



## Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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### Report for Meeting of February 15, 2024

Believe it or not, this will be your final meeting as this iteration of the Select Board. Then again, the next iteration most likely will look exactly the same following the town meeting vote. I do plan to include the semi-annual personnel payments on the payroll for February 21, 2024.

This is my final week of regular season basketball. Whether I'll be doing any tournament games the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> has yet to be determined (we'll know on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>). I'm writing this on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and just a few more games left to ref this week.

Things at the town office have been a little on the slow side, though property tax payments are trickling in. The town report is done, and I thank you for your editing work! It should look good. Plan to e-mail that to the printer on Friday.

Your agenda is not all that hefty for the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is kind of nice.

**[Minutes – February 1, 2024](#)** – Please review the minutes and make written corrections if possible. I appreciate those!

**[Expenditure Warrant 19](#)** – There is a fair amount on here, lots of salt purchases and deductions from the plowing contract for those. The MMA annual dues are on here, and the school warrants are in, which make up for the bulk of the warrant. It'll be posted and updated on line and printed for meeting night.

**[Cash & Budget Reports](#)** – The reports are posted on the website and will be printed for meeting night. I was kind of hoping that we'd have the audited balances ready by now, but there has been some sort of delay by our auditor.

**[Town Meeting](#)** – I'm happy to report that Joe Marshall has once again agreed to moderate the town meeting. He's only able to work part of Election Day (I'll be happy to be his deputy since I'll be here for the election anyway), but he can do the open meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

I will have the Citizen of the Year Resolve ready for signature, and I'll do up an official proclamation from the Board to officially name the award in the memory of John Holt to present to Joyce at the meeting.

**Cable TV System Upgrade** – The Nexus machine which feeds the TV system to our cable channel and streaming channel has reached the end of its useful life. We put this in about 16-years ago and it is no longer supported. The **[Technology Committee](#)** has been searching for a suitable replacement system, and they're meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss a potential choice. A memo is in your packet regarding that choice. It'll be pricey, but there is a lot of money in the CTV account from franchise fees. We'll see what their recommendation might be.

**Map 3 Lot 2 Sale** – There is another written offer for the property. I've printed off the first two pages of the standard offer sheet along with an e-mail from our realtor. It will be extended through the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There might be another offer to come in before your meeting, I'm not sure yet.

**Opioid/Bankruptcy – ENDO** – We got a very official legal document asking us for our vote on whether to accept a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing for ENDO corporation. The mailing says we're a party to a lawsuit on opioids. I don't recall joining any lawsuit involving them. Here's a link to a news article: [Endo creditors seek to resolve U.S. government claims for \\$465 mln | Reuters](#). I'm not sure what to recommend as this is the first we've heard of the lawsuit. My inkling is to ignore voting on this and not expect any payment as we never filed anything that I'm aware of.

**Ongoing** – It's been a while since the board has discussed the [Facilities & Infrastructure Committee](#)'s work which has slowed tremendously; implementation of the [Comprehensive Plan](#) and the [Committee on Aging](#). These are placed on the agenda in case you wish to discuss them.

That's all that I've come up with for an agenda. We'll see you on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

While your "next meeting" schedule looks a bit intimidating, the only real extra meeting is the [open town meeting](#). Your organizational meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> will have most of the elements of a regular meeting, but you'll select a chair for the coming year, approve some policies and that's about it.

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