's approval.

The Board approved the use of Route 82 for a bike ride in early October. The Board also approved a scientific research project at the swimming hole for mid-August through October studying the growing habits of "smartweed".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Mattson For the Board of Selectmen