



## TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING

January 11, 2023

Location: Scotland Volunteer Community Hall  
47 Brook Road

Meeting Audio Link:

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### MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Gary Greenberg at 7:03pm. Present:, Selectman Chris Demorit, Selectman Wendy Sears, Treasurer MaryAnn Fitzsimmons, Administrative Assistant Wendy O'Connor and members of the audience.
2. Audience for Citizens - none
3. Approval of minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting
  - **MOTION:** Chris Demorit made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BOS meeting, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries
  - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BOS meeting, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carries
  - Wendy Sears inquired about Nate Hall's questions from the November 9<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting regarding Fire Department CNR fund earning interest. Treasurer MaryAnn Fitzsimmons confirmed yes, the account does accrue interest. The bulk of CNR money is in the Town's STIF account which is earning more interest in this account.
4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer MaryAnn Fitzsimmons presented the treasurer's report. (Attached to minutes)
  - Gary asked about the issue of Intuit QuickBooks ownership. MaryAnn will be in contact with a rep at QuickBooks to help resolve the issue. Discussion was held.
  - Gary asked if the BOE responds directly to the audit with corrective action plan. MaryAnn stated that they will need to respond to the State Education Department with corrective actions they will be taking in response the 2 items. Discussion was held.
5. Kevin & Melissa Benito – 54 Pinch Street, complaint regarding Town Salt Shed. Mr. Benito has stated he never filed a complaint but has spoken to Gary about his dissatisfaction with their view of the salt shed. There was discussion of ownership of the Hickory Tree that borders Mr. Benito's property. Mr. Benito would like something done in regard to his views of the new salt shed. Gary received an email from Mr. Benito suggesting that in return for removing the hickory tree, the town would plant some trees to buffer his view of the salt shed, which has an estimated cost of \$1200.00. Gary would like to make it clear that he did not offer to pay the \$1200, but that the town may contribute to this. Discussion was held.

6. Office of Policy and Management – to opt into the Small-Town Economic Assistance Program for a period of four years following submission of notice.
  - **MOTION:** Chris Demorit made a motion to opt into the Small-Town Economic Assistance Program for a period of four years following submission of notice, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries
7. Report of Selectmen
  - Wendy Sears asked about Selectmen's salary in the financial report. MaryAnn explained that there was a split when Rob Keator left. MaryAnn will take a look at the report.
  - The library/school situation is on the verge of being resolved. There will be a computer installed at the library that will run the library system and it will be divorced from the school system. We are about \$6,200 into the cost of repair with ABS system. Discussion was held.
  - Have reapplied for the \$700,000 grant for the town hall renovations. Kim Martin has found a USDA grant that could possibly pay for the elevator. We know for sure that we 1.2 million so far for the renovation project. Gary has asked the architect to phase the project. Discussion was held.
  - Wendy Sears inquired about Raffle fees. She suggested that we take a look at the resolution and possibly amend it.
8. Audience for Citizens
9. Wendy Sears made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carries.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Wendy O'Connor  
Administrative Assistant***