

- I. The call to order by Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:00 pm, with all 3 Selectmen present Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil. Town Attorney for Land Use Matters: Richard Roberts, Tyra Penn-Gesek (Director, Planning and Development). Many members of the public in person and via Zoom, Members of Boards & Commissions. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

III. Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the minutes of the 04-18-2023 BOS Regular Special Meeting carried unanimously.

IV. Correspondence

A. DESPP Report of Services February and March 2023; both were read aloud into the record

B. Conservation Commission Review of Hillside Townhouse and recommendations

**After the Agenda was posted: received May 2, 2023-resignation memo from ACO Janis Smith Motion S. Witkowski seconded by K. Beausoleil to add an Agenda item under #IX (Other) to consider the resignation of ACO Janis Smith carried unanimously.

V. Selectmen Comments:

- K. Beausoleil: the Makers' Fair on Saturday in Riverside Park is always a fun, amazing family event
- A. St Onge: Notice was received today of approval of the Library Roof Project utilizing Young Developers, LLC, Hamden CT, and the project will begin soon. *Roads are being swept prior to the chip/sealing process as well as State work on some roads; millings will come to u for re-use.

VI. Citizens' Comments: none

VII. Owen Adam Road – Request to Discontinue as Town Road.

Property owners who addressed the BOS: Allen Woodward (Requestor), John Kimball, Mrs. Anna Naum and son Tommy Naum, Scott Wigglesworth, Brenda Rudzinski (niece of Patricia Rudzinski)

A February memo from property owner Allen Woodward was reviewed. Attorney Rich Roberts was present via Zoom, as well as many abutters on Owen Adam Road. * The history of the road before 1989 when the town *closed* but did not *discontinue* the road, as well as since, was reviewed. * Currently, ATV use is disturbing the peaceful use of the property and a goal to establish a forestry habitat area is in jeopardy, whereas usually members of the public who are walking on the paths create no disturbance. * For these 35 years, the town has not maintained the road; the ambiguity of the situation should be cleared up. *Attorney Rich Roberts clarified that a BOS review, followed by a referral under CGS 8-24 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration and input would be the process. The matter would come back to the BOS, from which they would decide if to schedule a Town Meeting at which a decision about Discontinuing Owen Adam Road as a Town Road would be reached by the voters. * Discussion brought forward by the abutters included the current situation with gates obstructing through-traffic, and the impacts of them on an owner who wanted to operate a gravel bank, as well as concerns about future legal access. Attorney Roberts stated if the decision was reached to discontinue the road, that all property owners would be granted a permanent Easement, allowing them to get from their parcel to the nearest (or most accessible) public road or highway; no property would be in a land-locked situation. The Road would be closed to public use and the obligation of the town to maintain the road removed (clarified). * A. St Onge added that the town reports .03 miles (158 feet) to the State as under town responsibility. * The possibility of utilizing the access to I-395 for possible development or subdivision was raised. K. Beausoleil stated that the Economic impacts of this proposal would need to be considered. The ATV issue is one of enforcement. He also referenced Rich Road as one that should be understood as well. * Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek

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noted that the newly-revised Thompson Planning and Zoning Regulations may provide various options for development on a private road. * K. Beausoleil: confirmation that the Easement Attorney Roberts referred to for the current property owners would transfer to any/all future owners if subdivision of the current parcels does take place. *A. St Onge reiterated that the process at this point is information-gathering (no decisions will be made short-term); site walks will be scheduled so all members of the BOS can view the situation and become more familiar with the topography. * At 8:12 pm, the First Selectman thanked Attorney Roberts for his participation in this meeting.

VIII. Request: Girl Scout Troop 61193: Scout Leader Jessica Bolte- there is a need for feminine hygiene products among families struggling during this period of high inflation; the Girl Scouts will continue to address this.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to grant permission to Girl Scout Troop 61193 to set up a donation bin at the Library and at the Town Hall from May 22-26 for their "Go With The Flow" program caried unanimously.

IX. Other Business:

The resignation of ACO Janis Smith was received today. The Selectmen noted the outstanding job she has done to revitalize the Animal Control facility and the overall animal control process, bringing the program up to the high standard the town's animals deserve. They wish her well.

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the resignation of Animal Control Officer Janis Smith with regret carried unanimously.

X. Citizen Comments:

Valerie Clark Alm Road, asked to review the town ownership of a road and the obligation to maintain it
Bill Warner, Lowell Davis Road, made a comment about Owen Adam Road and inquired about a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the Resident State Trooper vote at the referendum
Director of Planning and Development Tyra Penn-Gesek *will notify the Contractor- Young Developers,

LLC, Hamden CT- which won the bid for the Library Roof Project as well as the other unsuccessful bidders. *offered to meet with the owners of property on Owen Adam Road and, utilizing a large map, create a unified goal or goals for the road.

XI. Tax Refunds:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the Tax Refunds as presented for a total of \$234.21 carried unanimously.

Anderson, Linda M. \$20.09 Aucoin, Charles \$10.08 JP Morgan Chase Bank NA \$204.04

XII. Executive Session:

Motion A. St Onge seconded by L. Beausoleil to go into Executive Session with the three Selectmen and the Director of Planning and Development to discuss the Possible Sale or Acquisition of Real Estate Interests at 8:32 pm carried unanimously.

The Executive Session ended at 9:07 pm with no action taken. The Regular meeting resumed.

XIII. Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 9:08 pm carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary Dorothy Durst

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.