

**HARDWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**307 Main Street**  
**Gilbertville, MA 01031**  
**April 3, 2023**

Attendees: Julie Quink (JQ), Chair; Kelly Kemp (KK), Vice Chair; H.R. Ruggles, Clerk; Nicole Parker (NP), Town Administrator; Laurie Stevens (LS), RCAP Solutions.

Meeting was called to order on April 3, 2023 at 6:31 p.m.

**Sewer Rates and Info Gathered by RCAP**

LS identified herself as a team member for RCAP Solutions. She explained RCAP stands for Rural Community Assistance Partnership which is in the Northeast but also encompasses the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. LS showed a PowerPoint presentation detailing costs with regards to sewer rates:

- Construction of the Hardwick Road Pumping Station and upgrades to the collection system which is Project 1.
- Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility is Project 2.
- Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facility is Project 2A.

JQ asked LS to display how the above stacks up to the current rate. LS showed a comparison table from a previous report which correlated to the analysis which was presented. The Board will take it under advisement with regards to rates.

**Abatements**

1. NP stated the first application was asked to submit the previous year's electric bills. They were not received. Procedure was not followed, so based on that the Board will not be recommending approval of the abatement; however, the Board will revisit it if the documents are provided.
2. NP stated the second application had the wrong amount noted; however, the correct amount was paid. Abating \$193.22

**Motion**

KK made a motion to abate \$193.22 to the abatement for 491 Main Street.

HR seconded.

**Vote Taken:**

KK yes

HRR yes

JQ yes

Motion passed (3:0).

Abatement is approved in the amount of \$193.22.

OLD BUSINESS

**Memorial Day**

**Motion**

KK made a motion to sign the Memorial Day contract for the Taps player in the amount of \$200.00.

HRR seconded.

**Vote Taken:**

KK yes

HRR yes

JQ yes

Motion passed (3:0).

Contract will be signed and distributed.

**East Quabbin Land Trust Purchase**

NP said she reached out to the land agent with the sale going through either previous week or current week. Bill Zinny stated East Quabbin Land Trust is purchasing it because it is easier that way through the State. They will clean it up and the State will be purchasing it and reimbursing them for their cost. A joint letter of support will be discussed at a future date.

OLD BUSINESS

- JQ requested ARPA funding be discussed at a future date.
- JQ requested further discussion take place regarding 5 years of expenditures to review from a budgeting perspective which JQ will put into an analysis so it's available as well as the current expenditures from the town accountant for the budgeting process.

**Motion**

KK made a motion to adjourn.

HRR seconded.

**Vote Taken:**

KK yes

HRR yes

JQ yes

Motion passed (3:0).

Meeting was adjourned 7:36 p.m.