

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

March 15, 2022

Chair Maureen Dwinnell; Selectman Stephen A. Matellian; Selectman Brett A. Simas; Town Manager, Derek S. Brindisi

[Virtual](#)

1 **Call Meeting to Order**

2 Chair Dwinnell opened the regular meeting at 7:02 PM and reviewed the agenda.

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4 **Public Comment (any topic)**

5 Lauren Scheuer and Linda Gay et al requested that the Selectman vote to include Article 23 on
6 the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. They represented may residents who oppose the
7 development of a 40B apartment complex on a parcel of land with frontage on Mechanic and
8 Fowler Street.

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10 **Guest Presentations**

11 **Town Manager Search Committee Update**

12 Mr. van Raalten, chair of the town manager screening committee advised the BoS on the
13 committees' schedule and progress to date. The screening committee sifted through 31
14 resumes and selected 10 individuals who received three essay questions. From those 10, two
15 individuals have withdrawn. The committee will be scheduling interviews over the next two
16 weeks and as requested will submit three qualified finalists to the board of selectmen for
17 consideration.

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19 **Ambulance Service Cost Analysis Update**

20 [EMS Cost analysis](#)

21 [EMS Justification](#)

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23 Chief Bradley reviewed the update EMS cost analysis report that had been requested by the board and
24 the Finance Committee for a number of years in support of purchasing a new ambulance.

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26 **Mosquito Control Board Update – Discuss Request to Submit Aerial Spraying Opt-Out Application to
the State.**

27 Marcella Stassa came before the board to request a certified vote by the Selectmen to opt out
28 of spraying conducted by the state. The Board of health has approved the application and
29 public comments were accepted.

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32 ***Motion #1:*** Motion made by Selectman Simas to authorize the Mosquito Control Board to
33 submit an application to opt out of State mosquito spraying.

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35 Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell
36 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

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38 **Board Discussion Items (no public comment)**

39 **Discussion on Various Appointments**

40 Trust Fund Commissioner [Member](#)

41 **Motion #2:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to appoint Dave Ross as trust fund commissioner
42 for the remainder of the current term.

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44 Second: Chair Dwinnell, Majority Action

45 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, abstain.

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47 DPW Building Committee [Members](#)

48 **Motion #3:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to appoint Dan Lazarz, Andy Leonard, John
49 Moen, Dave O'Brien Rick McGuire, and John Westerling to the DPW building committee.

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51 Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

52 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

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54 Lake/Pond Committee [Members](#)

55 **Motion #4:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to appoint the following:

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57 Recreation Commission Member Debbie Amorelli

58 Conservation Committee Member Mike Penko

59 DPW Member Bill Taylor

60 Resident Ed Bergman

61 Resident Gary Strichartz

62 Resident Sally Kent

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64 Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

65 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

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67 Affordable Housing Trust [Member](#)

68 **Motion #5:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to appoint Jane Snellman to the Affordable
69 Housing Trust.

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71 Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

72 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

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74 Interim Town Manager

75 The board will consider appointing Dennis Westgate at their next meeting.

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77 **Motion to Authorize the Town Manager to Execute [Proposal for Engineering Services 2022](#)**

78 **[Sewer System Evaluation Survey](#)**

79 **Motion #6:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to authorize the to execute the proposal for
80 engineering services 2022 sewer system evaluation survey.

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82 Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell
83 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye
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85 **Motion to File/Accept Various Grants**

86 Technology Grant

87 **Motion #7:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to authorize the technology committee to
88 apply for the municipal fiber grant program.

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90 Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell
91 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye
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93 AARP Grant

94 **Motion #8:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to file and accept the AARP as described.

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96 Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell
97 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye
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99 **Motion to Execute**

100 2021-2024 Upton DPW Hourly CBA
101 2021-2024 Upton DPW Supervisor's CBA
102 Passover
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104 Discuss Mechanic-Fowler 120-day notice of right of refusal

105 Again, many committees and boards expressed support of Article 23 being placed on the
106 warrant to allow the citizens of Upton to vote.

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108 **Motion #9:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to put forward the article regarding Mechanic
109 St at the ATM.

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111 Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell
112 Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye
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114 Discuss Annual Town Meeting Warrant

115 The Board will review the warrant with the Finance Committee on March 30.

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117 **Town Manager Report/Updates**

118 • Police Lt & Sgt ceremony March 16
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120 **Adjourn Meeting**

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122 **Motion #10** At 10:04 PM Selectman Matellian made motion to adjourn.

123 Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

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125 Respectfully submitted,

126 Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant