

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Room**

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Board of Selectmen:

Todd Smith, Chairman
Charles Robbins, Vice Chairman
Harold Bigelow
Steven Govoni
Paul York

Town Manager:

Christine Almand

Executive Secretary:

Cara L. Mason

Call Selectmen's Meeting to order.

Todd Smith called the meeting to order.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Town Manager's Report

Town Meeting is on Monday, June 13th at 7:00 pm in the Opera House. Elections are on Tuesday, June 14th from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm in the Council Room. We would like to have all voters try to attend. On June 14th, the Selectmen's Meeting will be held in the Opera House.

The Town offices will be closed on May 30th in observation of Memorial Day.

The Annual 10+ Mile Yard Sale is on May 21st and 22nd. For safety reasons, we again ask that bargain shoppers obey the "No Parking" signs.

The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30th starting at 10:00 am. The route starts at the intersection of Dyer Street and Madison Avenue and ends at the Veteran's Memorial on Water Street.

3. Items by the Public

Kristina Cannon talked about the Space by the River, and outdoor activities. Check out their calendar for more details.

Brewfest tickets will be on sale May 20th.

Recording Time: 05:43

4. Selectmen's Items

Charles Robbins: Shop Local
Top Hat Dance Recital at the Opera House last weekend

Steven Govoni: Lost a local business owner – Suzi Nguen, owner of Suzi Nails was a downtown business for 12 years.
Thanked Cara Mason for her help as Animal Control Officer.

Harold Bigelow: It's tick season.

Todd Smith: Thanked Charles Robbins for covering while he was on vacation.
Thanked Bryan Belliveau for explaining the ordinance changes.
Thanked the Planning Board for making those changes.
He attended the meeting on the elementary school. It was well attended and the straw pull vote was unanimous in favor of the new school.

5. Department and Committee Reports

Gail Pelotte: Absentee ballots will be available on Friday, as long as we get the state ballots in time.

Trisha Austin: New hire in the Clerk's Office – Lisa Gallant
Position still open at Pollution Control.

Chief Bucknam: Fatality on the Eaton Mountain Road this morning – may have been avoided if seatbelts were worn. Buckle up!!

Denise LeBlanc: Summer Brochures are out. New things going on.
Everything open except the skate park. Needs repairs.

Chief Howard: We lost two former members of the fire department... William Demo and Richard Tessier.

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for Victualer license for:

James Souza
Pizza Hut
318 Madison Avenue

Todd Smith opened the Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Charles Robbins asked about a possible lapse in their license mentioned at a previous meeting.

Bryan Belliveau said that they have changed their closing date, so we may not see that happen. That was in reference to their Victualer's License.

Todd Smith closed the Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for Victualer license for Pizza Hut.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 15:26

Presentation:

1. Tristan Hinkle and Corey Johnson from the Conservation Commission will give a presentation regarding tree planning.

Tristan Hinkle handed out pictures of the tree locations.

Discussion regarding locations and tree types.

Recording Time: 39:35

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

Special Selectmen's Meeting – April 8, 2022

Regular Selectmen's Meeting – April 12, 2022

2. Approve and sign the Cemetery Deed in East Skowhegan Cemetery for the following:

Sarah Redmond – Lot 185, 4th South Grave

3. Approve and sign a Taxi Driver Permit for the following:

Karen A. Lancaster

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Vote: 5/0

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion and decision to appoint Gregory A. Dore as a member of the Public Safety Building Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Application withdrawn.

2. Discussion and decision to nominate someone for the MMA, Legislative Policy Committee.

No nominations.

3. Discussion and decision to approve the renewal Application for an On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for:

Chapters Restaurant LLC d/b/a Whit's End Grill & Bar
123 Madison Avenue

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the renewal Application for an On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for Chapters Restaurant LLC d/b/a Whit's End Grill & Bar.

Vote: 5/0

4. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for License for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Main Street Skowhegan to serve alcohol on August 6, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Coburn Park.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for License for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Main Street Skowhegan to serve alcohol on August 6, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Coburn Park.

Vote: 5/0

5. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for License for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Main Street Skowhegan to serve alcohol on June 8, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Greenspace as part of the Build Maine Conference.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for License for Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Main Street Skowhegan to serve alcohol on June 8, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Greenspace as part of the Build Maine Conference.

Vote: 5/0

6. Discussion and decision to approve the Town Meeting Warrant for the June 13th Town Meeting and June 14th Elections.

A motion was made by Charles Robbins and seconded by Paul York to approve the Town Meeting Warrant for the June 13th Town Meeting and June 14th Elections.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 46:45

7. Discussion and decision to approve an easement to allow CMP/Avangrid to install a guy wire and extend the utility line from the existing pole at the Transfer Station to the new pole installed by Cipp's Powerline Construction (Map1, Lot 1).

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Vote: 5/0

8. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$23,630.00 from the ARPA funds to repair the grit removal system at the pollution control plant.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robins to expend an amount not to exceed \$23,630.00 from the ARPA funds to repair the grit removal system at the pollution control plant.

Vote: 5/0

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robins to allow Denise LeBlanc to go out to bid for a generator.

Vote: 5/0

9. Discussion and decision to accept the Gatorade Play it Forward Program grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to accept the Gatorade Play it Forward Program grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 01:00:17

10. Discussion and decision to accept a donation of 4 yards of mulch, for landscaping at the Municipal Building, from York's Landscaping.

A motion was made by Charles Robbins and seconded by Steven Govoni to accept a donation of 4 yards of mulch, for landscaping at the Municipal Building, from York's Landscaping.

Vote: 5/0

11. Discussion and decision to award the Paving Bid. The following bids were received:

B&B Paving, Inc.	\$1,065,122.00
Roundy's Paving	\$1,158,332.50
Pike Industries, Inc.	\$1,191,980.00
Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC	\$1,214,600.00

Don Kinney recommends awarding the Paving Bid to B&B Paving, Inc. with a total bid amount of \$1,065,122.00 and expending an amount not to exceed \$765,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Reserve Account, Road Resurfacing Designation, contingent upon Town Meeting vote.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to award the Paving Bid to B&B Paving, Inc. with a total bid amount of \$1,065,122.00 and expend an amount not to exceed \$765,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Reserve Account, Road Resurfacing Designation, contingent upon Town Meeting vote.

Vote: 5/0

12. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Account, Road Resurfacing Designation for additional work related to paving, contingent upon Town Meeting vote.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robins to expend an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 from the Highway Department Streets and Sidewalks Account, Road Resurfacing Designation for additional work related to paving, contingent upon Town Meeting vote.

Vote: 5/0

13. Discussion and decision to allow the Cemetery Committee to go out to bid for Tree Removal at the Southside Cemetery.

A motion was made by Charles Robbins and seconded by Paul York to allow the Cemetery Committee to go out to bid for Tree Removal at the Southside Cemetery.

Vote: 5/0

14. Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#90	\$	58,338.72 (Payroll #17)
#91	\$	47,772.10 (Payroll #18)
#92	\$	34,898.57 (State Payables)
#93	\$	312,805.62 (FY 2022 Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	453,815.01

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as written.

Vote: 5/0

15. Unfinished Business

- Review Policies and Ordinances
- Run of River/Economic Development
- Utilizing Outside Services
- Marketing/Celebrating Skowhegan
- Public Safety Building
- Sidewalks and Bike Trails/Lanes
- Second Bridge
- Solar Power
- Current Fire Station
- Mechanic Street School
- DEP PFAS Investigation

16. Other Business

17. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on June 14, 2022.

A True Copy Attest: _____
Cara L. Mason, Executive Secretary