

Select Board Meeting
Wednesday March 20, 2024
8 AM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Final Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, and Nancy Belanger. Town Manager Russ Dean and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were also present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 8 AM.

2. Swear in Elected Officials

Town Clerk Andie Kohler swore in returning Board member Molly Cowan.

3. Appointments - Town Treasurer

Mr. Dean said there was a warrant article approved in 2023 that moves the Town Treasurer position from an elected to an appointed position. Under RSA 37, it requires the Town Manager's recommendation and the Select Board's approval. He recommends Susan Penny, the current Treasurer, be appointed the Town Treasurer. There is no term limit. The annual wage must be part of the motion.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Susan Penny as Town Treasurer, pursuant to RSA 37, at an annual wage of \$8,864. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Discussion Items

a. RSA 41-14 Final Hearing and Vote: Planet Playground Land Acquisition

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to open the third and final public hearing under RSA 41-14(a) on the proposed acquisition of .45 acres surrounding and in support of Planet Playground at 4 and 8 Hampton Road. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Papakonstantis noted that there were no members of the public present in the Nowak Room or online.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for comments from the Board. Mr. Chartrand said he can't wait for this to happen. Mr. Papakonstantis said with the article passing for Planet Playground, a subcommittee is being formed.

Mr. Dean said this vote will allow the closing to take place. It's scheduled for March 25. We have to get the final boundary line agreement document for the LWCF, which we will bring to the Board Monday night, but that will not hold up the closing.

Mr. Papakonstantis said the Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission, and Planning Board have endorsed this acquisition.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the acquisition of map 69 lots 4 and 6 for the price of \$50,000 and assign the Town Manager to sign any corresponding documents related to this acquisition. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(a). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0, and the meeting went into non-public at 8:10 AM.

The Board emerged from non public session

6. Adjournment

Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cowan. The motion carried and the Board stood adjourned at 8:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary