

**Minutes  
Town of Skowhegan  
Regular Selectmen's Meeting  
5:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
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

Foreclosure notices were mailed out January 6<sup>th</sup> on 58 accounts. As of 4:30 pm today, 24 of the accounts had paid off the 2021 taxes. Payments for 2021 taxes must be received by February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

The Landscape Services Bid closes on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. For more information visit our website or contact Stephen McDaniel.

3. Items by the Public
4. Department and Committee Reports

Bryan Belliveau:      Forklift has been delivered  
                                 Plumbig Training

Jeff Hewett:            ME Connectivity – Skowhegan - \$9 million

Recording Time: 08:29

Chief Rodriguez: Witham & Poland off probation

Jason Finley: Hauling snow Friday night and Saturday morning

Stephen McDaniel: Ice rink is open – call ahead

5. Selectmen's Items

Charles Robbins: Vacation in Florida  
Snowmobilers coming through  
Be careful on the ice

Harold Bigelow: Halfway through heating season

Steven Govoni: Thanked highway crew  
Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Opera House – Scot Cannon – Kids show

Todd Smith: Thanked highway crew

**Presentation:**

1. New Business Recognition – Mrugesh Patel – The Flavour's of India Restaurant

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

Regular Selectmen's Meeting – January 10, 2023

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Steven Govoni to approve the Consent Agenda as written.**

**Vote: 4/0/1 (Charles Robbins abstained)**

**Regular Agenda:**

1. Discussion and decision to appoint Jimmy Bigelow as a member of the Budget & Finance Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2025.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to appoint Jimmy Bigelow as a member of the Budget & Finance Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2025.**

**Vote: 5/0**

2. Discussion and decision to approve the renewal Applications for On-Premises Malt Liquor, Wine and Spirits License for:

Washburn Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Central Maine Family Fun Bowling Center  
414 Madison Avenue

DP Chen, Inc. d/b/a Mei Lee Garden  
381 Madison Avenue

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the renewal Applications for On-Premises Malt Liquor, Wine and Spirits License for Washburn Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Central Maine Family Fun Bowling Center and DP Chen, Inc. d/b/a Mei Lee Garden.**

**Vote: 5/0**

Recording Time: 17:44

3. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for a License for an Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Lake George Corporation to serve alcohol at Lake George on February 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. as part of Somerset Snowfest.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for a License for an Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Lake George Corporation to serve alcohol at Lake George on February 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. as part of Somerset Snowfest.**

**Vote: 5/0**

4. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for a License for an Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Maine Grain Alliance to serve alcohol at 42 Court Street on February 9, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. as part of their Maine Craft Pizza event.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Application for a License for an Incorporated Civic Organization to allow Maine Grain Alliance to serve alcohol at 42 Court Street on February 9, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. as part of their Maine Craft Pizza event.**

**Vote: 5/0**

5. Discussion and decision to write off taxes in the amount of \$337.23 for the following:

Brittanie Merrill – Map 24, Lot 8-10N

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to write off taxes in the amount of \$337.23 for Brittanie Merrill – Map 24, Lot 8-10N.**

**Vote: 5/0**

6. Discussion and decision to allow Christine Almand to accept tax payments in full, prior to the award of foreclosure sale bids, in order to sell any foreclosed property back to the previous owner.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to allow Christine Almand to accept tax payments in full, prior to the award of foreclosure sale bids, in order to sell any foreclosed property back to the previous owner.**

**Vote: 5/0**

7. Discussion and decision to allow Christine Almand to put foreclosed properties out for sale bids.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to allow Christine Almand to put foreclosed properties out for sale bids.**

**Vote: 5/0**

Recording Time: 24:26

8. Discussion and decision to approve the annual contract with the Somerset Humane Society for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the annual contract with the Somerset Humane Society for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**

**Vote: 5/0**

9. Discussion and decision to approve and authorize Christine Almand to sign Amendment #2 to the Lease Option Agreement with BD Solar Skowhegan LLC.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve and authorize Christine Almand to sign Amendment #2 to the Lease Option Agreement with BD Solar Skowhegan LLC.**

**Vote: 5/0**

10. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 from the Administration Reserve Account, Information Technology Improvements Designation to purchase ten desktop computers and five monitors.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to expend an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 from the Administration Reserve Account, Information Technology Improvements Designation to purchase ten desktop computers and five monitors.**

**Vote: 5/0**

11. Discussion and decision to award the Snowblower Attachment Bid. The following bid was received:

Whittemore & Sons                      \$16,900.00

Denise LeBlanc recommends awarding the Snowblower Attachment Bid to Whittemore & Sons with a total bid amount of \$16,900.00 and expending that amount from the Recreation Department Reserve Account, Grounds Equipment Designation.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to award the Snowblower Attachment Bid to Whittemore & Sons with a total bid amount of \$16,900.00 and expend that amount from the Recreation Department Reserve Account, Grounds Equipment Designation.**

**Vote: 5/0**

Recording Time: 33:45

12. Discussion and decision to allow Jason Finley to join with KVCOG for purchases of salt, calcium chloride and culverts.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to allow Jason Finley to join with KVCOG for purchases of salt, calcium chloride and culverts.**

**Vote: 5/0**

13. Discussion and decision to approve the amended bylaws for the Sidewalk Planning Committee.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the amended bylaws for the Sidewalk Planning Committee.**

**Vote: 5/0**

14. Discussion and decision to proclaim March as American Red Cross Month in Skowhegan.

**A motion was made by Charles Robbins and seconded by Paul York to proclaim March as American Red Cross Month in Skowhegan.**

**Vote: 5/0**

Recording Time: 36:10

Chief Bucknam:            Matt Dubois and Corporal York - Fundraiser for veterans  
   Travis Mills Foundation  
   Community Service Award presented to the Bankery

15. Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#122	\$	55,446.40 (FY 2022 Accounts Payables)
#57	\$	63,700.84 (Payroll #2)
#58	\$	64,482.90 (Payroll #3)
#59	\$	10,166.56 (State Payables)
#60	\$	986,725.48 (FY 2023 Accounts Payables)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,180,522.18</b>

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Charles Robbins to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as written.**

**Vote: 5/0**

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16. Unfinished Business

- DEP PFAS Investigation
- Fire Station
- Hilton Bridge
- Marketing/Celebrating Skowhegan
- Policies and Ordinances
- Public Safety Building
- Skowhegan River Park/Economic Development
- Solar Power
- Village Partnership Initiative

Chief Bucknam: PSB update

Steven Govoni: PFAS  
VPI Committee – Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

17. Other Business

Harold Bigelow: Plow Trucks – pedestrian safety  
People with signs asking for money

Gail Pelotte: Plows – one-way streets

18. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

