

Mayor and Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

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TOPIC		Discussion
PRESENT:		Mayor Seney, Deputy Mayor Simmons, Selectman Hayes, Selectwoman Marion, Selectman Pempek, Selectman Pomes, and Selectman Paquin
ABSENT:		
1.	Call to Order by the Presiding Officer	Mayor Seney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Mayor Seney
3.	Public Comment	None
4.	Approval of the Minutes	A. Minutes from December 16, 2024, Mayor, and Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Pomes made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024, Mayor and Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.
5.	Petitions & Communications	A. Email from Dick Loomis – (included in packet) B. Letter from Board of Education Chair, James Purdon III –(included in packet.)
6.	Reports of Special Committees	None
7.	Reports of Standing Committees	A. General Government Committee – The next meeting of the General Government Committee will be held February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM
8.	Unfinished Business	A. Putnam EMS Ed Higgins from Putnam EMS informed the Board that they are moving ahead with discussions with East Putnam regarding leasing options. Mayor Seney discussed the Redevelopment Agency voting favorably to pay for a phase 1 environmental survey on the May Street property, which recently became available again. Mayor Seney asked for consideration of the Board to allow him to negotiate and sign a purchase and sales agreement contingent upon the environmental survey, cost estimates for work needing to be done to the building, as well as approval from planning and zoning, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Town Meeting and referendum.

		<p>Selectman Pempek made a motion to allow Mayor Seney to enter into a purchase and sales agreement for the May Street property with the mentioned contingencies. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed with 4/3 vote.</p>
9.	Grant Considerations & Updates	None
10.	New Business	<p>A. Consider the appointment of Rev. Ross Johnson to the Putnam Housing Authority with a term to expire 11/30/27.</p> <p>Selectman Paquin made a motion to appoint Rev. Ross Johnson to the Putnam Housing Authority with a term to expire 11/30/27. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Consider the appointment of James Sargent to the Veterans Advisory Committee with a term to expire 11/30/27.</p> <p>Selectman Pempek made a motion to appoint James Sargent to the Veteran’s Advisory Committee with a term to expire 11/30/27. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Consider the appointment of Paula J. Hanlon to the WPCA Commission with a term to expire 11/30/29.</p> <p>Selectman Pempek made a motion to appoint Paula J. Hanlon to the WPCA Commission with a term to expire 11/30/29. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Consider the appointment of Michael Bogdanski to the Redevelopment Agency with a term to expire 11/30/27.</p> <p>Selectman Pempek made a motion to appoint Michael Bogdanski to the Redevelopment Agency with a term to expire 11/30/27. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.</p> <p>E. Grand List presentation</p> <p>Assessor Tina Corriveau presented the Grant List to the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.</p> <p>F. Set the date for FY 26 budget workshop.</p> <p>Selectwoman Marion made a motion to hold the Budget workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM, amended to 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p> <p>G. FY 2025, Recreation Schedule of Events</p>

		Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Recreation Schedule of Events. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.
11.	Public Comment	None
12	Executive Session -	<p>Contract negotiations – WPCA.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations – WPCA at 7:50 PM, inviting in, Town Administrator Sistare, HR Director Clifford, WPCA Finance Director Benway, Town Atty Forsyth, WPCA Chair Perron, Vice Chair Dionne, and new member Hanlon. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board came out of executive session at 9:28 PM. No action was taken in executive session</p>
13.	Adjournment	Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 PM. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.
		Respectfully submitted: Denise A. Geeza, Executive Assistant

