

**APPROVED**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
@ The Levi Stewart Library's  
Jones Nutter Auditorium  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6 P.M.**

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE.** Chairman Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:00PM, followed by the pledge.

**A. Board Members present:** Chairman Roger Whitney, Jim Emerson, Alden Bolstridge, Dennis Carr, Tony Bennett.

**B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones.

**C. Residents Present:** Jackie Emerson, Ron Richards.

**Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.** None.

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. January 24, 2024.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

**Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.**

**A. Payroll Warrant #5, 6.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #5 & 6. All in favor.

**B. A/P Warrant#7, 8.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #7 & 8. All in favor.

**Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. 17 Exeter Road – violations – junkyard and debris.** Manager informed the Board that the Code Enforcement Officer has sent certified letters to the landowner at this location, with no response. This has been ongoing since 2021. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to contact the Town's attorney to pursue legal action for the Land Use Ordinance violations. Four in favor – Chairman Whitney opposed.

**B. Remaining ARPA Funds. (Morse's Corner School – architect).** Ron Richards was present to discuss the preservation of the Morse's Corner School. He has spoken with Ellen Angel, an architect specializing in this type of preservation, and obtained a cost of \$4-6,000. Ron requested \$10,000 from the ARPA funds and not to be raised from property taxes. The Town still has \$113,000 in undesignated use of ARPA funds. Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to allot \$10,000 of ARPA funds to cover the cost of a surveyor and an historic architect for the Morse's Corner School. All in favor.

**C. Budget & Town Meeting Warrant.** Some minor discussion regarding the budget was had. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the proposed 2024 budget, as presented. All in favor.

Some minor discussion was had regarding the new fire truck article. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. All in favor.

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**Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.** None.

**Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.** None.

**Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

**Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.**

**A. Dennis-** Inquired when the dump/plow truck will be fixed. Manager has discussed with the Public Works Supervisor and scheduling seems to be an issue. Manager and Public Works Supervisor will continue to get truck into a workshop for repair.

**B. Jim-** Commented that the “Grease Monkey” has moved to St. Albans Road and is proceeding to move junk vehicles and trash to the new location. Manager will inform CEO.

**C. Tony-** Asked if the camper at the Grease Monkey can just be left at that location.

**D. Alden-** Asked if the dirt roads have been posted yet and inquired if the grader has been out to smooth some of the ruts. Manager said yes, public works supervisor was posting the roads, and the grader had been out for a few days.

**E. Roger-** Commented a fun fact – a first amendment audit was conducted at the Town Office in 2017, and is posted on YouTube. Then clerk proceeded to give the person a tour of the building.

**Item 11. ADJOURN MEETING.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager