

**SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES
OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023**

In attendance: Chair Katie Goldrick, Clerk Patty Conway, Associate David Reilly and Interim Town Administrator Peter Morin. Absent: Vice Chair Pamela Campanella and Associate William Watkins.

1. Call to Order – Chair Goldrick called the meeting to order in the Noel C. King Meeting Room and via Zoom.
2. Approval of Minutes – MOTION to approve the open session minutes of November 8, 2023 by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 with Conway voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.
3. Temporary Account Services – Interim TA Peter Morin shared that the Town Accountant has submitted her resignation and her last day will be January 19, 2024. He presented different options to the Board.

MOTION to have the Town Administrator find a temporary accountant contract by David Reilly, 2nd by Patty Conway. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 with Conway voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

4. Interim DPW Superintendent – Interim TA Peter Morin said that Mr. Bill Baxter has been recently acting as Interim DPW Superintendent and that he deserves a level of pay that reflects the additional duties he has taken on. Mr. Morin praised Mr. Baxter for his ability to step into the role.

He also praised the DPW, police & fire departments for their work during a recent storm.

MOTION to authorize the Town Administrator to review the DPW union contract to work something out with Mr. Baxter to recognize his service over the last few months by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 with Conway voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

5. Legal Funding Request: McGregor Legere and Stevens – Interim TA Peter Morin said this request is necessary due to a conflict of interest with town counsel regarding TLA.

MOTION to approve the request for outside counsel from McGregor Legere and Stevens by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 with Conway voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.

6. Boarding up of JFK School – The Board discussed options for boarding up the JFK school. Chair Goldrick stated she would prefer to get more quotes and look for a price range under \$10,000. Mr. Morin said he would find quotes that are more reasonable, and if he is unable, then they should look internally.

7. Citizens' Forum –

Chair Goldrick wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Conway stated that a resident contacted her about revisiting the condition of the roads in the Grove; some are in desperate need of repair and a child had been hurt. Mr. Reilly stated that DPW is out in the Grove doing some cold-patching but the roads need more work.

Chair Goldrick asked for this to be added to the budget discussion when DPW goes before the Board, and Mr. Morin agreed.

8. Adjourn – MOTION to adjourn by Patty Conway, 2nd by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 with Conway voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Goldrick voting yes.