

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Municipal Building – Council Room**

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Board of Selectmen:

Todd Smith, Chairman (Absent)
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.

Charles Robbins called the meeting to order.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Town Manager's Report

We have a Special Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 5:30 pm for the proposed New Balance Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and amendment to the Downtown TIF District.

The Polymer and Sodium Hypochlorite Bids close on March 15th at 10:00 am. For more information visit our website or contact Brent Dickey.

The Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship and the Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce, are holding a Small Business Meetup at Unwined and Thrifty Chic on March 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce is holding Business After Hours at Somerset Career & Technical Center on March 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

3. Items by the Public

No items by the public.

4. Department and Committee Reports

Chief Bucknam: Snow – slow down

Chief Rodriguez: Fire – Butler Street

Gail Pelotte: Nomination papers – due back April 14th

Recording Time: 05:36

5. Selectmen's Items

Harold Bigelow: Pot holes

Steven Govoni: Parking issue should be laid to rest
Storm & Bob Marley – two shows back to back
Sappi & New Balance – blessed to have these companies here

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing to discuss the proposed New Balance TIF District and amendments to the Downtown TIF District.

Charles Robins opened the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m.

Recording Time: 10:16

Raye Wentworth, New Balance: New Balance history
Expansion

Recording Time: 21:53

Peter Martell, New Balance: TIF
Project drawings

Recording Time: 28:15

Patrick Lyons, Eaton Peabody: Explanation of TIFs

Recording Time: 36:30

Jeff Hewett: Projects for the New Balance TIF
Projects for the Downtown TIF

Recording Time: 48:59

Charles Robbins closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Recording Time: 54:39

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve and sign Minutes from the following:

Regular Selectmen's Meeting – February 28, 2023
Special Selectmen's Meeting – March 3, 2023

2. Accept the resignation of Rebekah Shankar from the Budget & Finance Committee effective immediately.

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

Vote: 4/0

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion and decision to create a five-member Community Resiliency Committee with one-year terms and appoint the following members with terms expiring June 30, 2023:

Bryan Belliveau
Tenley Skolfield
Darryll White

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Steven Govoni to create a five-member Community Resiliency Committee with one-year terms and appoint the following members with terms expiring June 30, 2023:

**Bryan Belliveau
Tenley Skolfield
Darryll White**

Vote 4/0

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to appoint Steven Govoni to the Community Resiliency Committee with a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Vote: 3/0/1 (Steven Govoni abstained)

2. Discussion and decision to approve the Community Resilience Partnership Municipal Resolution.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the Community Resilience Partnership Municipal Resolution.

Vote: 4/0

3. Discussion and decision to approve the Application for Parades and Processions to allow the KVCAP Family Enrichment Council to hold SKOWPENDOUS in the Municipal Parking Lot on April 21, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the Application for Parades and Processions to allow the KVCAP Family Enrichment Council to hold SKOWPENDOUS in the Municipal Parking Lot on April 21, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Vote: 4/0

4. Discussion and decision to accept a donated structure located at 29 Weston Street for the purpose of live fire training.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to accept a donated structure located at 29 Weston Street for the purpose of live fire training.

Vote: 3/0/1 (Steven Govoni abstained)

Recording Time: 01:01:37

5. Discussion and decision to accept a donation of materials for kitchen cabinets and countertops (\$10,393.23) for the Public Safety Building from Hammond Lumber.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to accept a donation of materials for kitchen cabinets and countertops (\$10,393.23) for the Public Safety Building from Hammond Lumber.

Vote: 4/0

6. Discussion and decision to expend an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 from the Opera House Reserve Account for removal of the fire curtain.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to expend an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 from the Opera House Reserve Account for removal of the fire curtain.

Vote: 4/0

7. Discussion and decision to approve the annual report for the KVCAP Affordable House TIF and allow Jeff Hewett to submit the report to Maine State Housing Authority.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the annual report for the KVCAP Affordable House TIF and allow Jeff Hewett to submit the report to Maine State Housing Authority.

Vote: 4/0

Recording Time: 01:07:40

8. Discussion and decision to accept the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$21,608.17.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Steven Govoni to accept the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$21,608.17.

Vote: 4/0

9. Discussion and decision to allow Chief Bucknam to go out for bid for eight law enforcement security lockers.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to allow Chief Bucknam to go out for bid for eight law enforcement security lockers.

Vote: 4/0

10. Discussion and decision to approve the letter of support for the Appalachian Trail Club's request for Congressional Directed Spending.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the letter of support for the Appalachian Trail Club's request for Congressional Directed Spending.

Vote: 4/0

11. Discussion and decision to approve the letters of support for the Community Center Athletic Complex Project's request for Congressional Directed Spending.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the letters of support for the Community Center Athletic Complex Project's request for Congressional Directed Spending.

Vote: 4/0

Recording Time: 01:13:20

12. Discussion and decision to approve the Town Meeting Warrant for the March 23, 2023 Special Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the Town Meeting Warrant for the March 23, 2023 Special Town Meeting.

Vote: 4/0

13. Treasurer's Warrants to be approved:

#71	\$	69,524.41 (Payroll #9)
#72	\$	67,295.99 (Payroll #10)
#73	\$	16,296.66 (State Payables)
#74	\$	972,923.27 (FY 2023 Accounts Payables)
Total	\$	1,126,040.33

A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Harold Bigelow to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as written.

Vote: 4/0

14. 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

15. Other Business

Recording Time: 01:19:25

Bryan Belliveau: Victualer License Ordinance

16. Sign Documents

The Selectmen signed documents.

Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting.

Approved and signed on March 28, 2023.

A True Copy Attest: _____
Cara L. Mason, Executive Secretary