

Select Board & Board of Assessors Meeting- Agenda

March 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Present: Board Members- Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, David Levesque. Staff Members- Sarah Macy Town Manager. Tidewater Rep-Alan Hinsey. Minutes transcribed by Jodee Kelley- Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call to Order- Joel Lind called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Amendments to the Agenda (Pending Approval)- NONE

4. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

The Board requests that public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per subject.- **NONE**

5. Select Board Future Agenda Items

6. New Business

6.1 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Proposal- Town Manager Sarah Macy took feedback from the Select Board pertaining to each individual line of the proposed spending plan. A presentation was made by Alan Hinsey of Tidewater and the Broadband Committee advocating for a plan to allocate \$60,640 in ARPA funds to a proposal funding Broadband Expansion, providing broadband access to all unserved households in Newcastle. This funding needed to be committed immediately in order for Hinsey to apply for a Connect Maine grant on behalf of the Town and Tidewater to cover the costs of this proposal. Extensive discussion ensued on this proposed allocation and the timeline required for it. The Select Board opted not to vote on any proposed line in the ARPA spending proposal, and this item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2022.

7. Executive Session

7.1 - 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) A- Personnel- Motion to go into Executive Session by Rob Nelson, seconded by Tor Glendinning. Vote 5-0

8. Adjournment- This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Upcoming Events

March 14 - Select Board Meeting – Fire Station Community Room - 86 River Road

**Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) A – Personnel, C – Real Estate, D - Labor Contracts, E – Legal, H – Consultation With CEO Concerning Enforcement Action*