

**Hardwick Board of Selectmen
307 Main Street
Gilbertville MA 01301
February 27, 2023
Zoom**

In attendance: Julie Quink, Chair, H. Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Kelly Kemp, Clerk, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Visitor comments

Julie Murkette wanted to let us know the new website is live, just clear cache each time you use it. Civic Plus is working on this issue.

Erik Vollheim would like to appoint people for the master plan steering committee.

Bill Cole- sale of the Windsor and other places owned by SMOC, what will this mean for the tenants and if any new business or interest in property. Will the town weigh in on the proposal or transfer of property.

Old Business

Board of Health (BOH) regarding loss of Leicester Board of Health agreements and Impacts

Resident of the town has reached out to BOH regarding an application needed and had not received a reply. The resident sent us email on February 21, and we forwarded to the BOH on Feb 22nd. Not heard back from BOH members on residents' concern.

Resident updated Kelly in an email that BOH is being very helpful.

Condemned Structures on Church Street

Spoke with old building inspector Brianna Skowyra and gave some history of the property and we have to speak with our Building Inspector.

Sewer Commission/Abatement

Board of Selectmen (BOS) are the sewer commissioners now. We only have one application that was completed.

We have reached out to the others but have not heard back from them.

The abatement would be in the amount of \$796.32. We only abate 33%, this is based on the bylaw in our sewer regulations.

Motion

KK made a motion to approve the sewer abatement for Edward F. Kowyina in the amount of \$796.32 for FY23.

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

KK I, HRR I JQ I

Sewer oversight

Working on the RFP for sewer oversight will be above the threshold so we must do full procurement process.

Superintendent report

Scott Potter, new jetting trailer we purchased and will work on getting trailer registered. Wheelwright pump station alarm has been going off again and we have been trying to keep up with those alarms.

Sewer dept would like to purchase compact tractor and include in this years budget.

Kelly Kemp asked if we can use ARPA funding for this tractor or the sewer retained earnings. This would maintain the barway between the plant and the Gilbertville Pump station. We have used highways tractors, but they are to large for this area.

Finance committee meeting

The finance committee will be postponed until next Monday as they would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen in person.

Planning board

Planning board has been working on the Solar Zoning bylaws. Eric Vollheim has distributed copies and would like to the Board of Selectmen to review and get back to him with any revisions. The Planning Board would like to schedule a public hearing.

Appointments

There are seven residents you have put in there letters to be on the Master Plan Steering Committee

Motion

KK made a motion to appoint the following people to the master plan steering committee.

Bill Cole, Michaela Raymond, Lisa Condit, Lisa Cohen, Tammy Borges, Paul Benoit, and Warren Johnson through June 30, 2023, with appointments being made annually thereafter.

HRR Seconded

Roll Call

KK (I), HRR (I) JQ (I)

Full time Police officer

Chief Ayotte gave an introduction on Andrew Ronnau and would like to make him a full-time officer.

Motion

KK made a motion to approve Andrew Ronnau to the position of a full-time officer for the Town of Hardwick

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Resignations

Gloria Judd resignation from the Council on Aging.

KK made a motion to accept the resignation of Gloria Judd from the Council on Aging

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Eric Fleming resignation from the Master Plan Community Development Advisory Committee.

KK made a motion to accept the resignation of Eric Fleming from the Master Plan Community Development Advisory Committee.

HRR seconded.

Roll call.

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

One Day License from Stone Church Cultural Center

KK made a motion to approve the one-day liquor license application for the Friends of the Stone Church to have an Irish Luncheon on Saturday, March 11, 2023, between 2pm – 4 pm.

HRR Seconded

Roll call.

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Park and Rec Easter Egg hunt

KK made a motion to grant approval for the second annual Easter Egg Hunt with the date of April 1 from 11-1 and a rain date of April 2nd from 11-1 at the Gilbertville Memorial Park.

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

KK(I), HRR (I), JQ (I).

CBGB Grant

Hardwick is currently working with Ware on a GBGB Grant. Ware is the lead on this grant, and we will be using the funds if received to repair Summit Road.

Motion

KK made a motion for Julie Quink to sign the town of Ware Community Development Block Grant Application

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Selectman Round Table

Board of Selectmen are having meetings with the Department Heads once a month, but after the last meeting it was suggested to do the meetings quarterly.

Adjournment

KK made a motion to adjourn.

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

Kk(I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Adjourned at 8:14