

Selectmen's Work Session

February 7, 2022

Those Present – Selectmen, Milinazzo, Redman, and Staples. The meeting began at 4:30 PM.

Also present: Michael Sirota, Frank Therio, Contessa Mancini

Topics of Discussion

- Discussion with Frank Therio, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding Planning Board minutes. Concerns of minutes being misleading and inappropriate. Selectman Milinazzo will discuss these issues with Christian Halsted, Planning Board Chair.
- Selectman Milinazzo discussed the Budget Meeting consolidated handout for February 8, 2022 meeting.
- Discussion on Samson, Elizabeth Herdrich's dog at large and taken to PAWS.
- Discussion on requesting James Robbins and Charlie Leroyer to speak at the April Town Meeting with information about the McLellan property and how the town is interested in purchasing the property.
- Discussion on an MRC Zoom Meeting for February 15, 2022. Selectman Milinazzo will be the designated representative for Searsmont.
- Discussion on the Community Building generator, and if it is it doing its monthly test. Selectmen Redman will contact James Ames to have it checked.
- Selectman Staples has been checking culverts for ice buildup.
- Discussion on an email that Morton Salt has depleted stock. Winter road sand is low, Steve Lucas is in Florida until February 16, 2022.
- Selectman Milinazzo has asked Kathy Hoey, Treasurer, to look into refinancing the Fire Station. The current interest rate is 4%.
- Selectman Redman discussed having an Appraiser do an appraisal on 3 Main Street, for a value that can be used to put the property on the market.
- Discussion on the proposed solar projects in town. The original project has sold. The Route Three project will possibly be divided into two projects. The Selectmen are not sure if the permits are transferrable.
- Discussion on the budget, paving is in reserves, operations is up from last year. Adding a Warrant article for the McLellan acquisition funds.
- The Selectmen discussed contacting Bryce Caldwell to extend his contract for cleaning the Community Building.
- Discussion on the Planning Board revenues, and the Warrant Article for the legal reserve. One legal reserve should be sufficient.
- Discussion on meeting the Cassandra Inman, to discuss her probation period and how she is doing with the Bookkeeper position.

The meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

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