

**Minutes of a
Special Selectboard / Board of Health / Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting
in person & via Zoom
November 26, 2024**

Present: Will Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, Robert MacLean – Selectboard
Tinky Weisblat, Gal Friday; Chris Tirone and Madison Scofield

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Minutes from a previous meeting were signed.

1. **The meeting began with discussion of the Town Clerk position.** Tinky read aloud Pam Shrimpton’s resignation as interim town clerk, in which Pam said it had been a pleasure to help the town through the election, adding that she was available to show the next person the ropes. Hussain moved to accept Pam’s resignation, Bob seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Hussain then moved to appoint Ellie Van Iderstine as interim Town Clerk, Bob seconded, and all voted in favor. Hussain said he would swear Ellie in.

In other business, Will said that he had heard from Davenport Construction that the company was now unlikely to be able to finish Ashfield Road in the next few weeks. The weather seemed too cold. If something changed, the company might be able to do the work, but it needed 10 good work days. Hussain asked whether the work still to be done included re-surfacing the part of the road that had already been covered, and Will affirmed that. Both surfacing jobs would be done together, he explained. Also regarding Ashfield Road, Will noted that the contract for the \$317,000 grant for the culvert on that road had arrived and needed to be signed by him and by an administrative person. Hussain moved to permit Will to sign the contract with Tinky as the second signer. Bob seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Tinky asked for advice about what to do about some emails she had received. The first was from Martha Thurber, who had attached a sample letter from another town asking the governor for better vocational-school-transportation funding. She was told to send it to Hussain for editing and then on to John Sears, the town’s vocational-school contact. The Selectmen asked her to tell John that they fully supported increasing that funding. The second letter was from Senator Markey’s office, asking whether the town had any outstanding federal grant funds. Tinky was told to refer that question to Virginia. Finally, Tinky noted that Ian Seaver, who owned property on East Road, was asking whom he should contact about putting a culvert on his property. She was told to write to Gary to ask him to supply the necessary information.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tinky Weisblat, Gal Friday

Williams Cosby

Hussain Hamdan

Robert MacLean