

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Hybrid

January 24, 2024 6:00 PM

Present – Alan Hanson, Roger Manzolini, Neal Pilson, Danielle Fillio

Appointment of Nick Fredsall – Wire Inspector With the resignation of Tom Grizey, Danielle introduced Nick Fredsall to the Board. Nick gave an overview of his positions in both Monterey and Stockbridge and said he looked forward to working with Richmond. He explained to the Board that the fees were considerably low compared to other towns. The Board agreed to discuss increasing their fees at the next meeting. Roger made a motion to appoint Nick Fredsall as wire inspector for a one-year term, Neal seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Review of Town Hall RFP – This topic was postponed until the 14th of February to get more feedback from Town Counsel.

Town Administrator Updates – Danielle presented a list of updates to the Board which are attached to this set of minutes.

Public Comment – None

Selectmen Matters – Roger spoke of taxes, property valuations, and the significant increases over the last few years. He would like to let people know what is available for residents who are struggling. Danielle stated that she would review the Stockbridge Elderly and Disabled fund. Residents can donate to this fund and help other residents in need. Danielle also let the Board know that she is working with the Assessors to allow more residents to qualify for exemptions as well.

Al noted that he completed the Town Reports on the Selectmen's behalf. Additionally, he questioned being able to provide captions on our Zoom meetings for those residents who are experiencing difficulties hearing and would like to participate in the meetings. Danielle stated that they did have hearing assistance in-person at the Town Hall and that she would investigate it further. Neal stated that he would as well.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting – None

Adjournment – 7:04 PM