



Selectmen's Agenda
Monday April 7, 2025
7PM

Minutes

Selectmen present: Donna Brewer, Evelyn Duncan, John Robbins, Travis Fifield, Joe Rackliff. Others: Wil Robinson, Linda Nelson

Harbor committee-Tuesday, April 8th, 5PM
Planning Board- Thursday, April 17th, 6:30PM

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Minutes-Motion by Evelyn, 2nd by John. 5-0

Weekly Warrants-Motion by Evelyn, 2nd by John. 5-0

Agenda Items-

- 1. Athletic field stage repairs-TM has forwarded onto the Board from the past week an email from a concerned citizen about the rotten condition of the stage and how dangerous it was and to take it down. John R went to view the unsafe condition of the stage reported earlier by the TM before the meeting. John said he agreed, it is unsafe. Board talked about lack of use, no one at the OPA taking care of it, John mentioned this was a temporary thing during the Covid times. No one using it now, Donna mentioned the same. John we haven't got the money and it wasn't taken care of when the TM mentioned it to the OPA folks. Motion by John R, 2nd by Joe to take down as soon as possible when it dries up. 5-0**
- 2. Personnel policy adoption-TM passed around update copy that our attorneys at Bernstein Shur did. Our other policy was from a long time ago, plus patchwork of other added board amendments for sexual harassment, etc. so time to adopt an updated one. Did make update for FMLA, also our OT policy that usually the plow guys use. Everyone else doesn't do OT, just them. Motion by Evelyn, 2nd by Travis to adopt it. 5-0**
- 3. Grants approvals-TM brought to the attention of the Board the Town/SWC has been offered a \$1M offering for additional funding to add to the School Street project. TM said she, Evelyn, Donna had sat down with Annalies and reviewed the current financials of the SWC, the debt restricting**

associated with it. TM said SWC is still at 16%, well under the 25% we need to stay under for prudent borrowing margins. Board said they would be glad to accept the grant offering from the Drinking Water Program. Motion by John, 2nd by Donna to accept the offer and sign the agreement. 5-0. Also, Board approved the CDS submission again to the congressional delegation Linda mentioned to the Selectboard. Motion by Evelyn, 2nd by John. 5-0

4. **Solar project review-school building**-Linda went over the proposal and changes. The solar panel support system has to be several feet wider to accommodate the snow load here in Stonington. So the proposal reflects that and will cost a bit more. It is a grant we share with DI and can still be done. Joe asked about the battery life, Linda stated should be 20-30 years. Motion by Evelyn, 2nd by John to approve the grant agreement contingent on extra funding for extra cost. 5-0
5. **Transfer Station -recycling, conf approval, recycle traps**-TM asked Board for permission for member to go to recycling conference at the Samoset. We have a free day courtesy of UMO we applied for, Board said yes. TM said we have a small committee interested in the TS, recycling and looking into waste diversion since the TS costs are so high. TM said she is working with Oceanswide to see if we can divert decent traps to set aside for people to use, set pallets aside not to burn so much toxic ask, etc. work in progress trying to get the dump back on track, will call about the new baler again. Will price a new recycling building door, fix the doorway hit by Bob Cat, get the underneath cleaned up, and look into getting a pressure washer for it.

Old business-Oceanville project, guard rail going in soon, paving plant not online yet, doing change orders and submitting paperwork to NBRC get ready to draw down and close out soon hopefully. GAN in place for grants projects now. Got some info from EPEC and passed on, Evelyn said she would read it more.

New business-TM asked about Playtime boat, someone wants it. Evelyn said she would ask Bob if he could fix it where someone smashed the top off the lobster boat. TM asked about the float at the dump, no one knows whose it is, what do we do with it? Board said ask around, see whose it is, ask Buster if he knows. TM it is just in the way. Came up during the Jan storm on our park area. Board signed PB appointment papers, TM need the alternates because some members don't come and don't take interest in it now, no quorum before. Linda Wing, Waves & Woods coming up soon, Talk of the Towns on Arts, local culture, hope some board members can come, moved to Reach.

Adjourn-Motion by John R, 2nd by Evelyn to adjourn at 8:42PM. 5-0


Donna Brewer Evelyn John R.
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