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SAVOY SELECT BOARD MEETING

SAVOY TOWN HALL

JANUARY 28, 2025 5:00PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Justin Kaczowski, second by Marie Saucier.

The minutes from the January 14th and January 22nd selectboard meetings were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A town resident present at the meeting brought a complaint to the selectboard regarding a large pile of railroad ties on the side of Horton Road. The ties have been there for over a year and are starting to lean sideways, the resident is unsure who owns them. The resident stated that not only are they becoming a hazard, they are an eye sore and give off an odor in the summer. The selectboard inquired if the ties were on private property or within the 10 feet eminent domain jurisdiction, the resident confirmed that they were directly on the side of the road. The selectboard will reach out to the Environmental Police to evaluate the situation and advised the resident to call DCR and report it since it is located near state owned land.

The same resident also wanted to bring to the attention the amount of late-night traffic travelling down Horton Road late at night onto state owned land. It is presumed to be a party spot for people to gather. The selectboard advised the resident to call DCR since it is on state owned property.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

DPU-Municipal Power Aggregation Update-Denise Allard & Mark Cappadona

- Colonial Power representatives Denise Allard and Mark Cappadona were present to give an update on the progress of the Savoy municipal power aggregate. Mailings

were sent out to all town residents explaining how the aggregate works along with return postcards choosing to opt in or opt out of participating in the program.

- It was explained that by opting in participants in the program will pay \$.102/kw for the eight-month duration of the town's contract at which time the town may decide to join a larger aggregate which would mean more of a savings.
- It is free to opt in/opt out of the town aggregate program. It was advised that before joining residents should check if they are in a current contract with a third-party supplier to avoid any early termination penalties implemented by the third party for severing the contract.
- All the information on the electric bill would remain the same, the only difference would be Colonial Power-Savoy Aggregate would be listed as the electric supplier. Eversource would continue to service the lines for maintenance and be the contact for any issues.
- The question was asked if a resident has solar panels can they opt in; the answer is yes. The home would use solar as the primary source if it switched to electricity on the grid, it would then be at the \$.102/kw rate.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission FY26 Inspections Contract

- The selectboard reviewed the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission FY26 Inspections Contract.
- Marie Saucier made a motion to sign the contract with all in favor the FY26 BRPC Inspections Contract was signed.

Alternate Appointments for Deerfield River Wild & Scenic and Wild & Scenic Westfield River

- Selectboard member Marie Saucier made a motion to appoint Melanie Glynn the alternate delegate representative for the Town of Savoy to the Deerfield River Wild & Scenic and Melissa Vanek alternate delegate representative for the Town of Savoy to the Wild & Scenic Westfield River. All were in favor; the appointment papers were signed.

Review/Sign: Northern Berkshire School Union-Community Compact IT Grant Letter

- A letter was presented to the Select board from the NBSU for support of a Community Compact IT grant for the towns of Savoy, Clarksburg, Rowe, Florida, and
- Justin Kaczowski made a motion to sign the letter of support; all were in favor; the letter was signed.

CORRESPONDENCE:


- The selectboard members reviewed correspondence from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding DPU 25-10 and decided to keep on the list to be kept informed.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

- Marie Saucier stated the Chapel Road Culvert replacement project has progressed through the engineering specifications and should go out to bid in March. Will need to confirm with the Conservation Commission that all necessary permits are in place.
- Start date for the Black Brook Road Bridge is 2028.
- Repaving Loop Road is on the priority list; however, it will depend on funding.
- There are several federal funding grant opportunities for rural towns, however it is currently unknown if they will be frozen due to presidential executive orders.
- The town treasurer resigned as of 01/31/2025, Marie Saucier made a motion to post the treasurer position; Justin Kaczowski second. An interview screening committee was appointed to conduct interviews for potential candidates. Committee members are Stephanie Harris, Kathy Luczynski, and Marie Saucier. The committee will have recommendations based on the interviews ready for the next selectboard meeting.
- The next selectboard meeting date was moved to Monday, February 10th at 5pm.
- Select Board member Brenda Smith made a motion to remove “warrant signing” from the agenda now that the warrants are signed via DocuSign; all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: Justin Kaczowski adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm; Brenda Smith and Marie Saucier second.

DATE APPROVED: 2/10/25


Justin Kaczowski, chair


Marie Saucier


Brenda Smith