

Selectboard Minutes
September 16, 2025

Present: Paul Kleinman, Chair
Letty Bedard
Andy Artimovich
Jim Michaud
Bob Mantegair

At 6:00pm, Kleinman called the meeting to order.

Artimovich motioned to approve the manifest. Michaud seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Michaud motioned to approve the consent agenda, consisting of building permits and the recreation manifest. Seconded by Artimovich. All in favor, motion carried.

Update regarding the selectboard vacancy, Jeff Gardner has submitted a letter of interest and Bill Faria has withdrawn. Doug Finan, Gove Road, gave a statement regarding his interest in joining the selectboard. Jeff Gardner, Crawley Falls Road, gave a statement regarding his interest in joining the selectboard. Bob Mantegari, Long Meadow Drive, gave a statement regarding his interest in joining the selectboard. The current board members asked each potential member questions regarding experience, availability, social media and the political divide in town. Bill Faria, South Road, spoke in support of Bob Mantegari. Liz Faria, South Road, spoke in support of Bob Mantegari. Doug Marion, Mill Pond Road, spoke in support of Doug Finan. Lynn Austin, Crawley Falls Road, spoke in support of Bob Mantegari. Jason Gagnon, Recreation Programs Director, had comments regarding the selectboard representative to the rec commission. Kat Niemiroski, Robinson Street, spoke in favor of Finan. Betsy Ibbitson, Scrabble Road, spoke in favor of Finan. Bruce Stevens, South Road, spoke in favor of Finan. After some discussion, Bedard motioned to appoint Mantegari to the selectboard. This motion was seconded by Michaud. Artimovich – aye; Michaud – aye; Bedard – abstain; Kleinman – aye. Motion carried. Heather Haggett, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, swore in Mantegari.

Kevin Leen, KRT, was present to answer questions regarding the revaluation and the contract. The board had questions regarding accuracy, the percentage of error, data collection, statistical versus full revaluations, and the Avitar conversion. KRT will send a representative to a future meeting to answer contract questions. Liz Faria, South Road, had questions regarding the rates of a statistical versus a full revaluation. Jim Hajjar, Mohawk Lane, had comments regarding the contract. Jim Berlo, Scrabble Road, had comments regarding the revaluation. Doug Finan, Gove Road, had comments regarding the revaluation. Jim Berlo had comments regarding consulting legal about the regularity of revaluations.

Ron Wofchuck, Peabody Drive provided an update regarding the Stevens land donation. Bruce Stevens is working with the Cemetery Trustees and Rob Wofchuck to donate a piece of property on South Road for use as a town cemetery, they are in the preliminary stages of this process. Bedard asked if the land would be donated if the use was not determined. Wofchuck stated he believed that is the intent with provisions provided by Stevens. The board discussed encumbering funds to be used for this process. Bruce Stevens, South Road, had comments regarding the land he intends to donate. Jim Hajjar, Cemetery Trustees, Chair, had comments regarding the land donation. Julie Stevens, Finance Director will look at the current years

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budget and see if there are monies that can be utilized. Mantegari motioned to accept the donation and move forward with the process. Michaud seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Avitar kiosk, Bedard explained this would allow residents to access their property cards online. Bedard also stated that the information provided on the online GIS maps is out of date and asked about the updating process. Mark Kennedy, Land Use Administrator explained how the GIS maps are updated.

Bedard discussed budgeting errors that were brought to light during the Planning Board's budgeting process. The way the errors carried over into the payroll system resulting in the Land Use Administrator not receiving their full pay. Mark Kennedy, Land Use Administrator, asked Bedard to read the email sent by the Planning Board Chair, Kristin Aldred and had comments regarding the error. Mantegari motioned to approve paying Kennedy, \$355 of backpay. Michaud seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Artimovich motioned to table the job descriptions discussion for 1 week. Motion seconded by Michaud. All were in favor, motion carried.

Committee updates were provided.

At 8:18pm Kleinman opened public comment.

Doug Marino, Mill Pond Road, had comments regarding had comments regarding the upcoming GACIT Hearing.

Debbie LaRoche, Crawley Falls Road, requested residents be able to print their own property cards.

Julie Stevens, Finance Director, stated that the auditors will return the week of October 20th to resume the 2024 audit.

At 8:22pm public comment was closed.

At 8:23pm Mantegari motioned to go into nonpublic for personnel. This motion was seconded by Artimovich. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Mantegari – aye; Bedard – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix