

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 9, 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

Property Tax Stabilization – 65 and older

Her husband was injured - Thanked everyone for their support.

3. Items by the Public

Kristina Cannon: Public Feedback meeting – August 22, 23 and 24 – concept designs for
Plans for riverbank from Old Mill Pub to the Municipal Building
Space by the River – 181 Water Street

4. Selectmen's Items

Paul York: Events in town
RiverFest
Landscaping

Recording Time: 07:02

Charles Robbins: Thanked Main Street and the Chamber – RiverFest
Skowhegan Fair

Harold Bigelow: Moonlight Madness
National Night Out – First Responders

Steven Govoni: A lot of things happening in August
National Night Out
RiverFest
Positive Press
Skowhegan fair
Joe Almand

Todd Smith: Moonlight Madness

Harold Bigelow: Traffic during RiverFest – lights are synchronized

Recording Time: 15:47

Todd Smith: River Park Grant

5. Department and Committee Reports – Please step up to the microphone to speak.

Jeff Hewett: Façade Program Update
Fighting to get contractors

Gail Pelotte: Charging Stations – July 2021 – June 2022 - \$207.08
Absentee Ballots - request online
Reconciliations
Elections

Chief Buckanm: Skowhegan Fair – traffic
Welcome – Jason Finley
National Night Out

Recording Time: 22:36

Chief Howard: Burn Permits – online or at the station
PSB – digging and blasting – still looking at May 2023 for completion
Gathered info on property lines at the existing station

Recording Time: 29:14

Trisha Austin: Audit Findings
Filling positions – going well

Presentations:

1. New Business Recognition – Presented by Todd Smith

Maine Pawn & Gun
ZAAP Thai Restaurant

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

Regular Selectmen's Meeting – July 26, 2022

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

Steve & Ann Spaulding – Lot 186, 2nd and 3rd South Graves

3. Approve and sign a Pole Location Permit to allow Montana Soucier to place two poles on the Eaton Mountain Road beginning 700' north east of the intersection of Eaton Mountain Road and East River Road.

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

Vote: 5/0

Regular Agenda:

Item #9 moved up

9. Discussion and decision to approve the Online Auction Contract with Auctions International, Inc., authorize Chief Howard to sign the contract and authorize Chief Howard to accept or reject the bids.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Online Auction Contract with Auctions International, Inc., authorize Chief Howard to sign the contract and authorize Chief Howard to accept or reject the bids.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 38:35

1. Discussion and decision to confirm the appointment of Jason Finley as Road Commissioner for the remainder of the term (Election Day, June 2024).

A motion was made by Harold Bigelow and seconded by Charles Robbins to confirm the appointment of Jason Finley as Road Commissioner for the remainder of the term (Election Day, June 2024).

Vote: 5/0

2. Discussion and decision to appoint Darryll White as a member of the Sidewalk Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Darryll White as a member of the Sidewalk Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Vote: 5/0

3. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for Special Taste Testing Event License to allow Main Street Skowhegan to hold the Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival on Water Street and Commercial Street on September 3, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for Special Taste Testing Event License to allow Main Street Skowhegan to hold the Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival on Water Street and Commercial Street on September 3, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Vote: 5/0

4. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$181,000.00 from the Highway Department Winter Purchases Account, Sand, Salt & Cold Patch Designation to purchase 2,500 ton of rock salt.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to expend an amount not to exceed \$181,000.00 from the Highway Department Winter Purchases Account, Sand, Salt & Cold Patch Designation to purchase 2,500 ton of rock salt.

Vote: 5/0

5. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Cemetery Reserve Account, Cemetery Maintenance Designation to purchase crusher dust.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to expend an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Cemetery Reserve Account, Cemetery Maintenance Designation to purchase crusher dust.

Vote: 5/0

6. Discussion and decision to award the Cold Brook Stream Crossing Engineering RFP. The following bids were received:

Wentworth Partners & Associates	\$62,240.00
Sevee & Maher Engineers	\$47,000.00
Main-Land Development Consultants	\$51,800.00
Haley Ward	\$52,000.00

Greg Dore recommends awarding the Cold Brook Stream Crossing Engineering RFP to Haley Ward with a total bid amount of \$52,000.00 and expending that amount from the Highway Department Roads and Sidewalks Account, Road Resurfacing Designation.

Recording Time: 43:19

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to table this item.

Vote: 4/0/1 (Steven Govoni abstained)

Recording Time: 01:06:48

7. Discussion and decision to accept the Economic Development Administration, Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Grant in the amount of \$4,889,600.00 for Skowhegan River Park Construction. There is a \$1,222,400.00 match for this grant from the Sappi TIF and Main Street Skowhegan.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to accept the Economic Development Administration, Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Grant in the amount of \$4,889,600.00 for Skowhegan River Park Construction.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 01:10:14

8. Discussion and decision to allow Christine Almand to go out to bid for winter sand.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to allow Christine Almand to go out to bid for winter sand.

Vote: 5/0

9. Discussion and decision to approve the Online Auction Contract with Auctions International, Inc., authorize Chief Howard to sign the contract and authorize Chief Howard to accept or reject the bids.

Item #9 moved to the beginning of the regular agenda.

10. Discussion and decision to pre-approve Warrant #12 in an amount not to exceed \$5,947.00 for the filing of tax liens.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to pre-approve Warrant #12 in an amount not to exceed \$5,947.00 for the filing of tax liens.

Vote: 5/0

11 Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#112	\$	87,446.35 (FY 2022 Accounts Payable)
#8	\$	57,193.62 (Payroll #30)
#9	\$	59,913.04 (Payroll #31)
#10	\$	22,105.00 (State Payables)
#11	\$	326,534.90 (FY 2023 Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	553,192.91

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

Vote: 5/0

12. Unfinished Business

- DEP PFAS Investigation
- Fire Station
- Hilton Bridge
- Marketing/Celebrating Skowhegan
- Non-union Pay Scales
- Policies and Ordinances
- Public Safety Building
- Skowhegan River Park/Economic Development
- Solar Power
- Village Partnership Initiative

Recording Time: 01:13:38

13. Other Business

Steven Govoni: PFAS

Jeff Hewett: Solar – finishing design

14. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on August 23, 2022.

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