



Monday March 17th 2025

Town Office (86 Mountain Road)

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Visitors: Tosca Smith, Theresa Almay, Roberta Baker, Amy Rifenburg, Gaby Lumbra (zoom), Merle VanGiesen (zoom)

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4. Appointments – *see attached* for terms expiring 2025 and appointments to be made
- a. Water Commission: Leanne nominates Charlie Hancock (3 year term), Daniel Kahn (2 year term). 5-0.
 - b. DRB (3 x 4 year terms; 1 x alternate): Mary Garceau, Barry Kade, John Kuryloski, Charles Snedcor (alternate). Mark nominates the slate. 5-0.
 - c. Agent to Convey Real Estate (1 year term): Suzanne nominates Barry Kade. 5-0
 - d. Budget Committee (1 year term): Leanne nominates Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Erin Walsh, Charlie Hancock, Tosca Smith. 5-0.
 - e. Director of Disaster and Emergency Management and Deputy of Disaster and Emergency Management (1 year term). Mark nominates Greg Lucas (Director) and Doug Kopaz (Deputy). 5-0.
 - f. Fence viewers (3 x 1 year term). Mark nominates the Listers. 5-0.
 - g. NWRP Representatives (2 x 3 year term). Daniel nominates Mark and Leanne. 5-0
 - h. Animal Control Officer (1 year term). Mark nominates Lynda Cluba. 5-0.
 - i. Transportation Advisory Rep and Alternate. Leanne nominates Mark Brouillette and Scott Ovitt respectively. 5-0.
 - j. Recreation Board (3 x 3 year terms). Leanne nominates Journey Johnston, Tiffany Jones, and Brendan OShea. 5-0.
 - k. MRBA Wild and Scenic Representative (1 x 1 year term). Mark nominates Cynthia Scott. 5-0.
 - l. Consolidated Union District (seat carried forward pending confirmation from tentative rep
 - m. Community Garden Board (5 x 1 year term) Leanne nominates Hannah Sorenson, Remy Gratton, Genevieve Lodal, Parma Jewitt, Wendy Howard. 5-0.
 - n. Conservation Commission (3x 4 year term). Leanne nominates Pat Calecus, Marielle Ambroch, Kip Potter. 5-0.
 - o. Town Hall Committee (2 year term). Mark nominates Abe Barnard, Claudia Stauber, Nicole Woodworth. 5-0.
 - p. Town Newsletter Editor (1 year term). Mark nominates Suzanne Dollois. 5-0.
 - q. Inspector of Lumber Shingles and Wood (1 year term). Mark nominates Charlie Hancock. 5-0.
 - r. Tree Warden (1 year term). Mark nominates Charlie Hancock. 5-0.
 - s. Weigher of Coal (1 year term). Mark nominates Emily Kimball. 5-0.

5. Public Works

- a. 2025 Work Plan (*discussion*) – Charlie and Mark will work with crew to develop FY26 Work Plan with Road Crew public reference re: regular maintenance and special projects. Plan will be posted to website for public review and comment.
- b. TA-60 Annual Financial Highway Budget (*board action*)
 - i. To be filed with the State annually; \$300/mile for each square mile of Town Road: total State Aide \$90,000. Daniel made a motion to adopt the TA-60 Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. Leanne seconded. Approved 5-0.
- c. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. The indirect discharge program permit program (through DEC) variance requirements may not provide a blanket variance for the project but may instead

require individual parcel variance requests. Proposal has been submitted to map all variance and approve in real-time during construction; pending State response.

- ii. Crossover point in legislature relevant to Local Option Tax (H.397) that may reduce the percentage rate retained by the State to 80-20% versus the current 70-30%.

- d. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*) – none
- e. General Updates (*discussion*)

6. Visitors

→ Roberta: Will Public Works punch list include regular maintenance e.g. mowing, ditch clearing, etc? *Mark responds affirmative.* Concern about weekend activity by the road crew considering time-and-a-half OT. *Mark reminds of snow removal overtime as needed during snow removal. Time management will be addressed at the Road Crew meeting on 3/18.*

→ Amy: 686 Deep Gibou zoning application inquiry (Bushey/Randall/Kelly: denied 5/30/24) questions reason for denial. DRB approved a building permit on 10/__/24). Concern about legality of permit approval given the results from the zoning application. *Charlie will look into the process surrounding this parcel.*

7. Old Business

- a. Hazard Mitigation Plan (update/discussion) – no update

8. New Business

- a. Town Hall Committee – Building Repairs (*discussion/board action*)

→ Safety issue repairs needed: back staircases need repair/rebuild; front staircase current and needed railings. Ask for \$15,000 from the Building Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to address these issues. Committee will come back with written estimates

- b. NW Communications Union rep (*under appointments*) – tabled
- c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) – none
- d. Fleet Permits (*board action*)

- i. GW Tatro Construction
- ii. Onsite Septic Solutions LLC
- iii. Working Dog Septic Inc
- iv. Chevalier Drilling
- v. Dead River DBA Bournes Energy
- vi. SD Ireland
- vii. VT Outdoor Services
- viii. Wind River Environmental
- ix. Pike Industries
- x. NA Manosh Inc.

- 1. Mark made a motion to approve the Permits as a slate. Leanne seconded. Approved 5-0.

9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters 10. Review Action Items for Board Members

11. Adjourn

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Daniel seconded. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.