

TROY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, 6:00 P.M.  
TROY TOWN HALL

1       **Selectmen present:** Chairman Chasse, Selectman Hopkins, Selectman Thackston

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3       **Also present:** Town Administrator Jeremy Bourgeois, Matthew Wholley, Monique  
4       Newcomb- Avitar Associates, Ben Drugg, Herb Drugg, Mike Leclerc, Courtney Davis,  
5       Richard HKS Thackston, Robert Norton

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7       **1. Chairman Chasse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**

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9       **2. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

10       Selectman Thackston reminded the public of the Town Clerk’s office hours, with Tuesday  
11       having earlier hours opening at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday staying open until 7:00 p.m.

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13       Selectman Hopkins noted the upcoming corn beef and cabbage community dinners to go on  
14       March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at the Community Center.

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16       Chairman Chasse- None at this time.

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18       **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

19       Courtney Davis inquired about the Town’s purchasing policy in the case of an emergency. He  
20       stated he did some work for Water and Sewer back in December but held off due to some  
21       backlash received. The Board replied that his work was authorized in compliance with the  
22       Town’s policy, and he can cash the check for his company’s work done.

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24       **MOTION** to pay the Water/Sewer check to C.W. Davis in the amount of \$1,950 for work  
25       done on Thayer Avenue on 12/10/2023 and would defend the contractor if need be on a legal  
26       basis, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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28       Selectman Thackston stated the recent divisiveness on the Town’s Facebook page is  
29       unfortunate and that the Town needs to work together, not against one another.

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31       Ben Drugg responded by stating one person is causing all the issues in Town, including  
32       personal attacks on Facebook. Selectman Thackston stated the tax maps and property cards  
33       on the website should be either taken down or notes made indicating they are out of date and  
34       need to be updated. Mr. Drugg questioned Selectman Hopkins about a comment made  
35       regarding a couple of the Drugg family’s rented properties. Selectman Hopkins replied by  
36       stating there are several properties with discrepancies that the Town is handing over to their  
37       assessor, Avitar Associates, to review.

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39       **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

40       **A. AVITAR ASSOCIATES (ASSESSING):**

41       The Board met with Monique Newcomb from Avitar who is serving as the Town’s new  
42       Assessor through their contract with Avitar Associates. Ms. Newcomb went over the services  
43       the Town receives through the contract and offered to assist with anything related to  
44       Assessing that the Town needs. She stated the ultimate goal is to avoid having to go to the  
45       BTLA if possible by communicating with taxpayers and resolving things internally.

47 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**  
48 **MOTION** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (B) & (L), Selectman  
49 Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **Roll Call Vote: Chasse, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
50 **Thackston, Yes.**

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52 The Board entered non-public session at 7:05 P.M.

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54 **MOTION** to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (B) & (L), Selectman Thackston,  
55 **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **Roll Call Vote: Chasse, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
56 **Thackston, Yes.**

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58 The Board of Selectmen exited the Non-Public Session and returned to public session at 7:17  
59 p.m.

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61 **B. TOWN SOLAR:**  
62 Mike Leclerc reviewed the documents received by the Town from Nexamp regarding solar  
63 power options. He stated the Town does not need their own array in order to join the  
64 program. He asked the Board if they would like additional information and they stated they  
65 would.

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67 **C. TAX PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST:**  
68 The Board stated this would need to be discussed in non-public session later tonight.

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70 **D. KIMBALL HALL REPAIRS:**  
71 Selectman Thackston stated the contractor needs to be paid regardless of if the Town  
72 overspent the amount budgeted for. After Town Meeting they can decide where to charge the  
73 additional money to.

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75 **MOTION** to pay the outstanding invoice for the Kimball Hall repairs either through future  
76 additional appropriations or from within the operating budget, Selectman Thackston,  
77 **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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79 **E. BUILDING PERMITS:**  
80 The Board reviewed three building permits recently submitted to the Town. The permit for  
81 Map 31, Lot 9 was tabled due to the Town needing additional information.

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83 **MOTION** to approve the building permit for Map 13, Lot 19, Selectman Thackston,  
84 **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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86 **MOTION** to approve the building permit for Map 14, Lot 2C, Selectman Hopkins,  
87 **SECOND** by Selectman Thackston. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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89 **MOTION** to approve the building permit for Map 5, Lot 4, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND**  
90 by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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92 **F. ABATEMENT REQUEST :**  
93 The Board agreed to have the Assessor review the abatement request and forward their  
94 recommendation to the Board before a decision is made.

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 96 **MOTION** to have Avitar Associates review the abatement request for Map 20, Lot 36,  
 97 Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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99 **G. TOWN LINE SIGN- MONADNOCK STREET:**

100 The Board discussed the replacement of the Town line sign on Monadnock Street coming  
 101 into Town from Jaffrey. It was stated that either relocating it near a house or finding a way to  
 102 better secure the sign to prevent it from being stolen again was needed.  
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104 **MOTION** to approve the purchase of the Town line sign to replace the missing sign on  
 105 Monadnock Street in the quoted amount of \$2,440, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by  
 106 Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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108 **H. DEPOT SIGN REQUEST:**

109 The Board tabled this until after Town Meeting, once funding options will be clear based on the  
 110 voting results.  
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112 **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

113 **A. TOWN HALL SEWER LINE REPAIR QUOTES:**

114 The Board review three quotes received to repair the sewer line in the Town Hall:

- 115 • David O’Neill Construction- \$3,629.84
- 116 • Pappas Contracting, LLC- \$2,500
- 117 • C.W. Davis Construction- \$1,500

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 119 **MOTION** to approve the payment of the quote received from C.W. Davis for the Town Hall  
 120 sewer line repair, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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122 **B. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

123 Addressed earlier in the meeting in non-public session.  
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125 **C. OLD AMBULANCE: AUTHORIZATION TO LIST ON MUNICIBID:**

126 Town Administrator Bourgeois told the Board that Fire Chief Huntoon would like  
 127 permission to list the old Town ambulance on Municibid at auction. He also had some  
 128 smaller items that are no longer used by the Fire Department to list as well.  
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130 **MOTION** to authorize the Fire Chief to list the ambulance and other Fire Department items  
 131 on Municibid, as needed, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES:**  
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134 **6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

135 **A. Recent Manifests**  
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Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifests to be Approved			
Week Ending Date	Check Date	Total	Notes
2/18/2024	2/26/2024	\$ 17,778.28	
2/25/2024	3/4/2024	\$ 25,064.51	QUARTERLY PAYROLL

Payroll

	3/3/2024	3/11/2024	\$ 19,004.30	
Accounts Payable	NA	2/22/2024	\$ 21,070.01	
	NA	2/22/2024	\$ 12,900.00	INSTALL OF AVITAR TAX COLLECT
	NA	2/26/2024	\$ 115.47	
	NA	2/29/2024	\$ 197,966.14	FEBRUARY SCHOOL PAYMENT \$191,306.25
	NA	3/4/2024	\$ 429.12	
	NA	3/7/2024	\$ 10,930.01	

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**MOTION** to approve the payroll and accounts payable manifests, as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Thackston. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting, as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Thackston. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting, Non-Public Session, as submitted, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**OTHER ITEMS:**

The Board reviewed an alcohol permit request for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** to approve the alcohol permit request for 3/17/24, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

It was mentioned that both the Town Clerk and the Deputy would like to attend a training session coming up. It was stated that each would attend separate sessions in order to be able to keep the Town Clerk’s office open as normal.

**MOTION** to approve the attendance of the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk at the upcoming training sessions as requested, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

The Board discussed the Town Administrator’s attendance at an upcoming ICMA (International City/County Managers Association) conference in Boston in April. Town Administrator Bourgeois was offered a scholarship for up to \$800 from the Municipal Managers Association of NH (MMANH) to go towards the cost of registration and hotel costs. Mr. Bourgeois stated he was willing to find somewhere else to stay due to the high cost of the hotel on-site and that his intention would be to attend at little to no cost to the Town. The Board felt that staying on-site is best for attending conferences. Mr. Bourgeois said he would not ask for reimbursement for any travel or food and that he would cover those costs on his own.

174 **MOTION** to authorize the Town Administrator to attend the ICMA conference in Boston  
175 from April 10-12<sup>th</sup>, with the Town covering any hotel costs outside of the \$800  
176 reimbursement received from the MMANH scholarship, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND**  
177 Selectman Hopkins.

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179 7. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6 PM

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181 8. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

182 **MOTION** to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) & (C), Selectman  
183 Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **Roll Call Vote: Chasse, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
184 **Thackston, Yes.**

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186 The Board of Selectmen entered Non-Public Session at 8:00 p.m.


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188 **MOTION** to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) & (C), Selectman  
189 Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **Roll Call Vote: Chasse, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
190 **Thackston, Yes.**

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192 The Board of Selectmen exited the Non-Public Session and returned to public session at 8:56  
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195 **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins.  
196 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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198 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**TROY SELECT BOARD:**

  
Jeremy Bourgeois, Town Administrator

  
TJ Chasse, Chairman

  
Curtis Hopkins

  
Richard H. Thackston, III