



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN - October 11th, 2023 -7:00pm

Location:

Scotland Volunteer Memorial Hall - Scotland, CT

Meeting Audio Link:

[10.11.23 BOS Meeting.mp3](#)

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Gary Greenberg at 7:04pm. Present: Selectman Chris Demorit; Selectman Wendy Sears, Wendy O'Connor, administrative assistant and audience members.
2. Additions to Agenda: None
3. Audience with Citizens: None
4. Approval of the September 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Wendy Sears to approve the minutes of the September 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carried.
5. Appointment of MJ Pharmer to Culture and Recreation Committee – Motion made by Chris Demorit to appoint MJ Pharmer to the Culture and Recreation Committee, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carried.
6. Contractor Cemetery Fee Increase and Addition: Disinterment Increase from \$900 to \$1,050. Addition of Winter Cremation Fee of \$400.
 - Motion made by Wendy Sears to increase contractor cemetery fees as follows, Disinterment Increase from \$900 to \$1,050 and the addition of winter cremation fee of \$400, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carried.
7. Report of Selectmen
 - Gary gave an update on the Brook Road bridges. The emergency bridge is in place at the north end of Brook Road. The cost is \$3,500 a day. The South end of Brook Road abutments have been poured and are ready to go. Bridge pieces arrive tomorrow. Assembly will start on Monday.
 - Bass Road bridge, engineer has been out to check on bridge three times, put in benchmarks, taken measurements and the bridge has not moved. The foundation, abutments and ring walls all collapsed into the water. The idea is to get a crane in and take all of it out, create a channel and use rip rap to make a long bank on either side of the bridge which should make it if the water rises again, there are not walls for it to get behind. Believe the bridge can be opened up again. Engineer will continue to take measurements.
 - Gary plans to approach the next administration to suggest they appoint him to be a director of special projects so that he can see these projects through.

- Grant Update - When you apply for a grant you send in a budget, and state how much you will need and where the money is going to come from. Our budget for our state grants says we have \$500,000 in our budget for Town Hall renovations. The \$500,000 is no longer in our bank account. When we go to finalize the budgets for grants, we will have to disclose we no longer have the money. Every grant will handle this differently. Most concerned about the Community Investment Fund Grant. Have been told that upon disclosure, which he has already done, there is a period of time during which we can try to find the money or reduce the scope of the project by the amount of money that we no longer have. If we are not able to do this, we will get de-allocated. Discussion was held.
- Gary has met with all the candidates for selectman to orient them to what is going on.
- New DPW worker starting on Monday. Will be starting at \$26.50/hour. The next BOS will really have to tackle the issue of compensation.
- Assessor's computer issues are being resolved.
- The Republican Town Committee will move forward with co-hosting a candidate forum with the Democratic Town Committee. Information will be shared when date and time has been set.

8. Audience with Citizens:

- Carol Withington thanked Gary for 4 years of service and dedication to the Town of Scotland.
- Dana Barrow thanked Gary for the time spent with the 3 first selectmen candidates. Was very informative.
- Terry Delaney, it is very frustrating to hear about the financial issues of a small town and how difficult it is for the board to keep it going. On the flip side of being a small town, it was nice to have Gary there when the temporary bridges went up, having the fire department go door to door to make sure they spoke with everyone. Twin Hill working with Tom McAvoy to get a temporary road open. John Beck making sure the temporary bridge was open and closed at 6am and 6pm. Appreciate everyone's help from the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department and Town Crew for getting this going.

9. Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm made by Wendy Sears, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant