

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

Chair Brett Simas; Select member Stephen A. Matellian; Select member Maureen Dwinnell; Town Manager Joseph Laydon; Executive Assistant Sandra Hakala.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Simas opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Mr. Simas opened the public meeting at 7:04

Ms. Dwinnell aye, Mr. Matellian aye, Mr. Simas aye

“The Upton Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Fiscal Year 2023 Property Tax Classification with the Upton Board of Assessors on November 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The public hearing is intended as a way for taxpayer to express their views and ask questions about whether the town should adopt different rates for the different classes of property. Taxpayers are welcome to participate and present their views orally or in writing. Written requests must be received prior to the meeting no later than November 1, 2022, by 4:00 p.m. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should call or sign into the remote meeting.

Upton has four classes of property in the town and one tax rate. The classes are residential, commercial, industrial, and personal. Assessors are planning to recommend a single rate for all four classes of property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor’s Office at 508-529-1002.

The Assessor’s Office presented the FY 2023 Tax Classification recommendation.

Steve Matellian MOVED that the Board vote, pursuant to MGL C.40, §56, to establish a single tax rate for all types of property in FY 2023.

Second: Select member Dwinnell, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

Mr. Simas closed the public meeting at 7:14

Ms. Dwinnell aye, Mr. Matellian aye, Mr. Simas aye

DEPARTMENT/BOARD UPDATES AND REQUESTS Maureen

Private Road Snow Plowing – DPW Director

The Board reviewed the Private Ways Inspection Report for 2022 prepared by Dennis Westgate, DPW Director. There was no change from the previous year.

Maureen Dwinell MOVED that the Board vote to approve the Snow Plowing of Private Ways as presented.

Second: Select member Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT/ UPDATES

- 3,400 voted in election representing 61% of registered voters
- recreation director is closing in on her one-year anniversary with the town and with one season under her belt is working with town department to evaluate what worked and did not work this past year and to identify ways to improve, also looking at doing events and programs through the off-season
- T/C office is making progress, revenue is posted through October
- Meeting with an engineering consultant, dpw director, and conservation administrator to try to discuss a pedestrian management plan

PUBLIC INPUT/BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATES

None

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Resignations - DPW Building Committee & Technology Committee

Steve Matellian MOVED that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the resignations of Richard McGuire from the DPW Building Committee and John Bouthiette from the Technology Committee, with regrets.

Second: Select member Dwinell, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISCUSSION

Upton Fire-EMS Association – Town Common Decorating Request

The Board's reviewed a letter from Seth Grill, Upton Fire-EMS Association President requesting up to \$2,500 for the decoration of the Town Common.

Maureen Dwinell MOVED that the Board vote to approve the Upton Fire-EMS Associations request for up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) from the Risteen D Trust Fund for beautification purposes to decorate the town common for the 2022 holiday season.

Nipmuc Rod & Gun Club – One Day Liquor License Applications December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 31/January 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

The Board reviewed the applications submitted by Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club for special one day all alcohol beverages. Applications are for dates in December and January.

Steve Matellian MOVED that the Board vote to approve the applications submitted by Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club; Event Manager Alison Foley DeMauro special 1-day All Alcohol Beverages

license for events at Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club, 88 Fiske Mill Road, Upton, MA for the dates of December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 31/January 7, 8, 13, 14, 15.

Annual Liquor License Renewals

Maureen Dwinnell MOVED that the Board vote to approve the following Liquor License renewal applications, contingent on successful inspections for the following:

Country Club Sooper
Susma Corp (Colonial Liquors)
Ra Perkins (Liquor Plus)
Red Rock Grill and Bar
KB Holdings (118 Main Street Kitchen and Spirits)
Silenus' Cellar (Fiske & Main)
Rushford & Sons Brewhouse

Second: Select member Matellian, Chair Simas, Unanimous,

MINUTES

Steve Matellian MOVED that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes of October 18, November 1, 2022.

Second: Select member Dwinnell, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

Maureen Dwinnell MOVED that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes of October 25, 2022.

Second: Select member Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP

Discussion Items
Town Center
Holy Angels
Development in W. Upton
Discuss Parking in relation to 140 redesign project (@25%)
ARPA Funds

ADJOURNMENT

Maureen Dwinnell MOVED to adjourn the meeting of October 4, 2022, at 9:51 PM.

Second: Select member Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Simas.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant