Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – March 11, 2025
Monadnock Regional High School Gymnasium
Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvester Karasinski at 5:35p.m. at Whitcomb Hall, Main Street, Swanzey, NH. Present were Selectmen Sylvester Karasinski, W. William Hutwelker III, and James Tempesta. Also present were Interim Town Administrator Alex Torpey and Recording Secretary Meagen Kerris.

OTHERS PRESENT Energy Commission Chair Bob Audette.

MINUTES
- The regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2025 were considered. There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2025. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.
- The nonpublic meeting #1 minutes of February 26, 2025 were considered. There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the nonpublic meeting #1 minutes of February 26, 2025. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.
- The nonpublic meeting #2 minutes of February 26, 2025 were considered. There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the nonpublic meeting #2 minutes of February 26, 2025. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.
- The nonpublic meeting #3 minutes of February 26, 2025 were considered. There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the nonpublic meeting #3 minutes of February 26, 2025. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.
- The nonpublic meeting #4 minutes of February 26, 2025 were considered. There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the nonpublic meeting #4 minutes of February 26, 2025. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion was made by Tempesta to approve the Consent Agenda. There was a second by Hutwelker. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
- Payroll Manifest
- Payables Manifest
- Raffle Permit #2025-05 – Keene Senior Center
- Reffle Permit #2025-06 – Monadnock Sportsmen's Association
- Reffle Permit #2025-07 – Monadnock District Education Association
- Intent to cut – M220 L176-000-176 – Arrowcrest Drive
- Personnel Action Report(s)

PUBLIC INPUT
Chair Karasinski asked if there was any public input, there was none.

NOMINATION
The Board considered the appointment of Bruce Bohannon to the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Tempesta **moved** to appoint Bruce Bohannon to the Capital Improvement Program Committee for a three-year term ending March 2028. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion Passed.***

NEW BUSINESS

Delegation of signing authorities for town projects. Discussion of various road projects happening in the town and appointing Department of Public Works Director Joe DiRusso signing authority while the search continues for a Town Administrator. The purpose of this decision is to keep grants and loan funding from NH DES on track.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the designation of Joe DiRusso as an "Authorized Representative of the Applicant" for the purposes of signing on behalf of the Town for the Webber Hill Slope Stabilization. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the designation of Joe DiRusso as an "Authorized Representative of the Applicant" for the purposes of signing on behalf of the Town for the California & N Winchester St SW Improvements. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the designation of Joe DiRusso as an "Authorized Representative of the Applicant" for the purposes of signing on behalf of the Town for the Energy Efficiency and Solar Array. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed.***

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to approve the designation of Joe DiRusso as an "Authorized Representative of the Applicant" for the purposes of signing on behalf of the Town for the Comprehensive WWT and Facilities Planning Study. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

Tempesta discussed safety measures in the Town Hall.

Discussion of April 30th to be the targeted end date with Think Local. The Board is looking to have a Town Administrator in place before then.

Discussion of the movement within Town Administrator interviews and where that process is.

Discussion of employee policies surrounding salaried employees and schedules.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Power recommendations presented by Energy Commission Chair Bob Audette. Bob presented the results of the Energy Commission meeting on March 10, 2025 regarding the renewal of the agreement with Standard Power (Good Energy). Discussion of the pros and cons and the benefits of staying with Standard Power (Good Energy) are beneficial to the Town. Audette and the Energy Commission suggest that the Town stay with the current program options which include the default option of 35% renewable, and stay in the current program group with Keene, Marlborough and Wilton for the duration of the contract.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to adopt the recommendations of the Energy Commission to

continue with Good Energy/Standard Power contract. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to adopt the recommendations of the Energy Commission to stay with the current program options including the default option of 35% renewable. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

- There was a **motion** by Tempesta to adopt the recommendations of the Energy Commission to stay with the Keene/Marlborough/Wilton group for the duration of the contract. Seconded by Hutwelker and no further discussion, all were in favor. ***Motion passed***.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Karasinski asked if there was any public input. There was none at this time.

RECESS

Motion to recess the meeting until Town Elections were complete was made by Tempesta. The motion was seconded by Hutwelker without further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.*** Adjournment occurred at 7:25 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened by Chair Sylvester Karasinski at 10:40 p.m. to seal the ballot boxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tempesta. The motion was seconded by Hutwelker without further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.*** Adjournment occurred at 11:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meagen Kerris
Recording Secretary

Approved on March 19, 2025