

**Board of Selectmen
May 15, 2023
Town Hall
Veteran's Memorial Hall, Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge**

Present:

Mary Blanchard
Chase Kaitbenski
Mary Dowling
Jamie Goodwin
MaryLou Volpe

Staff:

Robin A. Grimm, Ph.D., Town Administrator
Elisa Krochmalnyckyj, Temporary Assistant

Absent:

Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant

**Chair Blanchard called meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Moment of Silence for all those suffering from natural disasters.

Chair Blanchard read the agenda.

Public Service Announcements

None

Reorganization of the Board

TA Grimm called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman MaryLou Volpe nominated Selectman Jamie Goodwin for chair. No other nominations for chair were offered. Selectman Goodwin accepted the nomination.

Motion: To nominate Selectman Goodwin for chair of the Board of Selectmen.

By: Selectman Volpe

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To nominate Selectman Chase Kaitbenski for vice chair of the Board of Selectmen.

By: Selectman Volpe

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To nominate Selectman Mary Dowling as clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Sturbridge Tourist Association Business of the Year Awards

Sturbridge Tourist Association Chair (STA) Sandy Gibson-Quigley and former chairman and long-time STA member Brian "Mr. STA" Amedy presented "Business of the Year" awards in the STA's four categories: Eat, Shop, Stay and Play. Each recipient received a \$1,250 grant toward marketing.

Best Place to Stay: Thousand Trails RV Park. Mr. Amedy noted that the award is a reflection of a new facet of the hospitality world.

Best Place to Shop: Tutti Quanti in Fiskdale. Mr. Amedy marveled at how big an imprint this "Little bit of Italy" has made on the Fiskdale section of town, and how its wine-pairing nights provide the coveted "something to do in Sturbridge after 5 o'clock."

Best Place to Eat: Teddy G's. Mr. Amedy noted that voting was strong this year, and noted that Teddy G's owner, Ted Gidopoulos, started his restaurant life working for his father at Village Pizza many years ago, has since opened Teddy G's, and is poised to turn the old Friendly's building into "Gido's" pizza and ice cream shop.

Best place to Play: Old Sturbridge Village. Despite strong voting for other locations, this year's contest resulted in the STA's first repeat winner.

Public Hearings

- A. National Grid has made a petition to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen to install one (1) JO Pole on Cedar Street beginning at a point approximately 1500 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Hamilton Road and continuing approximately 15 feet in a western direction. Install 1 – 40 ft class 3 Pole # 59-25 between Poles #59 and #59-50 to service new pole being installed 150' into property 233 for new home being built. National Grid also requests permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways.

Mike from National Grid explained this involves one pole for new construction at 233 Cedar Street.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To approve the installation of one (1) JO Pole on Cedar Street beginning at a point approximately 1500 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Hamilton Road and continuing approximately 15 feet in a western direction. Install 1 – 40 ft class 3 Pole # 59-25 between Poles #59 and #59-50 to service new pole being installed 150' into property 233 for new home being built. National Grid also requests permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

- B.** National Grid has made a petition to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen to install nine (9) JO Poles on Putnam Road beginning at a point approximately 588' feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Podunk Rd & Bushnell Road and continuing approximately 4906' feet in a north direction. Installation of new P47-50, P52-50, P53, P63-75, P66-50, P67, P67-50, P68-50, & P69-50; starting approximately ~117' north of existing P47 Podunk Road. National Grid also requests permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways.

TA Grimm explained this is the part of a larger project, Sturbridge Solar Farm LLC in Charlton. Sturbridge has accepted a related roadway-improvement plan. These poles are part of Phase 1 of this two-phase project. National Grid has been working with one of the abutters about pole placement and is willing to work with other property owners. The BOS vote would be contingent on approval from Conservation and the DPW.

Selectman Dowling questioned why BOS approval is being sought before, not after, Conservation and DPW approval as is typical. TA Grimm explained the project is complicated and the applicants are trying to work quickly.

Ms. Blakeley has been to the property and is requesting that sites for proposed poles be physically staked out so there is something concrete to review and the town can insure the pole placement does not create problems for neighbors' wells or future development.

Mike from National Grid explained that this project will require new equipment that meets existing standards and specifications. Many of the poles being replaced are old and were already

scheduled for replacement in the near future. There are also 9 new poles planned, but not enough site work has been done on the 5,000-square-foot property to determine exactly where they are being proposed. TA Grimm noted that having new, improved poles in place will limit the number of storm-related power outages in the area.

George Volungus of 224 Podunk Road, has concerns about the proximity of the poles to his well, and asked if the poles are chemically treated, which could result in chemicals getting into his water. Mike said there are many environmental specifications about what chemicals can be on the poles, and where poles can be placed. TA Grimm suggested Mr. Volungus contact National Grid and Ms. Blakeley — and, if necessary, herself — with his concerns.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Dennis Sprouse, of 222 Podunk Road, asked to be heard. The board reopened the public hearing.

Motion: To Reopen the Public Hearing

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Sprouse who is not an abutter and did not receive a notice about the public hearing, questioned how far up Podunk Road the impact will be. Kyle from National Grid the based on the color and nature of the markings indicate the pole at the end of Mr. Sprouse's driveway will be replaced, but in the same location.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To approve the petition for the installation of nine JO Poles on Putnam Road beginning at a point approximately 588 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Podunk Rd & Bushnell Road and continuing approximately 4906 feet in a north direction. Installation of new P47-50, P52-50, P53, P63-75, P66-50, P67, P67-50, P68-50, & P69-50; starting approximately ~117' north of existing P47 Podunk Road, and to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways, subject to Conservation review and approval as necessary, and subject to the DPW conditions already sent to National Grid. (Selectman Blanchard read the list of conditions.)

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

- C. In accordance with MGL Chapter 132, Section 40-46, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sturbridge will hold a public hearing on the petition of Rory & Jennifer McCarthy for a forest cutting plan for 41.00 acres of land on 226 Podunk Road, Sturbridge, MA, 01566 owned by Rory & Jennifer McCarthy. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:40 p.m. at Sturbridge Town Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA.

Forester/consultant John Clarke, representing the landowners, explained this a forest-cutting plan that is part of the management of the property. The state several months ago approved the plan, which includes harvesting on 41 of the 200 acres of property with two stream crossings. The items requested by the town have been delivered, the abutters have been notified, a bond is in place, and insurance certificates were sent.

TA Grimm reported there were no reported problems with the green cards. Selectman Mary Blanchard noted that the approval is contingent on coordination with school buses, along with a list of conditions that will be attached to the approval.

The owner of 223 Podunk Road (listed as Geraldine Krukonas) asked what was planned for the property after the trees were cut down. Mr. Clarke said it is common for abutters to be assume the forestry plan is the first step to something bigger, but to the contrary, the state-permitted plan is a conservation plan that includes bird-management. The plan is not to clear-cut the entire 41 acres, but to selectively cut in a way intended to help wildlife habitat. TA Grimm explained that Chapter 61 lands are protected and are prohibited from development, and are given tax breaks for that.

Selectman Blanchard added that the state gave the permit; the town is only able to add reasonable conditions.

Mr. Sprouse asked how big of a crew and how much noise there would be. Mr. Clarke said a crew of six people with the expected noise of big equipment during permitted hours.

Diane Ziegler, of 206 Podunk Road, voiced concerns that trails would lead right a field on her property, where she keeps the horses. She asked that she be notified of any work that would be done near the horses, who could become spooked by the activity or injured by falling trees and limbs, and that she plans to move the horses to a different part of her property during the work. Mr. Clarke said according to the preliminary plans, no cutting would be done in that area. TA Grimm suggested Ms. Ziegler exchange contact information with Mr. Clarke.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: To approve the forest-cutting plan for Rory & Jennifer McCarthy on 41 acres of land on 226 Podunk Road with the town's forest-cutting guidelines.

By: Vice Chairman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Volpe
Vote: 5-0-0.

III. Town Administrator's Update

No update

Staff reports

Chief Grasso reported that the following few days would be "red flag" high-risk days. The department's March and April calls were up by 80 and 10 calls, respectively. Because most were EMS calls, he assumes is because of more people were out and about than this time last year. Earlier in the day, Chief Grasso and Deputy Chief David Martell attended the Anna Maria College commencement, where Lt. Jennifer Ashe and Lt. Shawn Moynagh each received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science. He added that Police Sgt. Sean Paine graduated with a Masters in Public Administration.

Selectman Blanchard suggested TA Grimm send a letter of congratulations and gratitude to each of the graduates.

Action Items

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Jeffrey White as a part-time Firefighter/EMT with the Sturbridge Fire Department, with his rate of pay being consistent with provisions of Article 7 of the Agreement between the Town of Sturbridge and Teamsters Local #170, effective May 16, 2023.

Chief Grasso introduced Jeffrey White, who has 18 years of experience in Brookfield, where he currently serves as a lieutenant, and read Mr. White's list of qualifications and degrees. Selectman Volpe said he came highly recommended and that Sturbridge is lucky to have him in the department.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen appoint Jeffrey White as a part-time Firefighter/EMT with the Sturbridge Fire Department, with his rate of pay being consistent with provisions of Article 7 of the Agreement between the Town of Sturbridge and Teamsters Local #170, effective May 16, 2023.

By: Selectman Blanchard
2nd: Selectman Volpe
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Kyle St. Marie to the Sturbridge Department of Public Works as a Heavy Equipment Operator at the hourly rate of \$28.55 per hour (step 4), which will be step 2 after July 1, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$29.05.

Ms. Blakeley is happy to hire Kyle St. Marie, after an exhausting search. He comes with much experience, will be able to step in easily. He will begin May 30.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Kyle St. Marie to the Sturbridge Department of Public Works as a Heavy Equipment Operator at the hourly rate of \$28.55 per hour (step 4), which will be step 2 after July 1, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$29.05.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Blanchard

Vote: 5-0-0.

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of David Bourbeau to the Planning Board effective June 19, 2023 for a term to expire June 19, 2026.

TA Grimm said Mr. Bourbeau was interviewed by her and Town Planner Jean Bubon for an earlier position and both were impressed with his insight and sense of balance in the community.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of David Bourbeau to the Planning Board effective June 19, 2023 for a term to expire June 19, 2026.

By: Selectman Volpe

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Taylor Stedman to the Planning Board effective June 19, 2023 for a term to expire June 19, 2026.

TA Grimm said Mr. Stedman comes with a strong military background and has an impressive resume. Mr. Stedman thanked the board and said his interest in the Planning Board came after his recent experience in front of the Conservation Commission and ZBA, with which he was very impressed.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Taylor Stedman to the Planning Board effective June 19, 2023 for a term to expire June 19, 2026.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a Hawker and Peddler License for Simeon Paresky/Renewal by Anderson.

Motion: To approve a Hawker and Peddler License for Simeon Paresky/Renewal by Anderson.

By: Selectman Mary Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement with Republic Services, Inc. for a three-year term starting July 1, 2023.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement with Republic Services Inc. for a three-year term starting July 1, 2023.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on allocation of ARPA funds.

TA Grimm discussed the following items approved by ARPA:

- \$3,500 Vandalism Repair at Recreation Center. This was put on hold until security cameras were installed.
- \$10,500 Traffic Study on Arnold Road/Route 20. This traffic study is being funded despite Route 20 being a state road because of the number of complaints from residents of Arnold Road as well as residents of Cedar Street complaining about the number of people cutting through from Arnold Road. There are intersections on Route 20 that are worse, but because this is the intersection where the Senior Center is, it will be funded. Selectman Blanchard recalls Central Mass traffic studies of that intersections being done on that in the past, and that the state has said the town needs to do something before the state will.
- \$3,200 DPW Environmental project overrun.
- \$15,000 (Library) HVAC Project overrun, and
- \$75,000 (Library) HVAC project overrun. All HVAC projects of late are coming in outrageously high. What is problematic is that the the \$75,000 portion will be reimbursed through rebates, but all rebates must go to the General Fund and cannot be returned to ARPA. The idea of asking FinCom to cover the \$75,000 temporarily was explored but TA Grimm did not want to deplete the Emergency Transfer Fund, which only has \$53,000 remaining. While the town could hold off and wait until more town funding is available, she is hesitant to do so because the bid will expire and she fears rebidding will produce a higher bids. Selectman Dowling said is disappointed with the idea of asking ARPA to pay the full \$75,000 when they will not get any of it back. Chair Goodwin said he certainly shares Selectman Dowling's frustration, but thinks that it's better to have ARPA fund the \$75,000 without return than to risk a significantly higher bid.

Selectman Dowling discussed a separate ARPA-funding issue, funding for a "Welcome to Sturbridge" sign at the circle/intersection at Route 131, which is the entrance to Sturbridge from Route 84, and asked TA Grimm to pursue plans to install the sign there. In addition to the \$35,000 ARPA funds, one of the Town Meeting Warrants includes \$35,000 for that sign and flowers and other landscaping. If the state's long-standing plans to restructure that intersection come to fruition, the sign could be moved.

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the ARPA Committee as presented.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the Joshua Hyde Library HVAC/Accessibility Improvements Project with WJ Mountford for \$1,176,000.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the Joshua Hyde Library HVAC/Accessibility Improvements Project with WJ Mountford for \$1,176,000.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the Nursery School Fire Alarm Project.

Motion: To Authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the Nursery School Fire Alarm Project.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to execute a contract with VanZelm Engineers for the fire alarm engineering at 154 Breakneck Road for \$7,500, plus up to \$1,000 for reimbursement.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to execute a contract with VanZelm Engineers for the fire alarm engineering at 154 Breakneck Road for \$7,500, plus up to \$1,000 for reimbursement.

By: Selectman Dowling

2nd: Selectman Blanchard

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to set the water rate at \$7.81 per 100 cubic feet (8.7%) for quarter ending June 30, 2023.

TA Grimm provided water and sewer rates and increases. Water: from \$7.18 to \$7.81 per 100 cubic feet, an increase of 63 cents or 8.7%. Sewer, from \$12.15 to \$12.59 per 100 cubic feet, an increase of 44 cents or 3.6%. Reserve Funds were not used to offset increases, as has been done in the past, because the reserves have run too low and need to be rebuilt. The increase will be included in the bill that is for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

Motion: To set the water rate at \$7.81 per 100 cubic feet (8.7%) for quarter ending June 30, 2023.

By: Selectman Volpe

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to set the sewer rate to \$12.59 per 100 cubic feet (3.6%) for quarter ending June 30, 2023.

Motion: To set the sewer rate to \$12.59 per 100 cubic feet (3.6%) for quarter ending June 30, 2023.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a Transient Vendor License for David Brockman for the Antique Textiles and Vintage Clothing show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on June 9, 2023 and June 10, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion: To approve a Transient Vendor License for David Brockman for the Antique Textiles and Vintage Clothing show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on June 9, 2023 and June 10, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a Transient Vendor License for Wendy Collins/Collins Gifts on June 4, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Motion: To Approve a Transient Vendor License for Wendy Collins/Collins Gifts on June 4, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a stipend for Missy Rozzen, Executive Assistant, in the amount of \$1,150, for the years the Police Department receives their accreditation status.

TA Grimm explained that the Police Chief asked that Missy Rozzen, the Department's Executive Assistant, be given a stipend for work she does preparing the department's accreditation application. Ms. Rozzen's stipend would be the same percentage the officers get, and just during the accreditation year, which is every three years.

Motion: To approve a stipend for Missy Rozzen, Executive Assistant, in the amount of \$1,150 for the years the Police Department receives their accreditation status.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment of Rebecca Mimeault to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Motion: To confirm the reappointment of Rebecca Mimeault to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the reappointment of Annette Roberts to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Motion: To confirm the reappointment of Annette Roberts to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to confirm the appointment of Joan H. Chamberland to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Joan H. Chamberland to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to confirm the appointment of Bonnie Brandt to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Motion: To confirm the reappointment of Bonnie Brandt to the Sturbridge Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on signing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion: To sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the MOA for the Police Department.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Police Department, which has no substantive changes from the preliminary terms supported by Selectmen in an earlier Executive Session, is ready to be signed. The MOA got unanimous approval and ratification from the Police Union. TA Grimm is pleased that the all three labor contracts are now signed, and that this contract is being signed before the previous one expired. She thanked the police labor union for being agreeable and fair. Chair Goodwin commended TA Grimm and noted it was not typical, especially for a new TA.

Motion: That the BOS approve the MOA with the Police Department.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to accept the letter of resignation of Carol Mitchell from the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Carol Mitchell from the Library Board of Trustees

By: Selectman Volpe

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action to accept the letter of resignation from Melissa Earls from the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Melissa Earls from the Library Board of Trustees

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action contract agreement: "Break the Ice Media" Digital and Social Media Marketing for \$3,125.00 a month

TA Grimm explained this is something the Sturbridge Tourist Association and Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator Terry Masterson have been working toward and went through a bidding process. Break the Ice Media has successfully been doing temporary work for the town. Funding is coming from grant money and STA Grimm funds.

Motion: To approve the contract with "Break the Ice Media" Digital and Social Media Marketing for \$3,125.00 a month.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a one-day liquor license for Ragged Hill Cider Company at the Farmer's Market from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from June 4, 2023 to August 8, 2023.

Motion: To approve a one-day liquor license for Ragged Hill Cider Company at the Farmer's Market from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. from June 4, 2023 to August 8, 2023.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Volpe

Vote: 5-0-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Correspondence:

Selectman Dowling read an April 25, 2023 letter from National Grid about carrying out late-winter/spring mechanical controls, foliage treatment, and other basal treatments on rights of way that will pass through Sturbridge.

Citizens' Forum:

Andrea Speed, of 246 Big Alum, discussed her concerns about an abutter's dock, a piece of which is in front of Ms. Speed's property. The abutter told her the town said that because the water is not owned by any one resident, he can put in his dock however he wants.

Selectman Blanchard said there are relevant rules and regulations, including that docks cannot project in front of other people's property.

TA Grimm will follow up on the complaint and respond to involved parties.

Approval of Minutes:

— Minutes of April 12, 2022

Selectman Dowling said the line in the second-to-last page that reads "Vice Chair Dowling would like to make a motion..." should read "...made a motion that was not seconded."

Motion: To approve the Minutes of April 12, 2022 as amended.

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-1, with Selectman Volpe abstaining because she was not on the board then.

— Minutes of April 12, 2023

Motion: To approve the Minutes of April 19, 2022 as written

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Blanchard

Vote: 4-0-1, with Selectman Volpe abstaining because she was not on the board then.

— Minutes of March 20, 2023

Selectman Dowling noted that she left the March 20, 2023 meeting early.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2023 minutes as written

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-3, with Selectman Volpe abstaining because she was not on the board then and Selectman Dowling abstaining because she was only present at part of the meeting.

TA Grimm thanked Town Clerk Lynne Girouard for coordinating the meeting during Executive Assistant Michelle Garman's absence, and for ensuring the meeting ran smoothly — and as always, working with a smile on her face.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

By: Selectman Blanchard

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Elisa Krochmalnyckyj

Clerk of the Board: Mary Dooky **Date signed:** June 20 '23