



Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022

Meeting was held via Zoom.

Attending: Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppi

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:30p.m. by First Selectman Magi Winslow.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile– Unanimous
To approve minutes from previous meeting(s) as presented.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous
To approve Expense Reports for April, 2022.
Magi Winslow noted for the first time in many, many years, the legal line is overdrawn and running in the “red”. Magi believes this is primarily due to the “bear” case as well as “FOI” complaints.

Update Coronavirus/Town Buildings:

Magi Winslow reported masking is now voluntary at all Town buildings. Currently, Boards/Commissions have the option of “in person meeting”, Zoom meeting or both. There are still testing kits and masks available if needed. Sanitizer is still available in the Town Hall lobby and in the Offices at Town Hall. If you are showing symptoms of Covid or have been exposed to someone who has Covid, please do not come into the Town Buildings or attend Town events until it is safe to do so. The Board of Selectmen sincerely thanks you for your patience and your consideration. Magi Winslow stated that it seems COVID cases are on the rise in Connecticut and that the BOS is watchful as it relates to Town buildings and events.

Appointment(s):

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous
To re-appoint Pam Weber to Zoning Board of Appeals.
Pam’s term will begin 5/21/2022.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous
To re-appoint Elliot E. Jessen to Zoning Board of Appeals.
Elliot’s term will begin 5/21/22.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous
To re-appoint Kevin Mahon to the Planning & Zoning Board.
Kevin’s term will begin 5/21/22.



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Magi Winslow, again, announced an upcoming event to honor Wade Cole. A stone bench with plaque has been purchased by the Lions Club. The BOS has given permission for it to be placed in the West Hartland Cemetery. A dedication Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 2pm. A small Reception is planned after the Ceremony at the West Hartland Library Building.

The Town of Hartland will hold its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022. The Parade will leave from the Town Hall parking lot promptly at 10am and march to the Center Cemetery in East Hartland. A service will be held in the cemetery. Immediately following the service in East Hartland, the BOS will hold a small ceremony in the West Hartland Cemetery.

Magi Winslow reported a new FOI request was received last week from Peter Sevetz.

Magi Winslow reported she has received a Hearing Date for another FOI case against the BOS. A formal Hearing will be held with FOI Court on 5/25/22. The Town's Attorney will be working with the BOS to prepare our response and will be representing the Town at the Court session with Magi Winslow on the 25th.

Public Comments and Communications

Karen Eseppi, Town Treasurer asked that this comment be included in the minutes.

"Individuals certainly have the right to request information pertaining to the Town's activities. However, when the individuals, who are employees or hold appointed positions, use their position title in seeking information; that may or may not be relative to their position or the information sought, this action could be perceived as coercion."

The number of FOIA requests received by the Town in the past several months continues to increase the workload of our limited staff. This may result in greater costs being passed on to the taxpayers.

The vast majority of these recent FOIA requests have been originated by two individuals. One would have to question their motivation/intent."

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – unanimous
To adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Magi Winslow

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