

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Room**

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Town of Skowhegan Facebook page****

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

Please come out to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. Polls will be open in the Council Room from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce is having its Annual Dinner & Awards on November 3rd. For more information, check the Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Award winners were announced today, and our very own Firefighter Rick Caldwell will be receiving the Alton W. Whittemore Award. Congratulations, Captain Caldwell!!!

3. Items by the Public

Richard Vicneire: Facebook questions
Selectmen – talking to residents

Beverly Fitzsimmons: Public Safety Building

Recording Time: 05:35

4. Selectmen's Items

Harold Bigelow: Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming

Todd Smith: Congratulations to Rick Caldwell

5. Department and Committee Reports

Gail Pelotte: Absentee ballots

Jeff Hewett: Fischer Plow completed the purchase at the Industrial Park
Remodeling building - Hiring 20 welders

Jason Finley: Picking up leaves.
Paving should be completed on Thursday

Recording Time: 11:20

Public Hearings:

1. Public Hearing: Discussion and decision to approve the Application for an On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for:

Brickyard Skowhegan LLC d/b/a Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co.
123 Madison Avenue

Opened at 5:47 p.m.

No comments.

Closed at 5:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for an On-Premises Malt, Wine and Spirits License for Brickyard Skowhegan LLC d/b/a Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co.

Vote: 5/0

Presentation:

1. Jon Moody will give an update on the plans for the new school and fundraising.

Recording Time: 19:33

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

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2. Accept the resignation of Sam Hight from the TIF Advisory Committee and the Second Bridge Committee effective immediately.
3. Accept the resignation of Matt Smith from the Planning Board effective immediately.
4. Approve a Pole Location Permit to allow Central Maine Power and Consolidated Communications to place one pole on Eaton Mountain Road 337' west of the intersection of East River Road and Eaton Mountain Road.
5. Approve a Pole Location Permit to allow Central Maine Power and Consolidated Communications to place one pole on Adams Street, 106' from the intersection of Adams Street and Dawes Street.

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 Laurie Greenleaf as Warden of the State of Maine General Election with a term expiring November 9, 2022.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Laurie Greenleaf as Warden of the State of Maine General Election with a term expiring November 9, 2022.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 21:06

2. Discussion and decision to appoint the following to the Planning Board, one with a term expiring June 30, 2023, one with a term expiring June 30, 2024 and two with terms expiring June 30, 2026:

Randall Franck
Andrew L. Thorpe
Derek Chretien
Harvey Austin

A motion was made by Harold Bigelow and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint the following to the Planning Board, one with a term expiring June 30, 2023, one with a term expiring June 30, 2024 and two with terms expiring June 30, 2026:

Randall Franck
Andrew L. Thorpe
Derek Chretien
Harvey Austin

An amended motion was made by Harold Bigelow and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint the following to the Planning Board:

Randall Franck – term expiring June 30, 2026
Andrew L. Thorpe – term expiring June 30, 2026
Derek Chretien – term expiring June 30, 2024
Harvey Austin – term expiring June 30, 2023

Vote: 3/2 (Paul York and Steven Govoni opposed)

Recording Time: 34:20

3. Discussion and decision to appoint Ryan Johnston as Interim Fire Chief effective November 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Ryan Johnston as Interim Fire Chief effective November 1, 2022.

Vote: 5/0

4. Discussion and decision to appoint Lisa Gallant and Laurie Greenleaf as Deputy Registrar of Voters with terms expiring January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Lisa Gallant and Laurie Greenleaf as Deputy Registrar of Voters with terms expiring January 1, 2023.

Vote: 5/0

5. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for Consolidated Communications to use as match for the Connect the /ready Grant for broadband as follows:

\$70,306.00 Revolving Loan Fund
\$50,000.00 Downtown TIF
\$60,000.00 ARPA dedicated funds
\$219,694.00 ARPA undedicated funds.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Steven Govoni to expend an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for Consolidated Communications to use as match for the Connect the /ready Grant for broadband as follows:

**\$70,306.00 Revolving Loan Fund
\$50,000.00 Downtown TIF
\$60,000.00 ARPA dedicated funds
\$219,694.00 ARPA undedicated funds.**

Vote: 4/1 (Harold Bigelow opposed)

Recording Time: 01:13:32

6. Discussion and decision to award the Half Ton Pickup Truck Bid. The following bids were received:

Hight Ford \$49,640.00 – responder package
 \$52,505.00 – non-responder package

Christine Almand recommends awarding the Half Ton Pickup Truck Bid to Hight Ford with a total bid price of \$52,505.00 And expending that amount from the Fire Department Reserve Account, Fire Truck Replacement Designation.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to award the Half Ton Pickup Truck Bid to Hight Ford with a total bid price of \$49,640.00 and expend that amount from the Fire Department Reserve Account, Fire Truck Replacement Designation.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 01:24:47

7. Discussion and decision to award the Forklift Bid. The following bid was received:

Octane Forklifts \$29,406.00

Bryan Belliveau recommends rejecting the bid and putting the forklift back out to bid.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to reject the bid and allow Bryan Belliveau to put the forklift back out to bid.

Vote: 5/0

Recording Time: 01:29:54

8. Discussion and decision to discharge the mortgage for Southgate Industrial Park. The mortgage has been paid in full.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to discharge the mortgage for Southgate Industrial Park

Vote: 5/0

9. Discussion and decision to approve the amended Personnel Policy.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the amended Personnel Policy.

Vote: 5/0

10. Discussion and decision to approve the Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Bee Line, Inc.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Bee Line, Inc.

Vote: 5/0

11. Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#117	\$	650.00 (FY 2022 Accounts Payable)
#31	\$	60,298.87 (Payroll #41)
#32	\$	56,300.09 (Payroll #42)
#33	\$	10,247.16 (State Payables)
#34	\$	973,992.55 (FY 2023 Accounts Payables)
#3	\$	74,722.66 (FY 2023 PSB Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	1,176,211.33

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins 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

Non-union pay scales – Trisha Austin is working on the data.

Recording Time: 01:31:53

13. Other Business

Harold Bigelow: Water tests – buyer beware

Recording Time: 01:41:04

Steven Govoni: Sidewalk Committee goals – school moving – safe ways to get to school.
ATV traffic

14. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on November 8, 2022

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