



# Town of Amherst, NH

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Landry Meeting Room  
2 Main Street  
Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:30PM

Attendees: Chairman Peter Lyon, Selectman Bill Stoughton, Selectman Cynthia Dokmo, Selectman Danielle Pray, and Selectman Tom Grella

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Peter Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Cynthia Dokmo.

Chairman Lyon welcomed newly elected Board of Selectmen member Cynthia Dokmo. He expressed the Board's thanks and gratitude to previous Selectman John D'Angelo for his years of work with the Board.

### 3. Citizens Forum

None at this time.

### 4. Board of Selectmen Reorganization

#### 4.1 Board Reorganization and committee assignments

The Board agreed to address their committee assignments at the next meeting.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to nominate Danielle Pray as Chair of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.*

*Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [D. Pray abstaining.]*

*A MOTION was made by Chairman Pray and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to nominate Bill Stoughton as Vice Chair of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.*

*Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [B. Stoughton abstaining.]*

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to nominate Peter Lyon as Clerk of the Amherst Board of Selectmen.*

*Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [P. Lyon abstaining.]*

### 5. Scheduled Appointments

#### 5.1 Amherst Highway Safety Committee

- Discussion re: No Through Truck Traffic Ordinance on Boston Post Road

Police Chief Ciampoli explained that the Highway Safety Committee met several times regarding complaints from residents about commercial motor vehicle traffic in the Village. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) did an evaluation of the Village

39 roadways to gather data. It was determined that almost all vehicles are currently speeding  
40 through the area to some degree due to the current speed limits. Approximately 85% of  
41 vehicles traveling through the area are traveling at a higher rate of speed than the posted 25  
42 mph. Generally, with this data, roadways are made safer by increasing the speed. This would  
43 not be helpful in this case as there are safety concerns due to the speeding in the Village. The  
44 Committee discussed if a prohibition against through truck traffic would be appropriate but  
45 could not find any data to support it. The Committee struggled, as the priority is to create a  
46 safe area, but there is no data showing that this is currently an unsafe area. The Committee  
47 questioned whether this is a true safety issue or a quality-of-life issue for those who live in the  
48 Village. Chief Ciampoli explained that his position is to be proactive and address potential  
49 safety concerns before they start, even in the face of a lack of data. He stated that enacting a  
50 prohibition backed by Town ordinances would need to be data driven.

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52 Chief Ciampoli stated that the Committee voted 4-1 against a prohibition. The Committee  
53 discussed many reasons against the prohibition, such as it becoming a financial burden on  
54 local businesses whose truck drivers would then have to find alternate routes. He explained  
55 that a prohibition would have to be carefully tailored to avoid liability for the Town due to a  
56 lack of data. Regarding enforcement, an outright prohibition against all truck traffic through  
57 the village would be very difficult to enforce and not a good use of Police Department  
58 resources. He suggested that a time restricted prohibition may be better, though it would still  
59 be hard to enforce. He suggested that the Board discuss other opportunities such as a  
60 prohibition against compression braking or jake braking to ease the noise concerns in the  
61 Village.

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63 Selectman Stoughton stated that he supports enacting a noise restriction in the Village. He  
64 does not agree with the majority of the Committee regarding there not being enough of a  
65 safety concern to enact a no thru trucking prohibition. Truck traffic invites a safety problem  
66 due to the configuration of the Village, the amount of pedestrian traffic in the area, and the  
67 sidewalks being located close to the roadway. Trailer trucks are heavier, cause greater injuries  
68 during accidents, impair other vehicle visibility more than smaller vehicles, and are noisier.  
69 He does not believe that the Board should wait for statistics to occur but should be proactive  
70 to avoid accidents. This prohibition should not apply to those trucks whose business  
71 originates/ends within a certain zone in order to not shut out local commerce. He urged the  
72 Board to direct the Chief to draft an ordinance to these points.

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74 Selectman Grella stated that the only pedestrian accident he is aware of within the last 35  
75 years involved a pedestrian and motor vehicle at the Moulton's intersection. He stated that he  
76 believes large truck drivers have increased safety in mind as driving is their livelihood. He  
77 supported the recommendations of the Committee and a prohibition on jake brake use.

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79 In response to a question from Selectman Dokmo, Chief Ciampoli stated that the prohibition  
80 is proposed to be from either 8pm-8am or 9pm-9am. This was also a concern of the  
81 Committee as it does not capture both ends of the school day. He stated that he believes there  
82 are likely more complaints in the early morning hours, though it is not clear if these are due to  
83 the presence of trucks or the noise they produce. He explained that a time-restricted  
84 prohibition would be more enforceable.

86 Selectman Dokmo stated that most of the noise from these trucks seems to come from braking  
87 after speeding. She asked if the braking would be necessary if the trucks were going the speed  
88 limit. Chief Ciampoli explained that emergency vehicles would be an exception to this  
89 prohibition, mostly dealing with Fire and EMS vehicles.

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91 Selectman Dokmo asked what the traffic volume currently is during the 8pm-8am hours.  
92 Chief Ciampoli stated that he believes this is very low. Most truck traffic likely occurs during  
93 business hours.

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95 In response to a question from Selectman Lyon, Chief Ciampoli stated that there is a legal  
96 basis for a proposed waiver for some from this prohibition. Waivers can be given for good  
97 cause shown at the Board's discretion.

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99 Selectman Lyon explained that his concerns are mostly from large dump trailers coming  
100 through the Village. He asked if an ordinance could be weight based to allow for more local  
101 contractors to continue to use the area. DPW Director Eric Slosek explained that weight limits  
102 are difficult as the legal definition of weight for certain trucks could exclude many local  
103 businesses that use trailers of any type. Selectman Lyon explained that the proposed time-  
104 restricted ordinance does not necessarily accomplish the Board's goal. DPW Director Slosek  
105 explained that the waiver process could help local businesses get around the ordinance.

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107 Chairman Pray asked if DPW Director Slosek's main concern is impacting local businesses.  
108 DPW Director Slosek explained that his main concern was that, as the Highway Safety  
109 Committee, the group could not find safety concerns to point to in order to gather data to  
110 support the proposed ban. He stated that he believes this is a quality-of-life issue for those in  
111 the Village. Four of the Committee members did not feel there was a safety issue at hand.

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113 In response to a question from Chairman Pray, Chief Ciampoli explained that there has been  
114 an increase in all types of traffic through the Village. There was discussion by the Committee  
115 if some of the increased truck traffic was coming from new development construction at the  
116 north end of Town.

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118 DPW Director Slosek explained that one resident's concerns were around children's safety in  
119 the Village, but there is already a reduced speed limit in the school zone and flashing lights  
120 from all directions. Thus, these areas already have safety measures in place and there were no  
121 additional safety concerns found through the data.

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123 Chairman Pray suggested that the Chief look into a no thru trucking ordinance with a waiver  
124 included. She stated that she does not want to see accidents occur in this area. Out of Town  
125 businesses use the Village as a cut through and this is a pedestrian-friendly area.

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127 DPW Director Slosek noted that enacting an ordinance in this area could be a precedent for  
128 other areas in Town, such as by the High School and Middle School. Traffic also tends to  
129 travel quickly in this area and there not sidewalks of any type, as there are in the Village.  
130 Chairman Pray stated that roads could be added to the ordinance as needed. DPW Director  
131 Slosek also noted that a prohibition through the Village will send the trucks onto other roads,

and the ban may thus need to be posted on additional nearby roads as well. Selectman Lyon suggested a weight-based ban to limit traffic.

Dennis Wheeler stated that he believes many of the noise complaints are coming from large trucks that have no mufflers. If noise is in fact the problem, this should be addressed by ticketing those that are causing the noise. He stated that the idea that jake braking is used to allow for speeding and quick stopping is false. Using brakes causes them to heat up, and so jake brakes are often used when going down a large hill as a safety measure. He stated that he believes there should be enforcement measures to make cars and trucks slow down through the Village.

Kevin Grasset, 75 Merrimack Road, asked why, if child safety is the main concern, there are sidewalks in the Village at all. He asked why the Town is trying to add more of them if sidewalks are not enough of a safety measure. He noted that traffic barely moves at all through the Village during school hours due to the traffic volume. He stated that the Board should deal with facts instead of scare tactics. He stated that it is discrimination to not allow large trucks to drive on these roads based on their appearance. He stated that truck drivers pay extra attention to the road due to the liability they carry. A blanket prohibition is wrong. This will push all truck traffic onto other roads. He asked if the Town would have an issue if the trucks were pushed to Amherst Street, as this also has a sidewalk and pedestrian traffic. He pays a lot in taxes and has every right to use these roads. Any business owner would not be okay if their drivers started getting speeding tickets regularly, so if speed is the issue, enforcement through ticketing should be used.

Doug Chabinsky, 89 Boston Post Road, stated that the speed of both trucks and cars in the Village is a big issue. The ordinance would allow for those who do business within the area of the Village to continue to use the roads. He stated that truck traffic starts at 4am, and he has counted 27 trucks past his house some days before 8am. One day he saw a total of 150 trucks between the hours of 6am-6pm. There are no current accident statistics, but the Town is due for one to occur. Everyone should do the speed limit of 25 mph through the Village, and this should be enforced. The volume of pedestrians through the Village is much greater than along the Amherst Street sidepath. There may not be as much of a concern in the Village if the sidewalks were as wide as the one on Amherst Street.

Chairman Pray directed the Chief to explore a weight limit no thru trucking ordinance for the Board's review. DPW Director Slosek noted again that the Committee was 4-1 against an ordinance.

- Discussion re: No Engine Brakes Boston Post Road

The Board agreed to move this item to public hearings and a review by Town Counsel.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to advance the No Engine Brakes on Boston Post Road draft ordinance to public hearings. Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

## **6. Administration**

179           **6.1. 457(b) Secure Act 1 Election Forms for 457(b) Deferred Compensation plans**  
180           **for Corebridge (VALIC) and Mission Square (ICMA)**  
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182 Jennifer Stover, Executive Assistant, explained that an active employee has requested the  
183 Board consider a change to the contract with the Town's 457 (b) deferred Compensation  
184 Plans, allowing an active employee to disburse funds after reaching the age of 59 ½, in  
185 accordance with the Miners Act. Both Corebridge (formerly Valic) and Mission Square  
186 (formerly ICMA) have sent election forms to initiate that change.  
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188 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
189 *authorize in service distributions from pension plans and government 457 plans at age 59 ½.*  
190 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*  
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192           **6.2. Rail Trail Referendum discussion**  
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194 DPW Director Slosek explained that he spoke with Chris Buchanan, Bicycle & Pedestrian  
195 Advisory Committee, and the NH DOT project manager for this project and it was determined  
196 that the next step is for the Board to sign an agreement to allow for the engineer selection  
197 process to occur. This process could take 2-3 months.  
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199 In response to a question from Selectman Stoughton, DPW Director Slosek explained that the  
200 local match for this project for FY25 is \$20,200. It is estimated that there are currently Bean  
201 Grants available for approximately \$70,000 to be used for this project and the CMAQ project  
202 along Route 122. It is at the Board's discretion to determine the split for this funding.  
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204 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
205 *authorize the Town Administrator or the Director of the Department of Public Works to*  
206 *execute agreements with the State consistent with the Town's approval of the rail trail*  
207 *referendum and to go forward with that project.*  
208 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*  
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210           **6.3. BOS Action Items**  
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212 The Board reviewed its action items.  
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214 Regarding the solar panel function at the Fire Station, Fire Chief Connolly explained that it  
215 was determined that there is an issue that needs to be fixed on Eversource's end. He will  
216 follow up with them this week.  
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218           **7. Staff Reports**

219           **7.1. DPW- Request for Authorization to expend CRF funds**  
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221 DPW Director Slosek explained that the computer server at DPW has been identified by  
222 Microtime as needing replacement. The server is nearing the end-of-life and is nearly at  
223 storage capacity. Microtime has provided a quote for its replacement. They are recommending  
224 moving to a cloud-based system instead of replacing the hardware. The cloud-based system

offers several advantages over physical hardware, including requiring less maintenance, and eliminating the need for replacement of the server in future years.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to authorize DPW to expend \$7,575.00 from the "Computer System" capital reserve fund to complete a cloud-based computer server replacement at DPW.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

## **7.2. DPW-Road Work Bid**

DPW Director Slosek explained that the Department recently solicited bids for upcoming FY25 planned road work. Bids were received from two companies, Pike Industries and Continental Paving. Continental Paving had the low bid of \$1,661,430.90. Their bid was \$67,751.10 less than Pike's for a difference of 4.08%. It was observed that prices have generally decreased as compared to last year's pricing. Continental's bid represents a total decrease of 10.5% when comparing the requested pay items with their respective quantities using last year's prices. Pike's bid represented a 7.3% decrease over last year's prices. The asphalt paving items are the largest pay items. Paving items represent approximately 57% of the total base bids. Both companies are listed on the NH DOT pre-qualified contractor's list for road construction. The recommendation is to award the DPW05-24 contract to the low bidder, Continental Paving, Inc., for the amount of \$1.594M. The approved FY25 road construction budget is \$1.5M. The Board also approved the use of an additional \$94,000 in FY24 "extra block-grant" money. This brings the total road construction funding amount in FY25 to \$1.594M. The DPW05-24 road contract gives the Town the right to change the scope of work in the contract to stay within our available budget.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to award the DPW05-24 Multi-Road Construction contract, in the amount of \$1,594,204.42, to Continental Paving, Inc. for work on various Town roads, utilizing the unit prices submitted with their bid. Further, to authorize the DPW Director to sign the related contract documents. This work is planned to commence in FY2025 upon award.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

## **7.3. DPW- PD Roof Bid**

DPW Director Slosek stated that the Department recently solicited bids for replacement of the Police Department roof. This project had been planned but was postponed until the station renovation was completed. Seven bids were received for this project. The low bid was \$27,140 and the highest bid was \$35,499. The Board approved a request by DPW to use up to \$70,000 in ARPA funds for this project. The recommendation is to award the DPW06-24 roofing bid to JB Roofing Systems, LLC.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to award the DPW06-24 Police Department Roof bid to JB Roofing Systems, LLC, in the amount of \$27,140.00, contingent on contract acceptance of the Town's additional ARPA terms and conditions. Further, to authorize the DPW Director to sign all related contract documents.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*



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273 **7.4. DPW- Church Steeple Painting Bid**  
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275 DPW Director Slosek explained that the Department recently solicited bids for the painting of  
276 the Town-owned Congregational Church steeple and bell tower. This includes refinishing the  
277 clock faces. It has been several years since the Church painted their portion of the building.  
278 The steeple is in desperate need of paint to prevent further deterioration, which would result in  
279 more costly repairs. Two qualified bids were received from contractors. The bid amounts were  
280 \$92,320 and \$57,760 respectively. Both contractors submitted portfolios containing examples  
281 of projects they have completed, and both are well qualified with experience working on  
282 historical structures. The recommendation is to award the bid to Target New England  
283 Restorations.

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285 Funding for this project has not yet been established. The Town unsuccessfully applied for the  
286 moose plate grant last year. The recommendation is for the Board to use the balance of the  
287 earmarked ARPA funds for the Police Department roof, totaling \$42,860, toward the balance  
288 of the Church Steeple Painting. The remaining balance of \$14,900 will be covered using  
289 unused funds identified in the FY24 salt budget.

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291 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
292 *award DPW01-24, the Congregational Church Steeple Painting project, to Target New*  
293 *England Restorations, for the amount of \$57,760. Funding for the project will come from*  
294 *\$42,860 in ARPA funds, and \$14,900 from the FY24 Highway budget contingent on contract*  
295 *acceptance of the Town's additional ARPA terms and conditions. Further, to authorize the*  
296 *DPW Director to sign all related contract documents.*  
297 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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299 **7.5. Land Bond for purchase/refinance**  
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301 Finance Director, Debbie Bender, explained that the NH Municipal Bond Bank had attractive  
302 rates for July 2023 and January 2024 bond issue dates. This is something that the Board  
303 should consider for the July 2024 Curran land purchase and for the refinancing of another two  
304 land purchases.

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306 The Board reviewed an estimated payment schedule for borrowing \$2M for 20 years at 3.5%.  
307 There would be a savings over 20 years of approximately \$250,000 for each \$2M bond by  
308 financing at a lower rate. Refinancing all three bonds would lead to a savings over the life of  
309 the bond of approximately \$750,000.

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311 Selectman Stoughton stated that he is in favor of exploring refinancing the loans. He noted  
312 that the existing loans are 20-year loans based on the approval of the previous Warrant Article  
313 authorization. He asked Debbie Bender to check with bond counsel on if these loans could be  
314 refinanced for a new 20-year term.

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316 **7.6. Employer Election to Participate in the NH Retirement System**  
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Debbie Bender explained that, as the budget has passed, she contacted NHRS about next steps to include employees in the NH Retirement System Plan. In order to do this, the Board will have to vote and allow the Chairperson to sign the Employer Election to Participate form. Once this is accepted by the NHRS Board of Directors, the Town will be able to complete the process of adding NHRS as a benefit for employees.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to approve the Employer Election to participate in the NH Retirement System Plan and further to allow Chairman Pray to sign on behalf of the Board.*

*Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [Chairman Pray abstaining.]*

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to that this should properly reflect the resolution language contained within the form.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

#### **7.7. FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale – Effective 4-7-24**

Debbie Bender explained that, in the past the Board has approved the Seasonal Wage Scale to be effective in early April, so that seasonal hires do not have to start at one rate and then change to another on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The recommendation is to approve the FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale to be effective on 4/7/24.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Grella and SECONDED by Selectman Dokmo to approve the FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale with a 3.5% COLA, to be effective as of April 7, 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

### **8. Approvals**

#### **8.1. Use of the Town Common, Memorial Day Parade: Friday, May 24, 2024**

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Dokmo and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to approve the use of the Town Common for the purpose of the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Friday May 24, 2024 from 5-7pm, as well as road closures as approved by the Director of Public Works, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.*

*Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [T. Grella abstaining.]*

#### **8.2. Use of the Town Common, Fourth of July Celebration**

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Dokmo and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to approve the request of the Fourth of July Committee for the use of the Town Common on July 4th, 2024 from 7am - 12:30 pm for the celebration of Independence Day, along with the specified road closures as approved by the Director of Public Works, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

#### **8.3. Atlas Fireworks Permit for Wholesale/Retail Sale of Permissible Fireworks**

*The Board did not vote on this item at this time.*



365 **8.4. 2023 Elderly Tax Deferrals**

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367 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to*  
368 *approve and sign the 2023 Elderly Tax Deferral applications for Map 005 Lot 114-000 and*  
369 *Map 002 Lot 166-013.*

370 *Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [C. Dokmo abstaining.]*

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372 **8.5. Assessing**

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374 **Abatement**

375 **Item A.** *This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

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377 **Item A-1.** The reason for the abatement is the current owner purchased this property on  
378 November 8, 2023, for \$125,000. They suggest the assessment should be more indicative of  
379 the purchase price. The building is uninhabitable. The land value assessment is consistent with  
380 others in the area. The foundation seems to be adequate to be reused if the building is razed.  
381 The Assessor recommends granting the abatement due to condition of the building.

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383 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
384 *Grant an abatement in the amount of \$2,116.00 for this property, revising the assessed value*  
385 *to \$178,500 to reflect the physical condition of the building on Map 024, Lot 040-000.*

386 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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388 **Item A-2.** The attached abatement is to correct a data entry error. The Veteran Tax Credit was  
389 approved in 2022 for the 2023 tax year but was never placed on the property for tax purposes.  
390 This abatement is to correct the error and apply the \$500 Veteran Tax Credit to the property.

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392 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
393 *approve an abatement for Tax Year 2023 for Map 002, Lot 163-032 in the amount of \$500*  
394 *plus any applicable interest/fees.*

395 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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397 **Item A-3.** *This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

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399 **Item A-4.** *This item was removed from consideration this evening.*

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401 **Solar Exemption**

402 **Item B.** The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the  
403 applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.

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405 *A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to*  
406 *approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 008, Lot 084-001*  
407 *commencing in tax year 2024.*

408 *Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

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410 **Item B-1.** The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the  
411 applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 010, Lot 005-028 commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

**Item B-2.** The attached solar exemption application provided has been reviewed and the applicant qualifies for the Tax Credit under RSA 72:62 for the 2024 tax year.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Solar Exemption in the amount of \$17,500 for Map 003, Lot 022-000 commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

### **Elderly Exemption**

**Item C.** The assessor has reviewed the application for an Elderly Exemption under RSA 72:39-a and recommends approval.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Elderly Exemption for Map 002, Lot 166-013, commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

**Item C-1.** The assessor has reviewed the application for an Elderly Exemption under RSA 72:39-a and recommends approval.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Elderly Exemption for Map 018, Lot 005-000, commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

### **Veteran Tax Credit**

**Item D.** The attached application has been reviewed by the Assessor and the Assessor recommends granting this credit.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 008, Lot 089-003 commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

**Item D-1.** The attached application has been reviewed by the Assessor and the Assessor recommends granting this credit.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 017, Lot 049-000 commencing in tax year 2024.*

*Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

## **8.6. Payroll, AP, and Minutes**

### **Payroll**

459  
460 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
461 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$260,182.91 dated February 22, 2024,  
462 subject to review and audit.  
463 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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465 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
466 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$260,997.42 dated March 7, 2024, subject  
467 to review and audit.  
468 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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470 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
471 approve one (1) Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$1,430.80 dated March 8, 2024, subject to  
472 review and audit.  
473 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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475 **Accounts Payable**  
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477 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
478 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of  
479 \$42,997.14 dated February 16, 2024, subject to review and audit. (NH DMV)  
480 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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482 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
483 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$464,820.87 dated February 29,  
484 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)  
485 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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487 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
488 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$3,149,219.00 dated March 1,  
489 2024, subject to review and audit. (Schools)  
490 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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492 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
493 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$320,807.02 dated March 6,  
494 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)  
495 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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497 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
498 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$28,629.86 dated March 1,  
499 2024, subject to review and audit. (NH DMV)  
500 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.  
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502 A MOTION was made by Selectman Lyon and SECONDED by Selectman Stoughton to  
503 approve one (1) Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$367,193.01 dated March 11,  
504 2024, subject to review and audit. (Vendors)  
505 Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 26, 2024, as presented. Vote: 4-0-1; motion carried [C. Dokmo abstaining.]*

**7. Action Items**

The Board reviewed any new action items.

**8. Old/New Business**

Selectman Stoughton noted that the voters approved the Community Power Warrant Article at Town meeting. He outlined the next steps in this process noting that the Town would not launch the program unless rates are lower than Eversource rates at that time.

Selectman Stoughton explained that the Energy Committee has been reviewing the potential for solar panels on Town buildings. It will use the Police Station as a pilot project.

Chairman Pray explained that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee would like to submit an application to Senator Sheheen's Office, similar to the one it submitted last year, for the sidepath by Souhegan High School. This requires approval from the Board.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Stoughton and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to authorize the submission of the project as described. Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Pray noted that the deadline for all exemptions in Town is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Lyon noted that, while the Town budget was supported by approximately 60% of voters at Town Meeting, that also means it was not supported by approximately 40% of voters. He would like the Board to keep this in mind moving forward.

**9. Adjournment**

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Grella and SECONDED by Selectman Lyon to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Vote: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

**NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2024**

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*Selectman Peter Lyon*

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*Date*