

# 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](#)

## **Call Meeting to Order**

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

## **Public Comment (any topic)**

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

## **Guest Presentations**

### **Town Manager Search Committee Update**

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 From those 10, two individuals have withdrawn.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

### **Ambulance Service Cost Analysis Update**

[EMS Cost analysis](#)

[EMS Justification](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Discussion on Various Appointments**

Trust Fund Commissioner [Member](#)

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

Second: Chair Dwinnell, Majority Action

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

DPW Building Committee [Members](#)

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

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

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

Lake/Pond Committee [Members](#)

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

Recreation Commission Member Debbie Amorelli

Conservation Committee Member Mike Penko

DPW Member Bill Taylor

Resident Ed Bergman

Resident Gary Strichartz

Resident Sally Kent

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

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

Affordable Housing Trust [Member](#)

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

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

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

Interim Town Manager

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

**Motion to Authorize the Town Manager to Execute [Proposal for Engineering Services 2022 Sewer System Evaluation Survey](#)**

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

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

#### **Motion to File/Accept Various Grants**

##### Technology Grant

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

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

##### AARP Grant

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

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

#### **Motion to Execute**

2021-2024 Upton DPW Hourly CBA  
2021-2024 Upton DPW Supervisor's CBA  
Passover

Discuss Mechanic-Fowler 120-day notice of right of refusal  
Again, many committees and boards expressed support of Article 23 being placed on the warrant to allow the citizens of Upton to vote.

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

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

Discuss Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
The Board will review the warrant with the Finance Committee on March 30.

#### **Town Manager Report/Updates**

- Police Lt & Sgt ceremony March 16

120     **Adjourn Meeting**

121

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

123     Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

124

125     Respectfully submitted,

126     Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant