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Jeff Northgraves  
Walter Reitz  
John Spear

Selectboard Minutes  
Date: March 9, 2022, 8:30 AM  
Zoom Meeting

**Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules**

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**Selectboard Present:** Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz  
**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood, EMA Director Betty Thomas

**Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.**

**I. Call to Order**

Spear called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**II. Public Hearing**

Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways

Spear called the Public hearing to order at 8:30.

There was no public comment

This Ordinance is model ordinance produced by MMA and MDOT. All of the exceptions in the model were included. Exceptions added: 5. k. perishable products including bait, 6. Any five axle vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 34,00 pounds and less than or equal to 80,000 pounds that are carrying any perishable seafood products, including bait may operate on Island Road without a permit. The Town does have an ordinance enacted, but it couldn't be located. This Ordinance shall repeal and replace any previously enacted ordinances regarding weight limitations.

Spear ended the public hearing at 8:42

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to enact the new road restrictions.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

This Ordinance is effective immediately.

**III. Adjustments to Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**IV. New Business**

**a. Review FY 23 Budgets**

**Tentative Schedule**

Fire, General Public Safety, Social Services, Streetlights, Debt Service, Building and Grounds, Library/Cemetery, Planning Board and CEO/LPI.

**Fire Department**

The Selectboard and Chief Calderwood reviewed his budget. They had a discussion on the wages line. The Selectboard asked for a breakdown of hours. The Chief will revisit that line and get back to the Selectboard. There was also a discussion on the plan for replacing

firetrucks. The Selectboard and Chief then reviewed budget amounts for the reserve accounts.

### **General Public Safety**

Director Thomas explained the reasons behind her stipend increase request. She would like to have an assistant to train so there is someone to take over her position when she retires. The Selectboard agreed to her request for a \$5000 stipend, split \$3000 for the Director and \$2000 for the assistant (Thomas's request was a split of \$3,500 for the Director and \$1,500 for the assistant).

After a discussion a Public Health Officer stipend was added in the amount of \$2000.

Line 777 Dispatch fee was increased to \$50,000.

The Selectboard and Director Thomas briefly discussed the Emergency Alert System.

### **Library**

Library Director Alley kept her budget mostly unchanged. She added \$2000 under contracted services for the Minerva Catalog Program. This is an interlibrary loan program that delivers books by van rather than mailing the requested books through the USPS.

### **Cemetery/GRSF/Veterans**

The difference in this FY23 budget is Avenue 8 Construction. The estimated cost of this is \$8977.

### **V.Adjourn**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:22 am.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

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