Selectpeople's Minutes

Monday November 3, 2025

Present: David Lahm, John Kiker and Kristina White.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

There were no tax refund requests.

The following reappointments were made:

Treasurer – Peter Evankow, 11/18/25 – 11/16/27
Tax Collector – Cynthia Beers, 11/18/25 – 11/20/29
Constable – John Evans, 11/18/25 – 11/16/27
Recreation Commission – 11/18/25 – 11/16/27
Robert Cope Gavin Lodge, Tamera Masson, Adam Mcewen, Mylan Sarner, Sarah Schwartz
Conservation Commission acting as Inland Wetlands Agency:
Regular Members: Christine Darnell & Ben Kegley 11/25 – 11/28
Alternate Member: Susan Fox 11/25 – 11/28

First Selectman Lahm briefed the BOS that the current firm handling Town Counsel matters was no longer going to keep municipal clients. Selectman Lahm has retained the law firm of Suisman Shapiro. The BOS voted unanimously in support of retaining Suisman Shapiro.

Debra Mazer has requested the return of two paintings of the Mazer Farm by Edgar Miner that have been on extended loan to the Town. Selectman Lahm located a letter from Marnin Ely addressed to former First Selectman Ralph Eno identifying the paintings that he had loaned to the Town and gifting them to K.C. Mazer (deceased). Additionally, Selectman Lahm received a letter from Ruth Perry, who was Town Clerk at the time, vouching for the gift. Selectman Lahm had the Town Counsel review the material and she opined that the owner of the paintings was indeed Debra Mazer as the heir to K.C. Mazer's estate. Based on the evidence the BOS voted to return the two paintings of Mazer Farm to Ms. Mazer at a time of her choosing.
Old Business – None
New Business – The BOS voted to authorize the First Selectman to donate up to $2,000 to the Lyme Emergency Assistance Fund to provide support to the Town's needy this winter.

First Selectman Lahm wanted to point out that the Town experienced a severe windstorm on the evening of 10/31-11/01. The BOS would like to extend our appreciation to John Evans, Lars Anderson and the members of the DPW for keeping the town and its people safe by closing off roads and coordinating with Eversource for the clearing of trees and wires.

The BOS would also like to remind the public to honor all traffic instructions and road closures as they are for our safety. Additionally, several members of the public made unkind comments to our DPW staff regarding the speed that the roads were being cleared. Please understand that if a tree is entangled in wires our DPW can not touch it and must wait for Eversource to clear it. As First Selectman Lahm stated, "We are not going to risk the lives of our staff or townspeople so that someone can get a breakfast sandwich."[1]

There being no further business before the Board, the adjournment was at 4:38.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Lahm
For the Board of Selectpeople

[1] A member of the public ran over cones and almost one of our staff and when questioned, stated that he was taking his daughter to get a breakfast sandwich. He was twenty yards from downed live wires.