

TOWN OF TROY

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

The Board of Selectpersons held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Troy Municipal Office.

Selectpersons Present: Robert Langlands, Gaston Bathalon & Anne Quirion

Others Present: Terri Medley, Mike Santaw, Travis Cote, Elise from U.S. Small Business Administration

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1. The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.
2. Elise from the U.S. Small Business Administration spoke with the board about disaster loan assistance for homeowners and renters. She left various pamphlets for anyone seeking help.
3. Steve did not attend; however, he did send a report ahead of the meeting, which is attached to these minutes.
4. (a) Mike reported the UMATR Grant was completed on River Road and the Grants-In-Aid Grant was completed on Brown Road. The Better Back Road Grant for Bear Mountain Road will be completed in a few days. The culvert on East Hill Road has been replaced and the tar has been patched.
(b) The application for the UMATR Grant for next year needs to be submitted by November 1, 2023. Mike recommended we apply for the grant to ditch on Vincent Road.
(c) Mike discussed the rate of pay that Pat Donovan was being paid when he is called to drive truck. Mike explained that Pat is paid \$5.00 more per hour to work for Newport Town. A motion was made by Gaston to increase the rate of pay for a substitute driver for the highway department from \$20 to \$25 per hour.
(d) The board reviewed the information on a new truck, which will not be delivered until later next year. A motion was made by Gaston to order and lease a 2025 International dump truck from Allegiance Truck in the amount of \$223,276.00 minus the trade in value of our 2019 International Truck. Robert signed the contract with Allegiance regarding the truck.

5. In public comments, Travis spoke to the board about the dilapidated buildings in town. He would like to see them all cleaned up. Gaston explained that the mechanics of enforcing is an issue. Gaston is going to look at other towns that have a blighted property ordinance.
6. The Board accepted a letter of resignation from Cris Choquette as assessor clerk. The Board appointed Diane Forbes to fill the position, effective immediately.
7. Minutes from the August 15, 2023, meeting was approved by a motion made by Gaston.
8. All Orders were approved.
9. Gaston discussed the town website. He contacted two different companies to get a quote for a new website. One has responded and will be at the next Selectboard meeting remotely to discuss our options.
10. Robert spoke to the rest of the board regarding the real estate closing of the land currently owned by Elizabeth Babcock on Routhier Road that the town is purchasing through FEMA. We have waited for months for Bill Davies to draw up the deed and other documents. A motion was made by Gaston to hire attorney, Nick Daley, at Bauer, Gravel and Farnham, to prepare the closing documents. Robert will contact Bill Davies tomorrow and let him know we no longer need his services in this transaction. Gaston also made the motion to have the Town of Troy cover the closing costs, to be reimbursed by FEMA, to purchase the property from Elizabeth Babcock at 259 Routhier Road in Troy.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM