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## TOWN OF ANDOVER SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024

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

**Select Board Members Absent:** None

**Public present:** Charlie Golden, Fred & Patty Linck, Rob Israel (via Zoom), Sarah Bennett of *Okemo Valley TV*, & 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:** Melissa moved to accept the agenda as written. Richard seconded. So moved.
3. **Act on Minutes:** Robin moved to accept the minutes as written. Susan seconded. So moved.
4. **Public Comment:** None

### 5. Old Business:

**A. Road reclassification** – The Board reconvened its warned public hearing from November 2023 to continue discussion about the reclassification of Israel Road. It is a .12 mile stretch of Class 3 gravel road that is **not** up to Class 3 State of Vermont standards. Fred & Patty Linck were present as the caretakers/residents of the house at the end of Israel Road. Rob Israel, the property owner of both sides of the road, was present via Zoom. Mr. Linck stated he understood the town’s position about the road and asked if it is declassified, if it could be gated. Chris explained that could only happen if the road were to be discontinued. Mr. Israel reiterated his position that he did not want to see the road declassified at all. Susan asked if the road is in compliance with State guidelines and the answer was “no”. She said it “seems like a no-brainer then...” After a long discussion about road maintenance, road use, logging, and public access, Mr. Israel requested the road be discontinued rather than made a Class 4 road, so it would become his private property that he could gate. Robin moved to discontinue Israel Road. Melissa seconded. So moved. Discussion moved to other roads on the list Charlie had provided. Charlie gave some basic information and Richard moved to set a site visit and public hearing for Christmas Tree Road for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. Melissa seconded. So moved. Robin moved to set a site visit and public hearing for Red Top and Stear roads beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Melissa seconded. So moved.

**B. School meetings** – budget & restructuring – no updates

**C. FEMA update/town financial update** – still no more money received from FEMA; two projects are “obligated”, the three big projects – North Hill, Schmidt, & Lovejoy Brook are all on hold pending permits & paving. The town is still operating in the “red” and most likely will not have all the money needed for the June 1<sup>st</sup> Education tax invoice to the State. Richard asked to have “loan discussion” put back on the agenda. Jeanette to reach out to Chester to see what bank they use to “borrow in anticipation of taxes”.

### 6. New Business: None

### 7. Highways / Garage:

**A. Road Commissioner's report** – Chris said the tandem dump truck is in for repairs – it needed a rear spring and new bushings. Charlie said the decision was made to fix it completely as there is no way of knowing when the new truck will be ready. Richard noted it is time to be searching for winter sand. Charlie & Chris agreed. Charlie said he didn’t know if Riverbend (last year’s vendor) would have it again.

**B. Local Emergency Management Plan** – Jeanette provided the updated the plan to the Board. Robin moved to adopt it as updated. Melissa seconded. So moved.

**7. Financial Orders:** Were signed.

**8. Correspondence:** None

**9. Adjourn:** Richard moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Susan seconded. So moved.

<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <hr/> <p>Jeanette Haight, Clerk of the Board</p>  <p>SBM 042224.min</p>		<p>Approved by:</p> <p>Chris Plumb, Chair</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Andover Select Board</p>
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