

**Town of *New Salem* Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2023
Held Virtually via Zoom**

Convened: 1:02 pm

Present: Susan Cloutier, Zara Dowling, Selectboard; Kathy Neal, Town Coordinator; David Cramer, Sarah Kohler, Heidi Bohn, Planning Board; Brian Falk, Town Counsel

Discussion Items

Electrical Issues in Town Hall Annex

Al Ohlson submitted quote for the electrical work in the Town Hall Annex in the amount of \$5,122.86 to address the issues the Town Clerk is having with the state computer. The quote includes materials and labor.

VOTE: A motion was made by Zara to contract with Al Ohlson to address the electrical issues in the Annex, an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed 2-0.

Appointment of Cody Hamlett to Highway Department

Kathy reported that she had interviewed candidates for the position in the Highway Department and recommended the appointment of Cody Hamlett to the full-time position.

VOTE: A motion was made by Sue to appoint Cody Hamlett to the full-time position in the Highway Department at a pay of \$24.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Zara and passed 2-0.

In open meeting at 1:09 pm a motion was made by Sue Cloutier to move into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A s. 21(a)(3) to discuss litigation regarding the Barletta Land Court case which would have a detrimental effect on their position if discussed in public. The board will not return to open session. Second by Zara, Roll call vote: 2-0.

Sarah Kohler (Planning Board) made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A s. 21(a)(3) to discuss litigation regarding the Barletta Land Court case which would have a detrimental effect on their position if discussed in public. The board will not return to open session. Second by Heidi, Roll Call Vote 3-0.

Both boards entered Executive session and adjourned the meeting from Executive session at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Neal
Town Coordinator