

**Town of *New Salem* Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022
Held Virtually via Zoom**

Convened: 6:02 pm

Present: Hugh Mackay and Carl Seppala, Selectboard; Kathy Neal, Town Coordinator, Stacy Senflug, Town Clerk

Discussion Items

Polling location for elections

It was reported that the Library Trustees had met on October 6, 2022 to discuss the possible use of the library as a polling location. After discussion about some of the restrictions on the use of the library, the Trustees voted to allow the town to use the library for voting for the special election on October 25 and the state election of November 8 and they would want to review that decision in the new year as to whether they would want voting at the library on an on-going basis.

Carl stated he was still has reservations about using the library. He is concerned that the library would become the place for many town uses as it is in good shape. Carl would prefer to use the Town Hall annex and address some of the accessibility issues there in order to use it long-term for voting. Carl made a motion to use the Town Hall annex for elections. Stacy stated we shouldn't use buildings as a pawn for elections and noted the requirements of HAVA (Help America Vote Act). Hugh stated we should address the accessibility issues before the spring elections in 2023. Carl amended his motion to be: Motion to use the Town Hall annex, 24 S. Main St. for elections with accessibility issues to be addressed by the 2023 elections. Hugh seconded the Motion. Vote: all in favor.

There was discussion about notifying all voters and with Stacy's absence, it was decided the Town Coordinator will generate the notice to voters.

Motion to adjourn at 6:33 by Hugh, second by Carl. Vote: 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Neal