

Hardwick Board of Selectmen Meeting
307 Main Street
Gilbertville MA
April 24, 2023

In attendance: H. Robert Ruggles, Chair; Kelly Kemp, Vice Chair; Eric Vollheim, Clerk; Nicole Parker, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

Visitor Comments

Anne Barnes asked if we heard anything about Casella coming back into town. KK stated that no one has approached the town yet that they will be coming back.

Presentation from RCAP Solutions regarding Rates and Betterments

Laurie Stevens from RCAP presented.

Interest Rate is based on MGL

MGL Title VIII Chapter 80 Section 13, Apportionment and reapportionment. Assessments made by a board of the Commonwealth under this chapter shall bear an interest rate of 1 to 5 Percent per annual or at a rate 2% higher than the interest rate that the Town is paying for the loan.

The interest rate of the Loan from USA is 1.375%. Interest Rate for Betterment 1.375% up to 3.375%

Calculations for Betterments

Units were quantified by a per bedroom.

Flows were calculated from the Title 5 flows from Code of Massachusetts Regulation CMR 310 Sections 15. The state Environmental code, Title 5: Standard Requirements for the siting, construction, Inspections, Garage and Expansion of On-Site Sewage Treatments and Disposal Systems (Title 5)

Residential homes were a maximum of 4 bedrooms.

Commercial and Industrial business were converted to a flow per bedroom

Schools and churches were converted to a bedroom unit.

Entities that are metered were converted on per-bedroom units.

Since half of the loan amount is on the tax base the betterments were not levied on the municipal buildings.

Cost Per Residential Type

One bedroom - \$1914.08

Two bedroom -\$3828.17

Three Bedroom-\$5742.25

Four Bedroom - \$7656.33

Residential Quabbin (Per unit)-1914.08

HRR asked why we went with per bedroom. Is it Title 5 based on how much to put in a septic system?

Laurie Stevens stated we went with per bedroom as how many people could be living in that house and the amount they will use. Not the cost of how much a septic system would cost to put in and upkeep.

Mower and Trailer Sewer Dept

The Board of Selectmen had some questions on what the mower will be used for and would also like to see about hiring someone to mow instead of buying a new mower.

Will defer to next meeting and would like to have the quote for a company to come mow.

Superintendent report

No alarms this weekend and we have noticed it has to do with the weather.

Pump failed at the Wheelwright plant and we changed it out. The pump prior was \$7000 and now the price was \$13,000.

Sewer Commitment

HRR made a motion to approve the sewer commitment of \$357,173.30.

EV seconded.

Roll Call

HRR (I), EV (I), KK (I)

Sewer Abatements

EV made a motion to abate the sewer bill for \$386.44

HRR seconded.

19 Grove Street Gilbertville

EV made a motion to abate the sewer bill for \$386.45

HRR seconded.

Abatement for \$772.89

69 North Street

HRR seconded.

Finance meeting

In attendance Keenan Young and Chris Culross, and Mark Korzec

For the Stabilization fund we have 2.6% but we need to get up to 5%

Finance Committee made a recommendation to us ARPA funds to pay Snow and ice of \$160,000

Highway requested a new truck for \$112,000.

This will leave us with Free cash being 100,000 and our Capital at \$72,000

Raises

The Finance Committee recommended that only Contractual employees are to receive raises. The Board of Selectmen would like to revisit this as they would like to see if we gave all employees raises. If figures could be provided on what that would cost.

Chris Culross made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Finance committee.

MK Seconded

Finance committee ended at 7:30 pm

Annual Meeting date and time

The meeting will be held June 24, 2023 at 9 am

Meeting minutes

HRR made a motion to approve the meeting minutes April 4 and April 10, 2023

KK seconded.

Roll call.

HRR (I), EV (I), KK (I)

Chapter 90

Approval for Delargy & Taylor Hill Reclamation and Drainage

EV made a motion to accept this proposal for the Improvement of Delargy and Taylor Hill Rd reclamation and Drainage.

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

HRR (I), KK (I), EV (I)

Cemetery Contract

The Cemetery Commission has submitted two quotes and they recommended we go with the first quote.

The two quotes were Lori Crevier in the amount of \$23,975 and Matt Borelli was higher in the amount of \$24,500.

HRR made a motion to approve the award to Lori Crevier for the amount of \$23,975.

EV seconded.

Roll Call

HRR (I), EV (I) KK (I)

Resignations and Appointments

KK made a motion to accept the resignation of Alice Lowell from Council on Aging effective April 16, 2023

KK made a motion to accept the appointments for Devon and Owen Rudd and James Lagamosimo to the Master Plan steering committee effective to June 30, 2023.

KK made a motion to appoint Jeff Schaff as alternate Planning board member and William Cole as the CMRPC delegate to the planning board.

EV seconded.

Roll Call

HRR (I), EV (I), KK (I)

Hardwick Pond Lake Association

William Zinni, Vice Chairman of Hardwick Pond Lake Association, needs the Board of Selectmen to sign a contract to close the account for the solitude lake management. The amount of \$24,978 left in the account will pay the amount to clean the lake.

MDAR

Letter they forwarded to the Board of Selectmen saying that they will be using Herbicide for the mass central railroad.

Eagle Scout court of honor for Nick Bousquet May 21st. Will do a proclamation for them.

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

A new Chair needs to be elected. Eric Vollheim suggested that each person that serves on the selectboard rotate who is chair.

EV made a motion to nominate Kelly as Vice Chair,

EV made a motion to nominate Robert Ruggles as Chair

KK made a motion to nominate EV for Clerk

H Robert Ruggles will be Chair, Kelly Kemp Vice Chair, Eric Vollheim, Clerk

Town house rental rate.

Anne Barnes would like to change to \$40 per hour from \$30 per hour.

ARPA Funds

Extra Asphalt was needed for the work on Main Street. Ludlow Construction needed two more layers of asphalt due to sewer issues. The amount comes to \$9995.24 and details for an additional \$3000. There was no information provided on the details to the Board of Selectmen so they will just approve the extra asphalt.

KK will make a motion to approve \$9995.24 from ARPA for Ludlow Construction for the 3 patch locations they had to come back to do.

EV seconded.

Roll Call

HRR (I), KK (I) EV (I)

Adjournment

EV made a motion to adjourn.

KK seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

