

## New Salem Select Board Meeting

Minutes of May 24, 2023

Select Board members present: Sue Cloutier (SC), Zara Dowling (ZD), Rick Taupier (RT)

SC opened the meeting at 5:01 pm.

**Reorganization:** ZD nominated SC to be Selectboard chair. RT second.

**VOTE:** All in favor.

**Liaisons:** Highway: Rick Taupier

Fire Dept: Sue Cloutier

Police: Zara Dowling

Schools: Rick Taupier (for matters outside of the regular budget)

**Town Meeting Date:** It was noted that the Town Meeting conflicts with Wendell's Town Meeting. Kathy stated that she had talked to the Wendell Town Coordinator and they would try to stagger the school issues so they would not conflict. The Fire Chief had stated he would attend New Salem's meeting as he had warrant articles here and just the normal budget in Wendell. The board had a brief discussion on the Fire Chief salary. RT moved to close the warrant, SC second.

**Vote:** RT moved to close the warrant, SC second. All in favor.

*Action: Kathy will prepare the motions for each Town Meeting article. The Board signed the warrant for posting.*

**Fuel bids:** Kathy brought up the fuel bids which were just received. Although she had been authorized to sign the bids, she was looking for input on whether to accept a fixed rate of \$2.99 or a fluctuating rate. After discussion of which to choose, the Board advised that they would prefer the fixed rate so that there would be stability in the rates.

**Minutes of April 18:** Sue moved to accept the minutes of April 18, Zara, second.

**Vote:** All in favor

There was a brief discussion about the next meeting date. There was tentative discussion about a meeting on June 5. It was decided to hold if need be. It was noted that Kathy will be away for the meeting on June 26.

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 by ZD, second by Sue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Neal