



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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October 25th, 2023

7:00pm

Meeting Audio Link:

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Scotland Volunteer Memorial Hall - Scotland, CT

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was Called to Order at 7:02pm by First Selectman Gary Greenberg. Present are Selectman Chris Demorit; Selectman Wendy Sears; Treasurer Jean LeFebvre; administrative assistant Wendy O'Connor and members of the audience.
2. Additions to Agenda: Wendy Sears made a motion to add discussion and possible action on the Nip Surcharge from the State of Connecticut. Seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carried.
3. Audience with Citizens: None
4. Approval of the October 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Chris Demorit to accept the minutes of the October 10th, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jean LeFebvre gave treasurer's report. (attached to minutes)
6. Act on Intent to seek a Bond Resolution for the Bridge Emergency – (attached to minutes) First Selectman Greenberg gave an overview of the resolution and where money could come from to help with the cost of the temporary bridge. Discussion was held.
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Wendy Sears to pass a resolution of official intent to reimburse expenses from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations for emergency bridge repairs, seconded by Chris Demorit. Motion carried.
7. Liquor Surcharge – Barbara Syme, owner of Scotland Spirits, explained there is an Environmental Fee for the sale of a 50ml bottle that was enacted by the liquor industry and the State of Connecticut 2 years ago to impose a 5 cent surcharge on the sale of any 50ml bottle. There is a surcharge to the seller and the buyer. The proceeds from the surcharge are sent back to the town. The proceed can only be used for environmental purposes. Discussion was held.

8. Pins to Needles Sub-Lease of Old Firehouse – Aubra Bartholomew has a 5 Year lease, would like to sublease to her daughter. The lease allows her to do this. Aubra will still be responsible for payments.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve Aubra Bartholomew's request to sublease the old firehouse to her daughter. Chris Demorit seconded. Motion carried.
9. Report of Selectmen
 - Wendy Sears – have not had any discussions about EV charging station. The EV station has not been installed, supply chain issue.
 - New DPW employee did not show up for first day of work. Looking for another worker. John Beck and Gary have been covering. Need someone by winter.
 - Bridge is complete, pavement was done today. Tomorrow will put up guardrails and stop signs, will paint lines. Will open bridge tomorrow night or Friday. Have arranged for Bay Crane to pick up crane.
 - The bridge on Bass Road, engineer wants to meet with new first selectman and Gary. Has a report ready to go and some decisions will need to be made.
 - Wendy Sears wanted to thank Gary for conquering the insurmountable obstacles that have befallen this administration and also thank Gary's wife, Susan, for the sacrifices they made during Gary's term.
 - Will need a representative from Scotland for the Eastern Highland Health District
10. Audience with Citizens – Beth Delaney asked if the road was going to be marked closed. Gary – will be putting up signs that say the road is open only to Halbach's house. Kim Martin asked how long you can accumulate the bottle surcharge. Gary – thinks they will ask us to account for it, so will be to be tracked. Kim Martin – Thank you to the board for trying to effect change.
11. Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm made by Chris, Wendy Sears seconded.