

**Board of Selectmen
February 21, 2024**

Present: Richard C. Edwards, Chair; Kenneth G. Fifield; and Dino A. Scala, Town Administrator.

Also present was Relf Fogg. Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Scala referred to the vacancies in the Tax Department. The Board is able to appoint a temporary Deputy Tax Collector until the March vote. Amber Marcoux, a former Deputy Tax Collector, is willing to fill that role. **Mr. Fifield moved to appoint Amber Marcoux as interim Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion.** Mr. Scala advised it will be up to the new Tax Collector to appoint his/her own Deputy. **The motion then passed 2-0.** Her rate will be discussed in Non Public Session.

Mr. Scala suggested that the Board consider the application of Relf Fogg to utilize the Opera House (having submitted a Facilities/Premises License Agreement application). Mr. Fogg is hopeful that the Board will waive any associated fee and that he will be able to conduct this use through WPI. Mr. Fogg spoke to his intent to host an acoustic musical event on August 9. He hopes to raise funds to pay for restoration of the steeple of Town Hall. The event would involve reserved seating for members of the Spaulding High School Class of 1979. He anticipates raising funds for the Conservation Commission's campership program as well. **Mr. Fifield moved, this event meeting the category of charitable events, that the \$200 user fee be waived. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.** Mr. Edwards executed the application.

Mr. Scala stated that the Board would need to go into Non Public Session. **Mr. Edwards moved to enter Non Public Session. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Fifield – 'aye'; Mr. Edwards – 'aye'. The motion passed 2-0, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.**

The Board returned to public session at 9:54 a.m. **Mr. Fifield moved to adjourn. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary
(transcribed from video recording)

Approval of Minutes:


Richard C. Edwards, Chair

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Mark P. Duffy


Kenneth G. Fifield