

Mayor and Selectmen's Meeting
February 20, 2024
Also, Via Zoom:
Meeting ID # 889 5924 5327

TOPIC		DISCUSSION
PRESENT:		Mayor Seney, Deputy Mayor Simmons, Selectman Hayes, Selectwoman Marion, Selectman Pempek, Selectman Pomes, Selectman Paquin
ABSENT:		
1.	Call to Order	Mayor Seney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Led By Mayor Seney
3.	Public Comment	Katie Slininger, 58 Pomfret St, updated the Mayor and Selectmen that the tenant's union is growing, and has received support from various other groups.
4.	Approval of the Minutes	<p>A. Minutes from February 3, 2024, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting – Budget Workshop Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2024, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Minutes from February 5, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Minutes from February 12, 2023, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2023, Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p>
5.	Petitions & Communications	<p>A. Ceremony honoring Korean and Vietnam War Era Veterans</p> <p>An invitation was shared with the Mayor and Board of Selectmen</p>
6.	Reports of Special Committees	A. None

7.	Reports of Standing Committees	A. General Government Committee None
8.	Town Administrator Report	Town Administrator Sistare shared her report with the Mayor and Selectmen.
9.	Unfinished Business	A. Trash Program Update Town Administrator Sistare updated the Selectmen regarding the revenue received for the trash program as well as the up-to-date numbers of opt outs and 65-gallon bin requests. B. Budget 2025 Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to send the mayor's proposed budget to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.
10.	Grant Considerations and Updates	None Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to add item 11 A. Resolution to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.
11.	New Business	A. Resolution Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion authorizing Mayor Seney to sign the resolution for the Belding Mill project. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.
12.	Executive Session	Pending Litigation, Real Estate Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:32 PM, for the purpose of Pending Litigation, Real Estate, inviting in Town Administrator Sistare and Attorney Rich Roberts. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek.
13.	Public Comment	Maura Higginson asked why pending litigation would be part of Executive Session, instead of being talked about in public. She feels the Atty gave the Town a gag order.
14.	Adjournment	Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.
		Respectfully submitted: Denise A. Geeza, Executive Assistant.

9.	Unfinished Business		
10.	Grant Considerations and Updates		
11.	New Business	A. B.	
12.	Public Comments		
13.	Adjournment		
			Respectfully submitted: Denise A. Geeza, Executive Assistant

