

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024, 6:00pm
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- b. Attending: R. Fick, N. Watson, T. Scott for a quorum of the Select Board. L. Keefe, Administrator and Keith Wood, Director Public Works, also attending.
- c. Agenda Acceptance: R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

2. Public Comments: R. Fick motioned to open to public comment at 6:01pm. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.

Public Attending: S. Giles, V. Glenar, B. Scott, S. Berryhill, J. Gudroe, B. Marquis, K. Keefe, J. Sears, N. Pitts, E. Fick

B. Marquis thanked the board for a great town meeting. Asked if we could return to a luncheon next year. L. Keefe replied that she was not able to get a group to provide a meal for this year's meeting. She suggested that we do as Charleston does and reach out to groups such as ATV or Snowmobile Club, Garland Days Committee, Fire Dept, etc. to see if they would put on the meal and have a donation jar on the counter to fundraise for their group.

J. Sears replied that he was pleased with the attendance. L. Keefe said 90 chairs were originally placed and we added another 15-20 after that.

E. Fick thanked J. Sears for his service on the Select Board.

S. Berryhill said the Garland Days Committee had a great meeting in February. They have 2 new members. They meet the 4th Thursday of each month currently at 3pm but will be changing to 6pm soon.

B. Marquis will be scheduling a Town Manager Steering Committee meeting in April once M. Richardson returns.

B. Marquis said that Luc Marquis is willing to train & test the Fire Department for NIMS certification. He said this was brought up 12 years ago, but no action was taken. This would make them eligible for federal grant money.

There being no further public comments, R. Fick motioned to close to public comments at 6:08pm. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

3. Consent Agenda:

R. Fick read into record the items presented. R. Fick motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

R. Fick asked to revisit the MEMA training at the next meeting. So noted.

4. Motions/Discussions:

- a. R. Fick asked J. Sears if he had any questions or edits to the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes. J. Sears said no. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- b. R. Fick motioned to approve and appoint Justin Gudroe to serve as the Garland Fire Chief for a term beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.
- c. R. Fick motioned to sign the School Board Member Appointment for Deborah Guilmain for a 3-year term beginning March 9, 2024, and ending March 2027. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.
- d. Discussion about what account to pay for the purchase of a gear box for the John Deere Grader, said purchase was approved by phone on 3/6/24 by J. Sears & R. Fick. Should the whole amount be paid from the Town Equipment Reserve? After discussion, a motion was made by R. Fick to approve \$5100 from the Town Equipment Reserve fund and \$3000 to be paid from Highway's 2024 budget. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.
- e. Overview given of the Spirit of America Award. R. Fick asked the other select board members if they had nomination picks. They did not. R. Fick suggested Diane Wilson and/or Nathan Pitts as both have been fundamental to contributing to the town by serving on committees and D. Wilson helping to write and secure the grant for our window replacement. R. Fick motioned to nominate both Diane Wilson and Nathan Pitts for the 2024 Spirit of America Award. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.
- f. R. Fick motioned to approve up to \$300 for the rental of a bounce house for Garland Days to be paid from the Garland Days Reserve fund. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.
- g. The first select board meeting following the Town Meeting when members of the board change, a chair needs to be elected. N. Watson & T. Scott both stated that they wanted R. Fick to continue as chair and N. Watson said she might consider that position in the future but needed to learn rules & regs from Regina first. R. Fick motioned to appoint R. Fick as the Select Board Chair. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson and T. Scott voted Aye. R. Fick abstained from the vote.
- h. R. Fick motioned to rescind the Planning Board seat appointment of J. Burnham as she has relocated to another town. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

S. Berryhill was asked if she was still interested in serving on the Planning Board. She confirmed she was and provided her background to the board.

R. Fick motioned to appoint S. Berryhill to the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

Updates were moved up before "I".

5. Updates were read into record by R. Fick.
4. i. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) for personnel matters at 6:44pm. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

R. Fick motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 7:11pm. Seconded by T. Scott, All Aye.

No decisions to report.
6. Adjournment: R. Fick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Seconded by N. Watson, All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



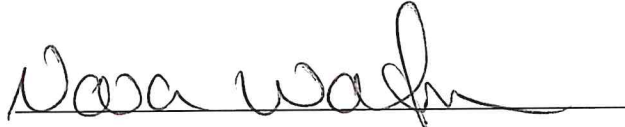
Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



Date




Teresa Scott, Select Board



Nova Watson, Select Board

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