ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS St. George Town Office MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2022 – 7 p.m.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Members present in person were: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present were: Richard Erb, Irene Ames, Alane Kennedy, Scott Vaitones, Van Thompson, Jennifer Garrett, Susan Ellis, and Andrew Bowser. Present by Zoom were: Kristin Falla and Loreen Meyer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Bowser: I want to thank Mr. Erb for how responsive he has been in attempting to resolve the situation I find myself in, and also Mr. Hall, Mr. Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. I feel this is more about my right to be able to relax in my own home than it is about chickens or rude, ignorant neighbors than anything else. I just want to state unambiguously what is going on here.

I had a situation for almost one and a half years where chickens were running around my neighborhood, defecating on my steps and porch and because the town had not updated its website, I was leaving messages for a better part of a year or year and one-half with who I thought was the Animal Control Officer (ACO). So, when I found out from Mr. Erb who the current ACO was, that got resolved. The chickens are now contained and not running around the neighborhood.

They have fenced in the hens, but they stuck the rooster in a tiny, 1' x 3' cage and now there is a hen in there with the rooster and the cage is set about 20' to 25' from the side of my house. The thing is just screeching constantly from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m., multiple times every hour, after hour, after hour. There is plenty of space over where they fenced in the hens, and it could be running around, and it would be 50-60 yards away. When they first got them before they let them run around the neighborhood, they were over there and it wasn't bothering me. It was just background noise. But it is impossible not to hear the rooster and the windows aren't even opened yet. I am going to want to let fresh air in my house pretty soon, and I can't even imagine what it is going to be like. It's caged, stressed out, and far as I'm concerned a tortured rooster just screeching constantly.

As I said, Mr. Erb was good enough to go over and try to resolve it even though he told me there is no ordinance per se that he could tell them to do. Mr. Demmons said the same thing. The neighbors declined to just do what I think is 101 politeness and neighborliness. As far as I'm concerned, this is like kindergarten.

There is no reason in the world that rooster has to be stuffed into a cage. It is 3 or 4 times further away from their house; then they put it near my house. It's just screeching constantly all day long. I am not saying every second but multiple times every hour for a minute, or two at a time. I can't relax in my own home and like I said, when it gets warm enough to start letting the fresh air in my house, my brain's just going crazy about what it is going to be like then because at 5 a.m. that thing is right outside the side of my house just screeching constantly.

I don't know if you can do anything but that is just the situation I find myself in. If they won't listen to a Town Manager who I'm sure very politely tried to resolve it, I don't know where else to turn since he and Mr. Demmons both said there is no ordinance. That is why I contacted all the members of the Select Board because of the situation I find myself in.

Chair Bates: I think you have described it very clearly and Town Manager Erb and I have talked about it and asked the other Board members to be thinking about it. I know one thing that we ought to make sure of is that there is no cruelty.

Bowser: He's feeding them.

Chair Bates: But in terms of being penned up in a 1' x 3' cage sounds that possibly it might be.

Bowser: I don't know if that's by law, but as far as I'm concerned, it is unnecessary because they have the hens.

Chair Bates: There is a state inspector.

Erb: Yes, I have to call someone at the Department of Agriculture in Augusta on something unrelated to this and I can ask him.

Chair Bates: It might be that an inspector could come along and maybe he could have a word.

Bowser: I don't know what the rules are in that respect; I just know that it sounds stressed out to me. And it's unnecessary. There is plenty of space where they fenced in the hens. I just don't understand unless they are just getting back at me for not letting them run around the neighborhood and tearing up the property. I don't know that either, for sure.

Bowser: I have heard on the news before that some towns have passed ordinances about roosters

Erb: There are more than a handful of towns that have done different things. Some towns prohibit roosters.

Bowser: As I said, when they had them originally, I wish they would put them where the hens are now. That didn't bother me. It was in the background. It is just impossible to avoid when it is 20' to 25' from the side of your house. As far as I'm concerned, the thing is stressed out of its "little chicken" mind because when it was running around, it didn't screech that much, just occasionally. But now multiple times every hour, after hour, after hour.

Erb: I am just looking online and see that Windham is one of the only towns I saw that has anything to say about the size of the cage and they call for a minimum of 4 sq. ft. per chicken.

Bowser: And they have a hen in with it now, too. So, it is not just the rooster.

Erb: Some of them have setbacks. One of them was 15' from the property line; 100' from abutting homes. Most of the towns didn't get into that. Some said perceptible noise shall not be

loud enough at property boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity. Those kinds of things are hard to enforce.

Bowser: I understand that. I know there is a lot of ambiguity.

Erb: I don't think the town has considered an ordinance on chickens, but some places have done it.

Chair Bates: In more urban areas, I think. (Erb: Yes.) One of the issues that always arises in this town is zoning and there is no zoning.

Chair Bates: I think we all have a good picture of what the problem is. I think later on in the meeting we could discuss it. I think checking with the Dept. of Agriculture, and animal welfare is something we could do and could discuss other things. Thank you.

REGULAR SESSION:

- <u>Adjustments to Agenda</u> The following adjustments were made:
 - School Budget Warrant was moved from New Business and taken up under Regular Session.
 - ARPA Funds was moved from Old Business and taken up under Regular Session.
 - Third Quarter Review was moved from New Business and taken up under Regular Session.
- <u>School Budget Warrant</u>: Jennifer Garrett and Alane Kennedy-Myers reviewed the St. George MSU budget as Superintendent Michael Felton was not available.

The Budget Committee wrote a list of questions and concerns about the St. George MSU several months ago, and Chair Bates stated he recently forwarded that list to Garrett.

Garrett: You already have the PowerPoint presentation from Mike Felton, so if you have questions, either Alane or I could try to answer those; otherwise, I thought Alane and I might highlight a couple of things that stand out.

Garrett: The School Board's number one goal is to be more sustainable. We know that superintendents last 3 to 5 years. We have a superintendent who is doing everything. If he left, could we continue? We didn't feel we could. Then when Felton took a leave of absence, it became even more apparent that we needed to do something. We hired George Joseph to help us in the interim and that was one of the goals I asked him to look at. We went with Joseph's recommendations which created an increase in the budget.

We have added a bookkeeper because of the work Cassie does in the business office. We felt her workload was too big, especially with the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) - Covid-19 relief money. We also added a stipend to the Special Ed Director making her Assistant Superintendent. That was done to take some of the work off from the Superintendent and to have some cross-reference of the job so if one person was out, someone else would know what was happening and how to do the job.

We've done a great job since we became independent of the district, keeping our teachers' salaries within line with the surrounding towns. We've not done that with our Administration to our detriment. If we were to hire someone right now, we would not get applicants. We are trying to raise that a little which is also part of the budget increase.

A couple of other highlights that are not in the budget. We got a Pre-K grant of \$187,000, and that was due to the leadership of Jessica Berry. That is just the setup cost to get the Pre-K room up and going. The grant does not allow us to pay for the teacher. That money comes from the MSU, and we will continue to pay for the teacher, but the Pre-K will be pretty much set with everything they need including a playground.

The Education Fund continues. Between grants and private donations, we have \$655,000 in the fund. The plan is that the CTE project will not be a burden on the taxpayers. Currently, the Mid-Coast School of Technology is determined to hire a teacher and put that person in St. George at their cost. If at some point, we should elect to hire a teacher for the CTE, that would be on us. There are some additional costs, such as utilities and materials but the regional school has been very generous in donating some tools and materials to the St. George MSU.

When we withdrew from RSU 13, our biggest fear was Special Education, and we knew it wasn't predictable. It has proven to be that. It has gone up. We took the huge leap a couple of years ago to have more programs here. So, we now want to know if it has been worthwhile. Are we still saving money? Or are we just doing what is right for children, but costing us a fortune? Superintendent Felton's presentation points out that we are saving \$355,000 compared to sending these students to another district, and for the first time, we are going to have a child tuition in this year.

Selectperson Hall asked if the possible loss of \$244,000 in state subsidy due to a low percentage of students qualifying, was for the Fiscal Year 2024. Garrett said yes and the MSU was even allowed to use the last three years which was how the school qualified, but people were just not filling out the application form, so the school didn't qualify. Kennedy-Myers thought people were filling out the form and it was a good sign about the community's economy - that the town did not have enough qualified students to get the state subsidy. Chair Bates believed it was an all-or-nothing subsidy.

Selectperson Hall asked about the per-pupil expenditure statement on the budget report. The note at the end of the report spoke to FY'22. Hall asked if that meant this was projecting students in RSU 13 were going to go from \$19,500 to around \$24,000? Hall stated, "Owls Head is part of RSU 13. So, they were \$19,500 in FY'21 and it looks like an estimate that they could be paying \$24,000 in FY'22. My question is, is that what Felton is saying?" Garrett said she would look into it and get back to him.

Garrett: I did have one other issue to bring up that was on the question sheet. It was about a liaison. This is only my opinion and I'm not speaking for the School Board. Every budget meeting is open. Selectperson Willey often comes so nothing precludes the Select Board from sending someone to every meeting.

Chair Bates noted there would be two new Select Board members elected at this year's Town meeting. He suggested they discuss the issue of a liaison after the Town meeting and after the Select Board held their Organizational Review meeting.

Kennedy-Myers noted members of the town's Budget Committee were welcome to sit in on their Finance Committee. The committee meets directly before the School Board meeting.

Selectperson Elwell noted an item that was not in the school's budget. The state purchased a school bus for the Pre-K children because they needed their own bus. That purchase was over and above the \$187,000 Pre-K grant.

- <u>ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds</u>: Town Manager Erb stated St. George had received one-half of the \$272,000 payment through ARPA. The funds were related to Covid but in reality, it was very much a general-purpose grant as the Federal government had loosened its requirements. There was a limited number of areas, at first, that which the funding could be used for. When the final rule came out, uses were much more flexible.

Erb: Basically, any town that has a budget the size of St. George and who receives less than 10 million dollars in ARPA funds, and the town is well under that, you can accept the money and say it is to replace funds that were not received.

That being the case, its uses are for purposes of general government. That is as nonspecific as it sounds. There are certain items we are not allowed to use the funds on, but they are extremely limited. We will need to decide by December 31, 2024, how to use the funds but we will not have to spend them until December 31, 2026.

There is a list of specific disallowed uses but generally, anything that the town uses funds to provide services to the community is an allowed use. Reporting requirements are pretty simple. I just filed our first report which was due on April 30th. We will continue to provide simple reports until we decide what to use them on.

This is an asset that we can put to work. You've seen different stories in the media about how towns are using it. Some of them jumped on it right away. In many cases, they used it for first responders and that type of use. We have a lot more flexibility than that.

Erb explained that the proposed expenditures would need to be approved at a town meeting. He said the Select Board would be a key decision-maker on what goes to the town meeting but suggested that the Budget Committee also be involved in the decision-making process. Beyond that, Erb thought it was up to the Select Board to take the approach they wanted.

Erb: The funding can be used for multiple things. It is not intended to be used for tax relief but you could because it would substitute these funds for something that you might have raised otherwise. I am sure other people are looking at this as being an opportunity. It is a bit of a windfall for the town; none of us expected this. I think it deserves some real thought as to how

you put this opportunity to work. I will answer any questions people have but I would be interested in what type of time frame you would like to approach this.

Selectperson Elwell suggested forming a committee to look at the needs and wants of the town.

Selectperson Sawyer suggested getting groups to talk with the Select Board. If the Board publicizes a notice, and various groups in the community are interested, have them demonstrate a need. Then the Board can sit down and talk with them rather than the Select Board hunting for the groups. Sawyer said he did not think the town should have a committee.

Selectperson Hall thought maybe the town should have a committee. He said some organizations might do a really good job putting together a pitch and story, but he thought the town might be better served to put the money somewhere else. Hall said he was leery of "giving in to the best presenters."

Selectperson Hall said he was heavily biased towards doing something or things with this money that are discreet projects that are not recurring expenses. He felt this needed to be done in an organized fashion with some sort of screening mechanism, and he thought the screening mechanism might be a committee. He said you could solicit proposals, but you could also have a broad enough group familiar with the needs of the community who could nudge different groups to talk with the Boards, who might not have been so inclined to do so.

Erb stated he had a preference towards staying with the General Government Purposes which allows use by saying it is a revenue loss. Erb stated, "It is possible for us to provide the funds to a second group, say a nonprofit in the community but it does add some complexity because then that has to be certified as well. It is easier to keep it within town instead of giving it to others." He said he could look into that but knew it would be more complicated.

Hall: The school comes immediately to mind as a place where there could be some discreet projects and I am sure that we will think of some in municipal operations as well. Erb: The school would be relatively simple to share with compared to a not-for-profit.

Chair Bates: We could move it into handling the town-wide appraisal or something like that.

Selectperson Willey: I am wondering if Erb has thought about this more than he said and has come up with some ideas already about this.

Erb: Only in general terms. I do think that we have some building needs here that need to be addressed. I think we need a better plan for what the future is going to be for town office space and using space. I had thought about the appraisal because we are behind on that, and this would be an opportunity to catch up. Paving materials and prices are on the rise, so we could either catch up or get ahead on paving roads.

Selectperson Willey: I would hate to see it dispersed to different organizations then in a couple of years the town is left with a big expense it hadn't thought of and the money is gone. I think we should look at the town first.

Chair Bates said his original idea for a committee was to have representation from the school, the Select Board, and the Budget Committee and work with that. Chair Ellis thought there should be an ad hoc committee set up to screen ideas. She suggested holding a "Benefit the Town" contest. People would send in their ideas that would benefit the town, not non-profit groups, and would be discreet projects that are capital budgets that don't create an ongoing expense.

Thompson: Rick has already outlined some things that are relatively important for the town, and you want to make sure some money gets put aside. So, you would want to identify those items being considered and ask what are the additional projects?

Selectperson Hall: I think an ad hoc committee as originally envisioned makes some sense in terms of keeping the focus on the project, driving it, sifting through, and organizing public hearings. I think that makes sense. If it comes before the Select Board without that kind of screening, I think it would not be as good.

Vaitones: The only thing I would note is if you start talking about projects for the school, check with the school on how much federal money they have received in the last two years. There has been a lot of very dedicated money to the school(s). So, I think this money is really aimed at doing something for the community.

A consensus of the Select Board was to appoint an ad hoc committee after the town meeting since there will be two newly elected people on the Board.

- <u>Third Quarter Financial Review</u>: Members of the Budget Committee, Selectperson Hall, Town Manager Erb, and Finance Director Ames met and reviewed the budget.

Chair Ellis stated they had just a few questions. The Budget Committee would like an updated report on the town's solar system output compared to what was promised by ReVision Energy. The Committee would like to know how much electricity the town used. What did the town pay vs what would the town have paid? The Committee wants to make sure if there are any changes or repairs to be made to the solar collectors that they are made by ReVision Energy while ReVision still owns the system.

Chair Ellis stated that the committee had discussed this with Finance Director Ames who said she would gather the documentation and present it to the Budget Committee for discussion. Selectperson Hall suggested the Budget Committee look at the last year to see where the town is at, and it may not be necessary to go back over the other years. Hall said, "We know we had some problems in the early days, and we believe we got those ironed out and we believe that it is now producing at a good level, but we need to take a look."

Chair Bates: In the most recent years, it's been relatively good. I don't think there have been any failures of inverters or other issues like there were in the first 18 months of installation.

Selectperson Hall: It is important to figure out what contract year we are in because we will need to have the town approve that purchase. If year six ends before the town meeting next year (2023), there will need to be a special town meeting held.

Finance Director Ames said the office has copies of the ReVision Energy contract and would pull those for the Budget Committee to review.

Ellis: The Budget Committee looked over the revenue and expenses and essentially had very few questions but those got easily answered. Ellis said, "The Budget Committee was more than satisfied with the third quarter budget. So far, using Hall's chart, we could see that our anticipated revenue is above budget, and our anticipated expenses are below budget."

- <u>Minutes</u>: The minutes of April 11, 2022, were reviewed and corrected. Selectperson Hall requested to step down as a voting member on the minutes as he was absent at the April 11 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Willey, to approve the April 11, 2022, minutes, as corrected. The roll call vote was 4-0, in favor. Motion carried.

- Communications:

- Select Board members received a communication from Mr. Bowser, and each responded separately to his communication.
- Chair Bates received a communication from Tom Gorrill who was stepping down from the Conservation Commission. He was recently elected to serve a three-year term as President of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club. Chair Bates noted that Gorrill had been key in working on and maintaining the town trails. Chair Bates suggested the Select Board write a letter of appreciation to Gorrill for all the work he did while on the Conservation Commission.
- A letter was received from Susy Kane but was directed to Planning Board Chair Anne Cox. The general theme of the letter was that all the expansions The Happy Clam wanted to do should be put on hold until their existing issues were dealt with.
- Warrant: The warrant for the week of April 25, 2022, was reviewed. The total expenses were \$558,182.66 and included a school payment of \$462,695.62, a payment of \$2,214.00 to the Post Office for postage to send out 30-day notices regarding unpaid tax bills, a down payment of \$8,586.00 to Horch Roofing for roofing work to be done on the building, and other regular expenses.

Ames noted the town pays the postage to send out the 30-day notice letters but when the resident pays their taxes, they have to pay for that postage the town incurred.

Selectperson Willey asked about the payment to Thomaston Recycling for transportation and tipping fees. Erb believed they had to use Thomaston Recycling because the town's regular solid waste hauler had a mechanical problem.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Richard Erb reported the following:

<u>Planning/Assessing Clerk.</u> Magan Wallace was hired to fill Beth Smith's position and started in that position today. Smith's last day of work was Friday, April 22, 2022. Erb noted that Smith would come back on an as-needed basis to back up Wallace, as there were parts of the job that only happened once a year.

Assistant Clerk. Kasandra Mank was hired to fill a vacancy created by Magan Wallace. Mank's first day of hire was today.

A Street Light Request. Erb received a request to eliminate a street light. He read from The Select Board Policy Manual. "That placement or removal of a street light will be considered by the Select Board at any time a resident or property owner within the town presents a written request to the Board." Erb said he was approached by a resident at 94 Watts Avenue who would like to see the street light removed. Erb talked with Chair Bates about this, and they decided it should be dealt with after the Town meeting.

Selectperson Elwell: As a Select Board, I think we should know why that light is there. Is there a safety issue?

Selectperson Hall: The other thing that might be considered is that these are the new directional LED bulbs and perhaps this one could be pointed in a different direction.

<u>Contract with Waste Management</u>. St. George's contract with Waste Management to take the town's solid waste and demolition debris to Norridgewock still has over a year to go. The contract ends on September 30, 2023, and it is a very good deal for the town. Waste Management approached the town about extending that contract and he has a proposal from them.

Details of the proposal were not discussed as Erb did not know how the Select Board would handle this. Waste Management gave the town a proposal and said that proposal would be good for 120 days. Erb said they could go beyond the 120 days and do nothing if that was what the Board wanted to do. Erb said he did not want to surprise the Board with this issue as it would be coming up, again. He said he has had contact with ecomaine, a municipally-owned incinerator company in Portland, and their prices are set. Erb noted that Cassella Waste Systems, Inc. is another landfill company located outside of Old Town. Cassella is a multinational waste disposal company and they have not responded yet to his inquiry.

Sound Meter. The sound meter was delivered today.

<u>Tax Acquired Properties</u>. The Town Manager and Finance Director are working on the tax acquired situations and he expects contact to be made with the 13 or 14 people within the next couple of weeks.

10 Cold Storage Road (CSR). Selectperson Elwell asked about 10 CSR. Erb said he has submitted all the information the EDA has asked for. He asked them if the application was now complete, and the answer was yes. Erb asked if the EDA could give him an idea of when a decision would be made; they thought possibly sometime in May.

LD 2003. Selectperson Willey asked Erb if he had any new information on LD 2003. Was the current version of the bill passed or was it amended? Erb thought the major amendments had been done to the bill.

Selectperson Hall thought Rep. Matlack's reply to the Board was interesting. She indicated that because the town did not have zoning, LD 2003 would not apply to St. George. Erb thought differently because the town has minimum lot sizes.

Because several questions arose regarding how LD 2003 could affect St. George, Chair Bates suggested he write to Rep. Matlack for a response or invite her to a Select Board meeting to discuss the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- <u>Solid Waste and Recycling Committee</u>: Selectperson Willey reported the SW&RC met on April 20, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. They are putting the final touches on the Roadside Clean-Up Day scheduled for May 7, 2022, with an official start time of 8 a.m. Some volunteers will be at the town office at 7 a.m. Willey said the SW&RC committee would like to remind everyone that this is no longer a "free dump day."

Wendy Carr, Chair of the SW&RC, and Town Manager Erb have been working to complete the Extended Producer's Responsibility Survey. The Extended Producer's Responsibility is a policy to reduce plastic pollution. It re-shifts responsibility for waste management of a product (plastic) to the producer.

The SW&RC talked about marine plastic, i.e., plastic on the beaches and the islands, and how to reduce marine plastics.

The Transfer Station. The Second-Hand Shop is open again and people can now shop inside the store. The Returnable Bottle Room is open.

The SW&RC talked about the proposed cell phone tower at the Transfer Station. Chair Carr is the supervisor/manager of the Tenants Harbor Water District. She is aware of issues that can arise relating to a cell tower installation and felt the town needed to be very cautious moving forward on this issue.

Compost. The compost is selling well, and the Transfer Station is recommending a price increase to cover costs.

- <u>Planning Board</u>: Chair Bates reported the Planning Board met on April 12, 2022, at 7 p.m.
 - The application for a commercial building permit to remove & replace 26 fender pilings at 2 Cold Storage Road (Port Clyde General Store) was accepted as complete; with the DEP 'Permit by Rule' in hand, the application was approved.

- The application to renew a commercial building permit for a 20' x 40' picnic area at 75 Marina Road (Hurricane Island Outward Bound School) was tabled as the applicant failed to attend.
- The application for a commercial building permit to install a generator & fuel tank at 178 Marshall Point Road (Marshall Point Lighthouse) was accepted as complete. The Board determined that it satisfied the Shoreland Zoning ordinance and all the Performance Standards in the Site Plan Review, and so the application was approved.
- The application for a commercial building permit to install solar panels at 258 River Road (Seavey Group LLC) was accepted as complete; satisfying the Performance Standards in the Site Plan Review, the application was approved.

An On-site was held at the Happy Clam on April 16, 2022. Many members of the public attended but the purpose of the on-site was for the Planning Board to see the physical site. The Board observed sites at 15 River Road (restaurant area) and 24 River Road (proposed gravel parking area). The application was not complete, and no decision has been made about the application.

- <u>Shellfish Committee</u>: Selectperson Sawyer reported the shellfish committee met on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Selectperson Hall asked if the town still needed a representative for the Clam Committee. Sawyer said they hadn't mentioned it recently. Chair Bates said there is a vacancy on the committee. Hall said he knew of someone who periodically expressed interest and he would check with them to see if they were still interested.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- <u>School Budget Warrant</u>: The school budget warrant was reviewed and signed by the Select Board members.
- <u>Catering Application for Wedding</u>: Finance Director Ames presented a permit application for Select Board review. The permit request is for a wedding event to be held on 53 Shipyard Lane and to be catered by Bar Harbor Catering Company.

A motion was made by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Sawyer to approve the application permit for the Bar Harbor Catering Company to cater a wedding event on 53 Shipyard Lane. The roll call vote was 5-0, in favor.

- Remote Access to Public Meetings Policy: The Select Board reviewed the policy on Remote Access to Public Meetings. Chair Bates stated the intent of this policy is to counter complaints that the town is not having open meetings and why can't anyone who shows up at a Zoom meeting be let in. The policy clarifies that the person contacted the town office for a Zoom login passcode. Chair Bates and Selectperson Elwell noted that "Zoom bombing" was a reoccurring issue in the public domain. This policy will be held over for two weeks and then voted on by the Select Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:36 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) - Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development. Present for the executive session were Richard Bates, Wayne Sawyer, Randall Elwell, Jerry Hall, Tammy Willey, and Rick Erb.

REGULAR SESSION: At 8:57 p.m., the Select Board returned to Regular Session.

On a motion by Selectperson Willey, seconded by Sawyer, it was voted 5-0 to have the Town Manager continue negotiations about acquiring land adjacent to the Transfer Station.

On a motion by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Sawyer, it was voted 5-0 to end negotiations about siting a cell phone tower at the Transfer Station.

At 9:01 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Elwell, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson Select Board Recording Secretary