

New Salem Select Board

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Select Board members present: Sue Cloutier (chair), Rick Taupier
Also present: Arthur Adams, Kathy Soule-Regine, Stacy Senflug

SC called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Sue moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 2024 and April 1, 2024, Rick seconded

Vote: All in favor.

Town Coordinator Kathy Neal presented her report, which included the following items:

- She discussed the building inspector search and Highway laborer search. She noted that there were not many qualified applicants for the building inspector. The board recommended that she post it on the MMA website. For the Highway position, she had already received a number of applications.

Discussion on Salary for new Building Inspector: Kathy reported on her findings of salaries of neighboring towns and the board found that New Salem's salary was comparable to nearby towns.

Summer Pot Luck Supper on the Common: Sue discussed her idea to bring townspeople together for a pot luck supper sometime this summer and have information available about various boards and committees in an effort to increase interest in town affairs.

ABCC Seasonal renewal certification: The board signed the seasonal renewal for submission to ABCC.

ARPA funds: Kathy explained that all ARPA funds must be committed and under contract by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026. Although there are projects being proposed it is unlikely that they will be ready to be under contract by the end of the year. As an alternative, if we are purchasing any expensive equipment this year, we may want to consider using the ARPA funds instead of taking it from the town funds.

SC moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Neal