

TOWN OF ANDOVER
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024

Select Board Members Present: Chris Plumb, Richard Griswold, Robin Trask, Susan Leader & Melissa Gates-Perry

Select Board Members Absent: None

Public present: Scott Kendall & Jeanette Haight, clerk.

1. Call Select Board meeting to order: Chris Plumb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Act on Agenda: Richard moved to accept the agenda as amended. Melissa seconded. So moved.

3. Act on Minutes: Melissa moved to accept both sets of minutes as written. Richard seconded. So moved.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business:

A. GMUSD update – Scott discussed his seat on the GMUSD board, pending resignation, an open seat on the TRSU board & Ron Theissen’s desire to be a write-in candidate for the GMUSD board. The SB encouraged Scott to reach out to Ron and they will invite Ron & Scott to the next SB meeting.

B. Open Meeting Law legislation – Susan suggested asking for an exemption for smaller municipalities like Andover. All members agreed they are against the legislation because it would require all public meetings to be hybrid – meaning purchasing equipment, among other things. Chris will be testifying via Zoom on the 13th before the Senate Government Operations Committee & will share the Andover Board’s disapproval of this proposed legislation.

6. Highways / Garage:

A. Road Commissioner’s report – T16 (the 10-wheeler) has been in for repairs four times in the past month. Richard suggested having Charlie start gathering prices for a new truck. Chris also said the road crew likes the new loader.

7. Old Business:

A. Public hearing (February 8th)– The Board briefly discussed the questions that were brought up and Melissa asked about ways to be sure voters have the information they may want about adding STRs to the list of conditional uses before they vote. Jeanette to post information on the landing page of the Andover website. This topic will also most likely get brought up at Town Meeting. Jason Rasmussen’s information will be copied and available to all.

B. Financial update – MCRF loan will not be decided by the State and paid out until mid-March. There is no FEMA reimbursement money in sight. March 1st taxes are coming in, Jeanette asked about sending another \$100K to the GMUSD. Robin moved to send that amount. Susan seconded. So moved.

C. Cyber Security – Melissa to send a reminder email to return all Town computer equipment.

8. Financial Orders: Were signed.

9. Correspondence: None.

10. Adjourn: Richard moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Melissa seconded. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Haight, Clerk of the Board

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Approved by:
Chris Plumb, Chair

Andover Select Board