

Board of Selectmen Agenda
Municipal Center Resource Room
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Chairman Announcements
 - Exceptional Service Recipient ~ COA Staff Member Jennifer Zifcak
 - Highway Department Donation of Hazardous Material Storage
4. Citizen's Forum
5. Property & Casualty Presentation – Presenter A. (limited to 15 minutes)
6. Property & Casualty Presentation – Presenter B. (limited to 15 minutes)
7. Town Meeting Discussion with the Town Moderator
8. BVT Working Group Liaison Discussion – Possible Votes
9. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club Annual Reports for ABCC – Possible Votes
10. Beaupre Scrap, LLC Junk License Renewal – Possible Votes
11. Grant Acceptance – Possible Votes
 - Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, Round 2
 - SAFE & SR SAFE Grant Programs
12. Meeting Minutes – Possible Votes
13. Municipal Light Plant Discussion
14. Town Administrator's Report
15. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
16. Executive Session
 - a. *Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6), To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.* **Interest in Real Property –Riedell Road**
17. Adjournment

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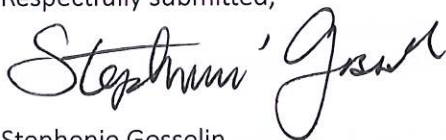
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Chair Tim Bonin, Vice Chair Mike Fitzpatrick, Hal Davis, Ross Smith, Les Stevens, Matt Wojcik
Town Administrator, and Lisa Freeman Executive Assistant.

1. Tim Bonin called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
2. (0:10 TS) Pledge of Allegiance
3. (0:35 TS) Chairman Announcements
 - Exceptional Service Recipient – COA Staff Member Jennifer Zifcak
Patrice Rousseau submitted an employee recognition for Jennifer Zifcak to the Board of Selectmen and Tim Bonin read the nomination to the public.
 - Highway Department Donation of Hazardous Material Storage
The board thanked Cure Leaf and Jody Stout for their generous donations of 2 flammable cabinets, 1 compressed cylinder cabinet, 4 containment catch tanks for chemicals, and 2 ramps for containment tanks.
4. (3:50 TS) Citizen's Forum- NONE
5. (4:20 TS) Property & Casualty Presentation – Presenter A. (limited to 15 minutes)
TA Wojcik stated that the town's incumbent property and casualty insurer MIIA and World Insurance is at the meeting tonight to present a renewal proposal. TA Wojcik stated that the BOS have a vote of decision deadline of May 6th to have coverage for July 1st. Tony Bucci, Jeff Deldon the division leader for New York and New England region of World Insurance, John Oliveri a unit leader for an office in Massachusetts, and Jonathan Finn with VFIS, insurance coverage for injured on duty (IOD). They talked about their focus for the town and what they can provide. Mr. Bucci brought up some charges on the workers comp side that are incorrect and need to be looked into, and possibly have the town reimbursed from MIIA. He went over property increases limits he recommends for some of the town buildings, and other increases and coverage changes. The board members asked their questions, and they will submit any further questions that come up in the next few days.
6. (1:01:20 TS) Property & Casualty Presentation – Presenter B. (limited to 15 minutes)
David LaBonte with MIIA presented their renewal proposal. The town's current building valuation is a blanket one for \$132 million which 80% of that limit gets associated with the school buildings. He also went over other coverage amounts that are currently in place and went through the resources they provide like training programs and rewards credits, etc. The board members asked when the last evaluations of town buildings were done and a couple questions regarding fleet coverage and replacement. Again, the board members will have an opportunity to submit any further questions within the next few days.
8. (1:33:15 TS) BVT Working Group Liaison Discussion – Possible vote
The board discussed appointing Rob Leonardi of the FinCom Committee to the BVT group to represent the town.
(1:34:40 TS) Motion to appoint Rob Leonardi to the BVT working group liaison discussion, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Les Stevens.

9. (1:35:08 TS) Whitinsville Fish & Game Club Annual Reports for ABCC – Possible votes
(1:35:40 TS) Motion to accept the annual filing for their change of officers as presented, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
10. (1:35:55 TS) Beaupre Scrap, LLC Junk License Renewal – Possible votes
(1:36:05 TS) Motion to approve the junk license renewal for Beaupre Scrap, LLC, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.
11. (1:36:25 TS) Grant Acceptance – Possible votes
- Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, Round 2, for \$3,831.57
(1:37:35 TS) Motion to accept the fire safety equipment grant, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
 - SAFE & SR SAFE Grant Programs, for \$4,697.74 and \$2,187.06 for SR SAFE
(1:38:30 TS) Motion to accept the SAFE and SR SAFE grant, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
7. (1:38:50 TS) Town Meeting Discussion with the Town Moderator
The Town Moderator went through the town meeting articles and the process of how he will take the articles. They discussed the Chapter 90 grant, the Capital Improvement items, the stormwater bylaw and the map, and the warehouse tenant negotiations. The members talked about who is going to be available to speak to particular articles at town meeting.
12. Meeting Minutes – Possible Votes- NONE
13. Municipal Light Discussion- Passed Over
14. (2:21:45 TS) Town Administrator's Report
TA Wojcik discussed his preference not to be involved in Selectman Savage from Hopedale's effort to discuss BVT further, until there is sufficient support from fellow communities to pursue the amendments to the agreement, or they have no leverage to negotiate.
15. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting- NONE
16. (2:25:50 TS) Executive Session
Motion to enter into executive session for discussion of interest in real property for Riedell Road and then to reconvene into open session for the sole purpose of adjournment, made by Ross Smith, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. Rollcall vote – Ross Smith, Hal Davis, Les Stevens, Tim Bonin and Mike Fitzpatrick all in favor.
17. Adjournment
Mr. Smith made a motion at 9:26pm to leave executive session and return to regular session for the sole purpose of adjournment, Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion, all in favor. Roll call vote Smith – aye, Stevens – aye, Fitzpatrick – aye, Davis – aye, Bonin – aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephenie Gosselin
Recording Secretary