

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 8:00 AM  
TOWN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Ed B. Beattie, Chairman; Lou Gargiulo, Vice Chairman; Mark R. Lane, Selectman;  
Karen Anderson, Town Administrator; Rachel D. Webb, Assistant Administrator

**GUESTS:** Ryan Venio, Police Chief; Russ Hilliard, Road Agent;  
Mark Sikorski, Building Inspector

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring of Public employee:** There was a Non Public Session held by the Selectmen, at the request of Police Chief Venio to discuss the hiring of a new Police Officer.

Chairman Beattie called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:22 AM.  
Police Chief Venio stated that while the Selectmen were deliberating in the Non-Public Session that Fire Chief Lord already received the call that the Emergency Drill at the Emergency Operations Center has started, so he had to leave Town Hall to attend that required meeting.

**Police Department / Animal Control - Monthly Report – Police Chief Ryan Venio:**

Police Chief Venio presented his monthly report for September 2023 and stated that he feels as though the Police Dept caseload is busy. Chief Venio stated that the Police Department still has a position open, from when Officer DeFrancesco left, and Lt. Ranauro has been doing a background check on a candidate who works in another Town. He said that it is premature to name the candidate as the person needs to give their two-week notice, but that he would like to extend the offer of employment to the officer.

**MOTION: To extend an offer of employment to the officer currently under consideration, pending satisfactory outcome of the background check, under the same terms as recent patrolman employment offer.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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**Capital Assets: Disposal of Unit #4 Police Cruiser:** Police Chief Venio stated that Cruiser #4, which was the Cruiser used for Police Detail work, has experienced some mechanical issues, and the repair work was estimated at \$4,500. M. Lane confirmed that this was the cruiser that was the oldest and was only used for detail work, and Chief Venio confirmed that the vehicle only was used approximately 100-200 miles per month, had not been running well, and that they had only expected it to last about another six months anyway. He stated that he was requesting the Selectmen to authorize the disposal of the vehicle as is. K. Anderson stated that disposal by sealed bid would be appropriate.

**MOTION: To authorize the disposal of police cruiser #4 in "as is" condition by sealed bid.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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There were no questions from the Selectmen for Police Chief Venio.

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**PUBLIC HEARING: Acceptance of \$2,500 ARPA Grant for EMS Training:**

Chairman Beattie opened the Public Hearing on the acceptance of the \$2,500 grant for EMS Training. K. Anderson explained that the grant is a reimbursement grant for funds expended by an employee for a training program that a Firefighter paid for on their own. There was no public comment.

**MOTION: To accept the \$2,500 ARPA Grant for EMS Training.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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**Highways / Road Agent – Monthly Report – Russ Hilliard:** Chairman Beattie asked if there were any questions for the Road Agent, and there were none. R. Hilliard updated the Selectmen on several issues on which he has been working.

- “The beavers are back on Brown Road”, across from Wayne Barker’s house.

R. Hilliard stated that he has spoken with Mr. Barker about his plans to release the impounded water slowly so as not to do any damage to the wall in front of his house nor to his pond.

Chairman Beattie asked if there was a beaver pipe installed and R. Hilliard said yes, and that the beavers have totally plugged it up.

- R. Hilliard inspected the Culvert at 70 Drinkwater Road and compared it with his findings from one year ago. He reported that there has been a lot of construction in that area with a lot of heavy trucks traveling over the culvert. He stated that the culvert condition is holding well, and that it will last, even though there is some rust and there are holes on the bottom. Chairman Beattie asked if it was R. Hilliard’s opinion that the culvert could be “sleeved”, and the response was yes, in its current condition. He said that the culvert is not moving, and it is holding together. Chairman Beattie confirmed with R. Hilliard that the waterbody traveling through the culvert is Grapevine Run.

- R. Hilliard reported that the Brush Dump was very busy because of the last White Goods Day for 2023. He said that he has received good feedback about the White Goods Day being the first Saturday of the month from April to October, for six months. He said that people and were happy about it, and he said that it is great that everybody likes it.

- North Coast Services picked up the electronics collected from the White Goods Days: the TVs, florescent bulbs, and mercury.

- R. Hilliard contacted Northeast Recovery to plan to schedule for collection the freon, air conditioners and humidifiers.

- Disposal of propane tanks need a minimum of fifty (50) tanks for pick-up, and the Brush Dump currently has 39 tanks, so those will have to be stored until next year for disposal.

Chairman Beattie asked if there was space to store the off-season Greenhead traps at the Brush Dump and R. Hilliard responded that in the past they have been covered with a tarp for the Winter. Chairman Beattie said that the Conservation Commission was looking to try get a better solution. He continued, that it may be the choice to utilize Dragon Mosquito, to deploy the Greenhead traps and then that company stores the traps off-season. R. Hilliard said that he could use another shed at the Brush Dump.

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**Road Agent: Non-Emergency Highway Department Project request to Burn Brush at the**

**Brush Dump:** R. Hilliard presented his request for a non-emergency Highway Dept project request to Burn Brush at the Brush Dump for a period time up to ten (10) hours with equipment, for a cost of \$950, payable from Budget Account # 630.

**MOTION: To approve the non-emergency Highway Dept project request to Burn Brush at the Brush Dump for a period of time, up to ten (10) hours with equipment, for a cost of \$950, payable from Budget Account # 630.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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**Road Agent's Monthly bill for the month of September 2023:** in the amount of \$13,103.50.

**MOTION: To approve the Road Agent's Monthly Bill for the month of September 2023, in the amount of \$13,103.50.**

**MOTION: M. LANE**

**SECOND: E. BEATTIE**

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Chairman Beattie asked R. Hilliard if he knew whether the State was going to do some roadside mowing on State roads in Town, and he responded that he has not seen any State roadside mowing. Chairman Beattie said that he has received a couple of complaints and had to inform the callers that the road they were commenting about was a State road.

**Building Inspector, Code Compliance, Health Officer Monthly Report – Mark Sikorski:**

M. Sikorski reported that he had submitted his monthly report for September 2023 and asked if there were any questions from the Selectmen outside of the information in his report.

L. Gargiulo stated that he had noticed at the Landscapers Depot (41 Lafayette Road) the prior weekend that there were several trucks parked along the right-of-way. M. Sikorski stated that he was aware of the issue, and that he has spoken with the owner, and with the site manager, and is working towards having the applicant return to the Planning Board to address some of these and other site concerns. L. Gargiulo asked if the use was permissible, and M. Sikorski stated that it was not and that he has warned the owner about the requirement to comply with the ordinances. Chairman Beattie stated that there are some additional issues later on the agenda regarding the frustrations of enforcement issues from both the Code Enforcement perspective and from some Planning Board members' perspectives with applicants saying that they are going to do things on Site Plan Review and then not following through. He continued that the problem is that there are "*not enough teeth*" to be able to apply pressure to get the follow-through completed. L. Gargiulo asked if there was a limitation for the number of vehicles someone can park on a lot, and M. Sikorski responded that the Site Plan is what would determine that answer. L. Gargiulo stated that it looks like the owner is storing his fleet on-site. M. Sikorski said that he has spoken with the owner about that as well, and has invited him to Planning Board to review the Site Plan. Chairman Beattie said that there is also the issue of a oil business parking on site.

M. Lane asked about the intention of the Planning Board re-writing the Sign Ordinance. M. Sikorski stated that the Sign Ordinance has not been addressed for well over ten (10) years, and

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some new types of signs have been developed, so there is a need to clarify and better define some specific types of signage. M. Lane asked if it was because of the digital, animated, electronic signs, and M. Sikorski responded yes, in addition to the portable, temporary signs that he would like to find a way to reduce the clutter along the side of Route 1. He stated that there is an allowance for signage for temporary sales or grand openings, but he is finding that in some instances that type of signage is being used daily and is located too close to the road right-of-way as people are trying to get more visibility for their signs. He would like to try to get the signage more uniform. Chairman Beattie said an example is the Grand Opening that lasts for six months. He continued that enforcement is the issue and without enough “teeth” in the ordinance, these issues are frustrating because the ordinance is too vague. M. Lane said that he thought the current ordinance addressed digital and electronic signs, and M. Sikorski responded that there is an allowance for a changeable sign but it is listed as a “change panel” which is the changeable copy type sign (ex. white board with black letters changed by suction cup on a pole) so the ordinance needs to be brought up to date with the current technology, with control in the sign ordinance to prevent Route 1 from looking like the Las Vegas strip, all lit up. M. Lane asked if a new sign ordinance were to be adopted, and there were existing signs that would not meet the new ordinance, what would be the status of those existing signs, and M. Sikorski responded that they would be considered as “existing non-conforming”.

**Fire Chief, Ambulance, Emergency Management – Monthly Report:** Chairman Beattie stated that Fire Chief Lord was unable to attend the Selectmen’s meeting as he was leading an Emergency Operations drill at the Public Safety Building, to which several members in attendance also need to attend at the conclusion of this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Reports: General Fund Balance: \$1,220,293.89:** K. Anderson reported that she received an updated balance from the Treasurer yesterday of General Fund balance at \$323,346. School checks have to be held at this time. The Town has processed a payment request from the Trustees of the Trust Funds and are waiting for them to meet and approve the Capital Reserve Fund withdrawals which will help with the cash flow. Tax rate setting should be happening within the near future.

**Executive: Payroll Warrant, Accounts Payable, and Escrow Warrant:** K. Anderson presented the Payroll Warrant #613 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$31,789.77; Accounts Payable Warrant #851 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$925,826.64; and Escrow Warrant #40 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$45,936.13.

**MOTION: To approve Payroll Warrant #613 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$31,789.77; Accounts Payable Warrant #851 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$925,826.64; and Escrow Warrant #40 dated October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$45,936.13.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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**Town Clerk: Dog License Fees:** K. Anderson stated that after the budget review last week, departments were asked to look at alternative revenue sources. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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reviewed the dog license fees and learned that most other towns have already increased the fees by the allowed \$1.00, as authorized by NH RSA 466:39. The Board of Selectmen have the authority to vote to increase the spayed/neutered fee and the unaltered fee by \$1.00. This would not increase the Senior Citizens Fee. The increase would help offset the cost increase in the dog tags.

<u>Current fees:</u>		<u>New fee:</u>	<u>State Fee</u>	<u>Town Net</u>
spayed/neutered	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$2.50	\$5.00
Unaltered	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$2.50	\$7.50
Senior citizens	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$0.50

**MOTION:** To authorize the increase in dog license fees by \$1.00 as authorized by RSA 466:39

**MOTION:** L. GARGIULO

**SECOND:** M. LANE

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**Other Selectmen's Old Business:**

Installation of the Welcome to Hampton Falls signs: Chairman Beattie reported that he met with the sign company installers at each of the three (3) sites to designate the specific locations where the signs will be installed. He stated that Dig Safe will be called for each location. He said that he had a meeting with Heronfield Academy's Head of School at the Exeter Road site, and Alexis Garrant at the Route 1 southern site on the east side of Route 1, and with his friend for the Route 1 northern site on the west side of Route 1 north of the gas station. Chairman Beattie reported that all three sites have been staked and the signs are being manufactured and should be installed within five (5) weeks. M. Lane asked what about in the future if/when property owners change hands, will the Town be liable for the maintenance of the signs, and K. Anderson responded that she will work with the Town's land use attorney to write easements for the three locations to disclaim the property owners regarding the signs. Chairman Beattie said that the sign company has a high gloss stencil that could be installed on the blank reverse side of the sign, and M. Lane said that he thought that there should be something on the back, like "*Thank you for visiting.*" Chairman Beattie asked K. Anderson to inquire what the choices would be from the sign company, and whether there would be an additional cost for the stencil application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive: November/December 2023 Newsletter:** The draft newsletter for November/December was reviewed by the Selectmen and approved for distribution.

**Executive: Frying Pan Lane Fund Administration:** A concern has been raised about a committee recommended to approve the uses of the Frying Pan Lane Fund. When the town was first informed of the generous bequest, it was requested that a neutral committee be established to approve the uses of the fund. At that time, the committee was the Board of Selectmen. (L. Smith, E. Beattie and L. Gargiulo). The documents from the Charitable Trust indicate that it was a request, not a requirement. The Board of Selectmen have been the ones to recommend expenditures based on the specific guidelines for the use of the fund. The actual withdrawals are then reviewed and approved by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, of which none of the members are on the Board of Selectmen and would be considered the neutral committee. The annual

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report to NH Charitable Trust has listed the Board as the committee and there have not been any concerns raised. A legal opinion received in 2018 indicated that it should be administered by the Board of Selectmen with the Trustees of the Trust Funds approving expenditures only in accordance with the purposes of the fund. Would the Board like to have a legal review of this question? K. Anderson stated that it was her opinion that the Town is in compliance because it was not a requirement that it be a separate committee, it was a request.

L. Gargiulo asked why this has become an issue, and K. Anderson responded that it was because the concern was brought to her attention by a resident. He stated that if the Town has already paid for a legal opinion once, he does not see why the Town should pay for a second legal opinion five years later. M. Lane agreed with the idea that no legal opinion is necessary, and no subcommittee is necessary. He added that the Selectmen have a much clearer understanding of what the needs are, and he said that the Selectmen ask the Departments for their annual lists of proposals given the funds available. Chairman Beattie agreed as well. There was a consensus that the current practice is fine, and no new legal opinion is necessary, nor is appointment of a separate committee necessary.

**Executive: Castleberry Fairs:** Castleberry Fairs has requested to hold four (4) fairs in 2024, paying the Town \$2,500 per fair. The dates being requested are similar to years past: May 11-12; June 29-30; September 14 & 15; and October 12& 13. They have requested that the 2024 fairs be exempt from the requirement of a Police Detail as there have been no traffic issues. K. Anderson requested input from Police Chief Veno and he had no issue with the exemption because the Fair hires their own security.

L. Gargiulo stated that the only concern he has is regarding the Columbus Day event in October because there is so much going on with Applecrest Farm up the road at that time of the year that if there were simultaneous issues at both locations, it would be challenging for the Police to cover both. Chairman Beattie referenced the quantity of traffic turning onto Route 88 at that intersection for those events is considerable. Police Chief Veno has no issue with requiring Castleberry Fair to have a Police Detail in October. Chairman Beattie asked K. Anderson to make that amendment to the contract to require a Police Detail for the October 12 & 13 weekend event.

**MOTION: To approve the contracts for Castleberry Fairs for 2024, as amended.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE**

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**Executive: Ordinance and Regulations Enforcement:** Chairman Beattie requested this to be on the agenda. He stated that the fees for the Planning Board are very reasonable compared to other towns. He said that the enforcement is difficult for those who have to enforce infractions because the ordinances are vague enough to create problems, and the regulations are dated. He stated that the Planning Board's Ordinances and Regulations Committee is planning at its October meeting to try to add some "teeth" into the ordinances to make enforcement more effective. He said that he spoke at the September Planning Board meeting that if the ordinances were more specific, then perhaps some enforcement issues would not be happening on the back end, to save the Code Enforcement Officer a lot of work. He said that penalty aspects would also need to be examined. He said that he spent some time in the Code Enforcement Officer's office, and the frustration level is very high when he can not stop someone from doing something and the applicant knows it.

A recent example originally raised by L. Gargiulo was regarding two solar panels on a property, that has become an issue of the solar installer not obtaining the required permits before installing the panels. Chairman Beattie asked what was the proper way to address that enforcement issue to give the Code Enforcement Officer additional tools to be able to do his job more effectively and to create less frustration. Chairman Beattie said that signage was the biggest issue on Route 1, including trucks parked that are being used as signs.

L. Gargiulo asked about any regulations about parking an oil truck so close to the marsh. Chairman Beattie stated that the parking for the Landscape Supply Retail business is only supposed to have trucks parked onsite to do with that business, not paving trucks, not oil trucks, and the challenge becomes how to encourage compliance with the rules with a graduated way to say there are consequences for non-compliance that may include cease and desist.

M. Sikorski stated that the business of the Landscape Supply Retail has fallen out of line with their Site Plan, and so he has reached out to the owner and invited him to attend the Planning Board to discuss the issues. He said that it would be nice to have a written procedure or a note added to the Site Plan that if compliance with the Site Plan was not maintained that the applicant would need to return to the Planning Board to address the issue/violation. M. Sikorski continued that there is a case on the Planning Board agenda this month that is a Site Plan Modification that they are doing because of an expansion of use, so it is an example of what businesses should do if they are expanding their business. M. Sikorski commented on the placement of the trucks on the Landscape Supply Retail site in the right-of-way of Route 1, that was done without any forethought. He said he noticed them on a Saturday, and Monday he stepped into their office and told them to move the trucks, and they did.

L. Gargiulo asked if there was a limitation on the number of vehicles that can be located at a residence and expansion of parking area, on Route 88 near the town line specifically. He said that he noticed that the parking area was recently expanded into the front yard. M. Sikorski responded that that location is in the Residential zone where there is an ordinance about the number of unregistered cars on a property. There is no limit if the cars are registered. He said that he received a complaint about the property approximately two years ago and the owner immediately came in to talk with him and apologized, and reversed the situation and cleaned it up. Now it has slowly started to increase again. L. Gargiulo said that they may have increased

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their curb cut, and M. Sikorski said that that may have needed a NH DOT Driveway permit, so he will inquire with the owner about that fact when he discusses it with him.

**Finance: Optional Municipal Transportation Fee:** K. Anderson stated that this is another option to consider to generate additional revenues, as a result of the prior budget meeting where the Selectmen requested some alternate funding sources be considered. The State approved RSA 261:153 VI (a) in 1997 to authorize towns to collect an additional fee on motor vehicle registrations for transportation improvements such as road paving, sidewalks and electric vehicle charging stations. The maximum amount the fee can be is \$5.00 and the fees are deposited into a municipal transportation improvement fund capital reserve fund held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

To adopt the fee a public hearing is required and the approval is done by the voters through a warrant article. The warrant article establishes the amount of the fee, up to \$5.00 and can restrict the use to specific purposes such as road paving. As of 2022, 34 communities have adopted the fee. In 2023, legislation was proposed to increase the maximum fee to \$10.00. The legislation passed; however, it was vetoed by the Governor.

L. Gargiulo stated that he just sees it as an additional tax, and a way to circumvent the tax rate, so he does not see anything positive about it. Chairman Beattie asked how many cars are registered in Town, and K. Anderson responded that she knows the Town collects approximately \$750,000 to \$800,000 in registrations annually. M. Lane said that he also would want to know how many registered cars are in town. Chairman Beattie said that if there are 2,000 vehicles, then that would hypothetically be \$10,000 in municipal transportation fee increase over current, and that he would prefer to see the paving requests for funds in the form of a Warrant Article. He said that the aggravation may not be worth the effort, and he agreed with L. Gargiulo. K. Anderson said that she was following up on the request by the Selectmen, as a result of the Budget Hearing last meeting, to identify alternate potential financial revenue. No action was taken.

**Solar Exemptions, filed after April 1, 2023:** K. Anderson presented two (2) Solar Exemption applications that were filed after the April 1, 2023 deadline.

- Eichelser at 16 Crank Road, for \$6,120
- MacLeod at 167 Exeter Road for \$9,600

K. Anderson stated that the Town authorizes the exemption to be equal to the value of the solar system. L. Gargiulo asked if permits were pulled on the two solar systems, and K. Anderson responded yes. He requested that the Town add a check box to the application form, asking if permits have been approved for the solar systems, and K. Anderson agreed. M. Sikorski stated that no solar system can be activated without his signature on the form for the utility instructing them to turn it on, so that is a built-in mechanism to ensure permits have been obtained. L. Gargiulo followed up asking how did the two panels go up on Exeter Rd without M. Sikorski knowing about them, and M. Sikorski responded that those systems have not been turned on yet, and that he is in discussions with those property owners about that situation. Chairman Beattie stated that too many people would rather “beg forgiveness than ask permission”.

**MOTION: To approve the two (2) solar exemptions as proposed.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**



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**SECOND: M. LANE  
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**Land Use Change Tax release for the Martins' 11.32 acres at 57 Linden Road (Map 6 / Lot 64-17):** K. Anderson stated that the property at 57 Linden Road is coming out of Current Use and being developed as a residential property. The land use change tax due is \$32,000 that will (100%) go into the Conservation Fund.

**MOTION: To issue the Land Use Change Tax warrant in the amount of \$32,000 for 57 Linden Road, Map 6 / Lot 64-17.**

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO**

**SECOND: M. LANE  
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**Request from the Historical Society for installation of a banner to hang on the building:**

K. Anderson reported that she received a request from the Historical Society to hang a 5' x 8' banner on the parking lot side of the Historical Society Museum building, to help promote events and to encourage membership. K. Anderson said that they have historically put other banners there, like for the Tricentennial last year. She continued that they want a "blanket approval" so that they can advertise their events without having to come and get approval each time. L. Gargiulo asked if they would leave the banner up all the time. Bev Mutrie stated she was at the Historical Society Board meeting when the banner was discussed, and it was her understanding that the banner would not advertise events, that it would be to advertise the Historical Society. K. Anderson read the application that stated: To help promote events and membership, "the banner will display the society's mission along with our website address 'Your future is a present from the past'." L. Gargiulo asked if the banner would be up all the time? B. Mutrie responded that it would not be temporary. L. Gargiulo said that the Town has a responsibility to set an example, if the Town is asking others to adhere to signage regulations and to set examples, and it was his opinion that if the Town allowed a temporary sign to become a permanent sign that the Town would be doing a disservice (and he did not mean a disservice to the Historical Society). He said that he would not be opposed to a temporary sign that went up for 3 weeks and then came down, and then another one went up for a couple of weeks and then came down. He was opposed to a disposable sign being installed in perpetuity, with the information available.

Chairman Beattie said that it would be a banner the same as the Tricentennial banner, and the Fogg Marsh Hayting. B. Mutrie said that it would be the same size as those prior banners. Chairman Beattie said that the prior banners were installed without permission, and now the Historical Society is asking the Selectmen for permission. L. Gargiulo said he had no problem with the banner, just if it was going to be installed for perpetuity then he has a problem. He said that he would be fine with it on a temporary basis. B. Mutrie said that she thought the proposed wording on the banner would read: "Your Future is a Present From the Past", and then Historical Society's website address. Additionally, she stated that it is part of their membership drive to make people aware that the Historical Society exists.

Chairman Beattie said the Selectmen could add the following conditions of approval to the banner application:

- A) "for membership and special event purposes", and to limit the number of days to

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- B) No more than sixty (60) days per event

M. Sikorski referenced the Zoning Ordinance and stated that the time allowance for banners is scattered throughout the ordinance and is written more for business uses. He said that there are no regulations addressing signage on government buildings. He stated that the ordinance states that “*banners must be kept in good repair*”, and if not, then the Code Enforcement Officer can request they be removed. K. Anderson suggested to add that to the list of conditions:

- C) banners must be kept in good repair

M. Lane stated that he thought it made sense to require that any government building should come before the Selectmen regarding proposed signage. B. Mutrie stated that she thought that it was stated in the Historical Society’s lease agreement that the Historical Society must get permission from the Town for any signage.

**Other Selectmen’s New Business:** There was no Other Selectmen’s New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no New Business Public Comment.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: October 4, 2023.**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of October 4, 2023 as amended.

**MOTION:** L. GARGIULO

**SECOND:** E. BEATTIE

**2-Yes, 1 Abstained, MOTION PASSED**

Chairman Beattie requested an update regarding the setting of the tax rate, and K. Anderson stated that Dept of Revenue (DRA) has everything they need from the Town and from the School, except they are waiting on the Dept of Education for the apportionment. He asked her where she thought the tax rate was going to end up, and K. Anderson estimated that the tax rate will be under \$14.00.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the Selectmen’s Meeting at 9:25 AM.

**MOTION:** L. GARGIULO

**SECOND:** M. LANE

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Next Selectmen’s Meeting is Wednesday, November 1, 2023 6:00 PM  
Regular meeting and Budget Review

These Minutes prepared by Rachel D. Webb, Assistant Administrator.