

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday August 26, 2024

PRESENT: Tim Finan, Chair Lincoln Daley, Town Administrator
Paul Dargie, Vice Chair
~~David Freel, Member~~ Absent
Chris Labonte, Member
Tina Philbrick, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS: Select Chair Finan opened the public meeting at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall Select Board Meeting room with introductions of the Board Members and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Council) Appointments:

Two members recommended for appointment to the EDAC, Steve Desmarais and John Morrison of Hitchner Manufacturing. They each identified themselves and why they thought they would be a good fit for the EDAC.

Steve Desmarais noted Milford has a good vibe going on and he would like to help in any way he can.

John Morrison of Hitchner thinks there are opportunities around housing, especially affordable housing.

Tim Finan thanked the gentlemen for attending and noted the terms are until March 31, 2025 and when the board is running the terms will be set up so that the terms will expire at different times.

Motion to appoint Steve Desmarais and John Morrison to the EDAC was made by Selectwoman Philbrick and seconded by Selectman Labonte. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0 with 1 absent.

Mr. Mike Thornton asked about the status of the nominations for the EDAC. Select Chair Finan noted he sees 9 already approved out of about 15. TA Daley noted he believes Mr. Thornton is referring to his application and Mr. Daley will refer to Community Development for the answer to that.

Police Department Update:

Chief Viola noted things have not changed much since the last update in May.

Areas of Responsibility of the department are maintaining public order and safety and enforcing laws as well as prevention, detecting and investigating criminal activity. Other daily responsibilities include actively patrolling areas within the Town of Milford, responding to calls for service, assisting Fire and Ambulance on their calls and in addition, working on building a good relationship with the businesses, residents and visitors in the Town of Milford.

Crime Stats for January 2024 to August 20th 2024 include 29,838 calls for Service, 6,452 Dispatch Initiated Calls; 838 incidents. Crimes against persons were up 5%; Crimes against property were down 3%; Crimes against society were up 27% and Group B crimes were up 4% (mostly bad checks and intoxication). No trends really, but the crimes against persons was up a little bit, but was down last time. Captain Frye noted that car stops are up tremendously, and he attributed to the fact they are full staffed. He also noted 2 signs are lent to us by Homeland Security, and one of the Towns signs was totaled in an accident. Financial Status as of August 6th 59.7% of the year has been completed and the Police Department has spent approximately 55% of the 2024 approved budget. There are 3-line items that are slightly over budget, by a total amount of \$1,464.97. Chief Viola will continue to monitor those line items.

Employee Update: The Milford Police Department has 27 sworn police officer positions and 11 non-sworn positions. One Sworn officer and one Part Time Administrative Assistant position is open. One person started at the Police Academy on July 29th and is expected to graduate on November 15th. The officer will then start the Field Training process which will take approximately 3 months to complete.

The department is also currently accepting applications for the sworn officer position and has a test date scheduled for September 7th.

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Vehicle Update: The department is waiting on one marked vehicle that was ordered this year. Currently there are 18 vehicles in the fleet. This consists of 10 marked vehicles, 4 Admin unmarked vehicles, 1 K9 vehicle, 1 unmarked car for prosecution and detectives, 1 crime scene van and 1 motorcycle.

Vehicle maintenance expenditures are at \$16,952

Updates / Major Projects: The department has taken full responsibility for Millie the facility therapy dog. National Night out was cancelled and the department along with Fire and Ambulance held a cookout for the citizens of Milford and was well attended even with rain related issues. Upcoming events include the Labor Day Parade and Elections.

Reporting issues that are emergencies can be done using 911, if NOT emergency contact MACC by phone or Milford Police by telephone or in person. Social media and email are not checked as often, but if not time sensitive they can be used as well. There is also a Crime Tip Line that can be used. If a person has a complaint against an employee of the Milford Police Department they can file in person, by phone or through the Milford Police Department page.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):

Camille Pattison along with Patrick Shea and Janet Langdell presented the CIP. Mr. Shea reviewed the CIP Projects and informed the Board what is recommended and not recommended to proceed with.

Mr. Shea listed the Executive Level Summary Project Recommendations as 1. Lower-Level Library restrooms; 2. Milford High School CTE Project; 3. Swing bridge; 4 Reconstruction of Town Roads; 5. Replace 2005 Sterling Truck; 6. Demolition of 127 Elm Street. He also noted the projected impact on the 2025 tax rate would be \$1.61 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

He then noted table 2 the NOT recommended 2025 project is the 168 South Street parking lot. They recommend delaying this one to study how the public would be using the lot and allows the balance year to year capital costs.

He noted this is the last attempt to receive 75% matching funds for the Milford High School CTE Project after 2025 this will not be available. The Swing Bridge has a significant contribution of 80% at 905,733 will also only be available for a limited time, making it imperative the Town finds local matching funds to move this project forward.

2024 Projects approved by the voters were: Pennichuck Booster Pump Station and Road reconstruction Committee members are listed on page 28 of the document.

Ms. Pattison noted the plan is getting input from the Select Board and then take this plan to the Planning Department for their review as the next step.

Selectman Labonte asked if there is a reason the library restrooms are bonded at \$250k and the 127 Elm and roads are \$400k and \$500k cash respectively. Selectman Dargie said we've elected to not bond roads and not normally bond demolition.

Selectman Finan noted the electric and addition at library are separate. Kathy Parenti Trustee of Library noted the voters seemed to want it that way. The electric needs to be done even if the addition is not done. Janet Langdell, Vice Chair of Planning Board, thanked volunteers who stepped up to assist: Karen Mitchell, Susan Smith, John Andruskiewicz, Rich Elliot, Kathy Parenti, Patrick Shea, Mike Thornton, Noah Boudreault, Dana Dahl, and Paul Bartolomucci.

Milford 2025 Budget Discussion

Troy Neff gave a quick overview of some of the assumptions that are being used in putting together the budget. He noted the Social Security COLA is currently 2.54% and has moved from 3.25% earlier in the year. Selectman Labonte would like to see what the Department Heads are requesting and what the needs and wants are. Troy asked what is it that the Select Board would like to see. TA Daley noted last year the focus was infrastructure, bringing up maintenance in the roads for example. Also Select Board and the Water and Sewer Commissioners and made a series of work sessions and came up with a challenge to charge the Director of Public Works and Water & Wastewater pumping. Mr. Neff said it would help him focus the budget on the right priorities. Selectman Dargie said there are items like insurance that fluctuate tremendously, he noted he would like to see the Towns level of service be maintained, if items go way up there's not much you can do about it, but he feels at the end of the day the tax rate is

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what they need to work to. Selectman Labonte asked what the thoughts on going to merit versus COLA raises, and if this is the place to have that conversation. He is in favor of merit rather than COLA and noted that the conversation started a while ago, but has not heard any more of it. Selectwoman Philbrick noted that the Benefits Committee is working on putting all that together and will probably present to the Select Board mid-October sometimes. Selectman Labonte noted there is a small window to have the discussion. TA Daley noted they are aware of the constraints of time and they will work to allow more. He also noted they have met with two potential bidders and each offered a version of service plan and we are reviewing them to make sure that we can provide our employees high level of benefits and also have an affordable rate. Mr. Neff reminded everyone that right now we are at the 30,000-foot level, and where does the Select Board feel the budget needs to be to reflect the needs of taxpayers. Mr. Neff noted there will be more of these conversations. Selectman Dargie noted we need to be thinking of the default budget as well. Mr. Neff asked what criteria does the Select Board want to use for determining whether something should be funded under the operational budget versus warrant articles. TA Daley used the example of purchasing vehicles, a vehicle would go in the budget, but a fleet would be a warrant article. Selectman Labonte noted he feels a larger one-time purchase should be a warrant article. Selectman Finan said there are some things like the compensation study that the general public may not understand the importance of. Selectman Dargie said something new and different like adding a splash pad to the pool should be a warrant article. He also noted smaller items like music on Wednesday Nights should be in Town Budget versus a Warrant Article.

Mr. Neff asked the Select Board to start thinking about what they want, such as full-time fire staff, how many feet of road to be maintained, what types of reporting are they looking for. He noted that maybe a work session would be a better way to discuss this. Selectman Labonte asked if the Select Board will be able to see the uncut budget, Mr. Neff said yes, absolutely. Mr. Neff said next steps would be to build out a calendar timeline and start scheduling work sessions with the Select Board and calling the Budget Advisory Committee to arms, and then get the Select Board first round of the preliminary budget where we stand. TA Daley said he'd like a work session in the first week of September for Mr. Neff and himself will have the revised numbers from staff for the Select Board. He suggested September 4th for the work session. Selectman Dargie said it would be nice to have the tax rate impact sheet also, normally they get it late. Mr. Neff will get it as soon as he can, but not for the September 4th meeting. Selectwoman Philbrick asked what time the work session would be and she will add to the calendar for 6:00 pm.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jay Duffy co-chair of the Labor Day Parade gave the following updates:

- This is the 79th year having the parade and it's the longest running Labor Day parade in the state.
- This year's theme is Small Town, Big Dreams. Mr. Wade Campbell will be the Grand Marshall.
- He is waiting on confirmation from Gov Sununu to be honorary Grand Marshall.
- Thanks go out to Chief Flaherty, Chief Viola, Captain Frye, Director Schelberg. Also Finance Director Troy Neff for his swift response. There has been an outpouring of support from the townspeople. Also, all the generous donations from local donors.
- Kick off will be around 1:00, please be there between 11 and 12 for staging. Parade begins to high school, around oval and onto the VFW
- Next year is the 80th anniversary and they are going to put extra into that parade.

4. DECISIONS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Investment Policy Review and Re-Adoption, and Treasurer's Delegation
2. Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues Under \$10,000 (31:95(b))
 - Donation of equipment to the Milford Police Department from the Milford Police Benevolent Association – Total Value of the equipment donated if \$6,485.00

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3. Wadleigh Memorial Library Building and Property Maintenance Memo of Understanding
4. Budget Reallocation – Eric Schelberg

Selectman Labonte requested to remove 1 and 4 from the main vote.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 2 and 3 by Selectwoman Philbrick, seconded by Selectman Dargie. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0, 1 absent.

Number 1: Selectman Labonte questioned the timing of this and asked if due to staffing. TA Daley replied that yes, it is due to the lack of staffing.

Number 4: Selectman Labonte questioned do we normally have these on the consent calendar. TA Daley said yes, it's the right place for this and if the Board wants to discuss they can.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 and 4 by Selectman Labonte, seconded by Selectwoman Philbrick. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0, 1 absent.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. Milford Community Lands Gravel Operation Contract with Northeast Sand and Gravel

TA Daley noted the contract is brand new to remove sand and gravel from the former BROX property, now known as the Milford Community Land. This is a brand-new contract as a result of past questions raised by a vested group questioning the existing contract. When examining the 2016 warrant article set a timeline of 6 years in length of time, since then the contract was amended between the two parties in 2020 and again in 2022. Town Counsel said in order to address the issue the entire contract should be redone. The general terms of the contract would be for 5 years at a rate per cubic yard at \$2.25, this is an increase over the initial contract that had \$1.45 per cubic yard. The cost was negotiated with the company and then verified by Milford's Public Works Director. The terms were modified somewhat, but tend to follow the previously issued contract.

Selectman Labonte noted we have a 6-year contract and 20 years to complete the whole project. Selectman Dargie clarified that there is 20 years to do the whole thing, but each individual contract can only be for 6 years and you can have multiple contracts. Selectman Labonte was concerned at the price difference and noting it's about a 50% increase, markets and demands have changed and questioned should we put this out to bid again. Selectwoman Philbrick noted at the last meeting Administration and Public Works were tasked with going back to NE Sand & Gravel and coming up with a better price, which they did, NE Sand and Gravel have worked with us for 8 years and done a fantastic job, they've done all the AOT permits, dealt with the delays and everything and done all that's been asked of them. Selectman Finan is pleased they came up with the price, however he is still not clear about the access to the site. He doesn't want to sign contract until that is clear. TA Daley noted the initial go around the property owner gave permission to go on private property at that time. He said if the Select Board wants, he will have a discussion to make sure that is the case. Selectman Dargie is happy with the increase and feels it looks pretty good and wants to move forward to get the sand out of there, and if we have to use Whitten Road as a backup plan that would not be ideal but would work, we'd have to work out times and details, but he would not hold up things just for that topic. Selectman Labonte noted the current agreement is with the former land owner expired in 2022 and to the best of his knowledge there is no agreement in place, and to utilize Whitten Road he urges the Board use caution to not do that. His assumption is going over a failing E2 bridge, with certified overweight loads. Selectwoman Philbrick asked if we can simply reach out to the current homeowner and ask if we can continue to use the access. TA Daley said he could reach out and ask. We have secondary access with some hurdles, it may expedite DPW to fix Whitten Road. He noted because of environmental concerns we are trying to adhere to, it also requires a review necessary on the property.

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Selectman Labonte also looking at housekeeping items on the contract, there's been discussion over time on the original warrant articles for no tax impact, in the contract it states the contractor is responsible for all costs related to getting the permit. Many of the things we've had discussion over, like the Fish and Game study, we paid part and contractor paid part. He also noted that 75 acres going into the conservation, and there is a cost of surveying and the stewardship of doing that. He feels it needs to be clarified that this is not required if we don't get our AOT permit so therefore that is a condition of the permit itself. So, he feels we need to take the time and address the contract and make it cut and dried and outline the expectations of who pays what.

TA Daley addressed the concern, noting the intent was that there was zero cost and no one could foresee the appeal process and the stop & go of many years associated with this application. That intent didn't really forecast the hurdles this process has been through, so he appreciates the comment but at the same time we need a shift in our expectations given the reality of what this process has been through in the past six years.

Selectman Labonte replied that if we didn't know what we were up against when we did it, then now we know, some of these things repeat themselves, so he is trying to say why not clarify those issues right now and decide whose expenses are whose. We can learn from the past and answer questions going forward what it might cost us. We have more opportunities now that we did before such as GPS, drones, topography, there are a whole lot more that traditional companies go through to verify the material being removed from the property.

Mike Thornton noted in parsing the contract he came across the issues Selectman Labonte made. According to the Selectman's Rules and Procedures a new contract equals over a certain amount of competition and he urges the Board to look at the competitive price of the materials being removed. Secondly, he's been told that the loads are significantly over what is being reported as remarkably uniform in leaving, and the visual comparison. It's not by weight but by cubic yard, cubic yard is volume, therefore a camera or certified accounting for the product being removed is fair to the town. The profit comes from the little bit extra you put on the load.

Marcy Mason, asks what will happen with the maintenance of Perry Road if that is the route the trucks take. On their deed it says that they are required to maintain that portion of the road. She went on to ask what happens when the trucks start to use that road daily.

Chris Labonte spoke as a resident, and said when they built house on a class 6 road, they were required to maintain the road access to their house, basically it relieves the Town of responsibility if an emergency vehicle can't get there. They were tasked with maintaining for 4-wheel vehicles, not vehicles that are at or over 100K lbs. That becomes more maintenance and he feels its unreasonable for Himself or Marcy to maintain a road for a gravel operation. He went on to say for the last 3 years another gravel operation has been going on in that area and the Planning Board made it a condition for that operator to maintain the road to get Planning Board approval. He noted that operator maintained the road by snow plowing, to mud and rut repair. Mr. Labonte did maintenance last year. He would like clarity on who is responsible for that maintenance, he doesn't want to plow road when heavy equipment is creating deep ruts and the like. He asked if anyone would like to put forth language on how and to what degree how that road would be maintained.

Selectwoman Philbrick said we could certainly work with whatever gravel operation is out there and work together with the Town to determine that and it doesn't need to be done this evening.

Selectman Finan said discussion needs to be had, but we are leaning on not doing anything on the contract tonight.

TA Daley feels the details that Mr. Labonte is referring to can be worked out among staff, and he raised a lot of good points about maintenance to the roads, and how to verify and validate the loads going from the property itself.

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Mr. Labonte said they have gone through this before and it did not work out, it failed. He feels it's easy to delineate.

TA Daley is proposing to work through the final details of the contract. Mr. Labonte said as long as there is a way in there it says what's going to be done and who will do it. He wants to see language in there that delineates these details. Mr. Labonte asks if residents that access Perry Road can attend, and TA Daley responded that it is a public setting so they will.

Marcy Mason noted if there is an emergency such as her house being on fire, her deed says if a fire truck can't get there because the road isn't maintained, the Town is not responsible for the road condition.

Kevin Brown, NE Sand & Gravel, noted he's never sent a text to Mr. Labonte. He noted they have a contract in place and they have taken on a financial burden. When the proposal to operate this project got mailed to them, he believes only 2 companies responded to request. They were asked to come up in price which they did, and the Town has been amazing to work with. He noted this project has had a financial burden that they have never experienced with things like wildlife biologist on staff, and he is paying the town more than anywhere else, and they stepped up for the benefit of the Town. They have hundreds of thousands invested over there and have not recouped the amount of material to cover that. He is here to work with neighbors such as Charlie Patterson and is willing to work with others.

Mr. Labonte Sr. noted it takes many years to open up a gravel operation and he's not picking on Mr. Brown but if he's not making money out there why is he doing it? Maybe he should just leave. It's like two operations they handle the material and the truck drivers are all hired. He thinks the towns people are taking a beating on this operation.

Suzanne Fournier (online) coordinator of Brox environmental citizens, she has comments about the negative side of the work that was done, they had to call to NH DES who told the operation to wet down the area to stop the dust, the next time the NH DES can stop the permit.

Selectman Finan interrupted to inform Mr. Brown he has the right to have this discussion in non-public session to continue this in non-public if he desires. Mr. Brown said he feels it would be the best if they did.

Katherine Kokko, wanted to make a comment and ask a question before they go into non-public. Her question was earlier in the conversation there was an intent to clarify was voted on in Warrant article and she was not able to find that information on the website. Chair Finan asked if that is something we can come back to that later. Ms. Kokko said there was a conversation in the last board meeting about putting something out to bid and she understands why they didn't but she would like to see something that delineates when a project should go out to bid.

Ms. Fournier withdraws her comments and doesn't want to go into non-public session if it can't be said in public session.

Chair Finan noted TA Daley will move forward with clarifying the access situation and then also detail the roadway condition. Then we will schedule something with staff to address the maintenance of the road and that sort of stuff.

Selectman Labonte asked if anyone else has inquired about looking into the gravel contract as far as being a possible provider. TA Daley said he is not aware. Selectwoman Philbrick withdrew her motion and noted that she can come in the office and find the information. TA Daley said it's been found and she doesn't have to come in.

2. Electricity Supply and Hydro Agreements

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Ryan Poulson of Standard Power introduced himself and noted they have been the Towns energy consultant since about 2016 in various programs. Tonight, there are two agreements, the Town's traditional municipal electric supply that is up later this year and secondarily, the Hydro agreement is a net metering program in New Hampshire that the Town has participated in. He is here to see if it can be approved or if there are questions.

Selectman Dargie asked if the hydropower was for one particular dam or if it is a group of them. Mr. Poulson noted that Standard Power partnered with about 25 Hydro facilities around the state. Pine Valley is a local one.

Selectman Dargie asked if the Town put solar power on our roof, how does this impact? Mr. Poulson said it would not affect the Hydro program, it's one or the other. You can do solar on one building for 5 or 6 months and Hydro for the rest of the year. He said its easier to do all solar or all hydro but both can be combined.

Mike Thornton speaking of member of the Energy Advisory Committee, over last 5 or 6 months they've been taking information to present to the Select Board with a recommendation for the next contract and other innovative ways. He asked the Board to let them do their job there are members who are very analytically keyed.

Motion to approve the renewal of the 2 existing Electric and Hydro Contracts, and allowing the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Select Board by Selectwoman Philbrick, seconded by Selectman Dargie. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0 with 1 absent.

Selectman Dargie asked if we can put in solar for a particular account or building. Mr. Poulson said it depends on the amount, if it was substantial, they might wonder why the diminished demand, but for smaller account it would not be an issue. Selectman Dargie said if they planned ahead and had target date for a year and half from now. Mr. Poulson said it could trigger early termination fee and a lot of factors go into that. If end of contract it might be ok.

Ms. Katherine Kokko, has a question, about how we handle multi year contracts. It has to have specific language in it that allows the voters don't vote for it the Town has the option to back out of the contract because it was not voted by the legislative body. She wants to know if addressed in this particular contract. TA Daley said he doesn't think so.

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT

- a) Swing Bridge Update: TA Daley said we might have an opportunity to offset some of the cost, right now it is an 80 state funding/20 town funding split. He hopes to come up with revised update on the overall cost and will work with state to minimize cost to Town as much as possible.
- b) Town of Mont Vernon Ambulance Services Request Update: We met with Town Administrator of Mont Vernon, Mr. Schelberg and our fire and police chief, to discuss questions generated requesting more information on billing and contractual terms. Mont Vernon is still deciding and decision will be made by their Board of Selectman. Also, possibility of reduced services to Milford was discussed because of our staffing levels. Selectman Dargie is in support of doing this, everything he has seen shows we can handle it and there would be about \$100k net revenue, and just a minor cost for materials. TA Daley noted that this ties in with combining Ambulatory and Fire services. Selectman Dargie said the concern would be the third shift and he doesn't see the impact of combining them. Selectwoman has concerns about overtaxing both departments and level of service. Selectman Labonte agrees with her and minutes seem like hours when you are waiting for an ambulance. Selectman Finan agrees and said they don't seem overly engaged. Director Schelberg said the only reason he is going forward is that he thought he Select Board was on board, but recently he has the feeling there is not the interest that there was before and do we want to continue. TA Daley said from his perspective we have issues with the level of service. Director Schelberg wants to be sure the Select Board is on board or we should let them know if we are not interested in proceeding. Captain Frye

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said as a resident he is not in favor of this and as an officer he feels it's not Milford's burden. It's important to him to have a service dedicated to Milford.

c) Retirement of IT Director and Succession Planning: Director Bruce Dickerson will be retiring at the end of September and Randy Ippolito will replace him. We also hired an IT Assistant to replace Randy.

d) Keyes Memorial Park Community Webcam: New web camera is located at the tennis courts and overlooks the entire park.

6. DISCUSSIONS

a. NHMA Delegate for the Legislative Policy Conference

Selectman Dargie would like to be a delegate to this. This involves voting on proposed policies and proposals. He would like to get the Board input on City of Lebanon to have NHMA support the rescission of the tax cuts and the interest and dividends tax business. He noted they stick everything to the property tax, so they underfund. He is in favor of lowering property taxes.

There was discussion on how this should be handled as Selectman Dargie has never attended they are assuming. TA Daley said we have time to do some research and find time for the Board to weigh in on the items.

Katherine Kokko would like to clarify what Mr. Daley said, this is the result of HB1479 where there was a lot of discussion about using tax dollars for lobbying. One of the discussions was about separating the funds. She wants us to think about being in compliance with the existing law.

Selectman Finan asked if we can agree to appoint Mr. Dargie, and then put in the agenda next time.

Motion to appoint Paul Dargie as NHMA Delegate by Selectwoman Philbrick, seconded by Selectman Labonte. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0 with 1 absent.

b. Scheduling of Work Sessions:

- 127 Elm St Property – Site Walk Sept 4th at 5:30 pm
- 2025 Municipal Budget – Work Session Sept 4th at 6:00pm

c. Polling Schedule get availability to Susan Mallett and she will forward to Peter Basiliere to fill in the open spots.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS:

GTM was named the finalist for the Souhegan Valley Greater Merrimack for video productions.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES:

a) August 12, 2024 – Selectman Dargie submitted some suggestions.

Motion to accept Minutes as amended from August 12, 2024 by Selectwoman Philbrick, seconded by Selectman Finan. All were in favor. Motion passes 4/0 with 1 absent.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS

11. NOTICES:

Chair Finan read the following public notices.

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- The Town Hall Offices will be CLOSED on Monday September 2, 2024 for the Labor Day Holiday.
- The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is on September 9, 2024 in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room, 1 Union Square, Milford NH at 5:30 pm. At 127 Elm St. and then to the Selectman's Meeting room at 6:00pm. This will be a HYBRID meeting, information to access zoom will be posted on the Town's website on or before September 6, 2024.

12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Selectwoman Philbrick made a motion to go into non-public at 8:45 pm in accordance with NH (RSA 91-A:3, II (a)) – Personnel, Seconded by Selectman Labonte.

- A roll call vote was taken:
- Chairman Finan - YES
- Vice Chair Dargie - YES
- Selectman Labonte - YES
- Selectman Freel - ABSENT
- Selectwoman Philbrick – YES
- All were in favor and the motion passed 4/0/1 Absent

The Select Board returned to public session at 09:15pm. In the non-public session, RSA 91-A:3,II (a) 1 topic was discussed, and 1 vote was made. Selectman Dargie moved and Selectwoman Philbrick seconded a motion to seal the non-public session minutes since disclosure of the topic would render the proposed action ineffective. The motion passed 4/0/1 absent.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Dargie moved to adjourn the meeting at 09:15 pm. Seconded by Selectwoman Philbrick. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0/1 absent.

Tim Finan, Chairman

Paul Dargie, Vice-Chairman

Dave Freel, Member

Chris Labonte, Member

Tina Philbrick, Member