



**Town of Henniker
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday March 5, 2024 6:15 PM
Henniker Community Center**

- Members Present:** Vice-Chairman Bill Marko, Selectman Neal Martin, Selectman Jeff Morse, Selectman Scott Osgood
- Member’s Excused:** Chairman Kris Blomback
- Town Administrator:** Diane Kendall
- Recording Secretary:** Hank Bernstein
- Guests:** See attached Sign-In Sheet

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Bill Marko opened the meeting with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ballot voting is on Tuesday March 12th 7am – 7pm at Henniker Community School
- Town Meeting is on Saturday March 16th 1pm at Henniker Community School
- Town Reports are available to pick up at Town Hall and can be accessed online:
https://www.henniker.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif5391/f/uploads/2023_town_report.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #1 - Selectman Martin motioned to approve the Consent Agenda March 5, 2024, seconded by Selectman Morse. The motion passed, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comment.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE BOARD

Item #2 - Kay Reynolds & Gail Abramowicz– Volunteer Application, Azalea Park/Riverwalk Committee
Kay Reynolds seeks appointment to the Azalea Park/Riverwalk Committee and the invitation of Susan Adams. Ms. Reynolds will represent the Beautification Alliance. Discussion ensued. **Vice-Chairman Marko moved to accept the Volunteer Application of Kay Reynolds, appointing her as a Volunteer Member of the Azalea Park/Riverwalk Committee until September 1, 2027; Selectman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Gail Abramowicz seeks appointment to the Azalea Park/ Riverwalk Committee because she can help find resources. She was surprised to see the impact of erosion on the riverbank. Discussion ensued. **Vice-Chairman Marko moved to accept the Volunteer Application of Gail Abramowicz, appointing her as a Volunteer Member of the Azalea Park/Riverwalk Committee until September 1, 2027; Selectman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #3 - Alison Mrohs, Chamber of Commerce – Non-Cash Donation Acceptance Request

Alison Mrohs, of the Henniker Chamber of Commerce, asked the board to accept two NexTrex recycled benches. The Chamber partnered with the Lions Club in a NexTrex bag and film recycling program. For every 1,000 pounds of plastic film collected NexTrex will donate a bench. This will be the third bench and

a fourth bench are expected later this year. TA Kendall explained the cost for labor and materials is minimal and outweighed by the value to the community. **Vice-Chairman Marko moved to accept the two benches and authorize the Parks and Properties Department to install them on Town property; Selectman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #4 - Ruth Zax, Concert Committee – Special Event Permit Requests: Concert Series & Blues, Brews & BBQs

Ms. Zax had three items for the Board's consideration.

i. Waiver of Ordinance Chapter 7 Alcoholic Beverages

Ms. Zax gave background information. This will be the third Blues, Brews & BBQs event. The earlier events included a fenced off beer tasting area from 5 PM – 7 PM with a limit of twenty total ounces of beer per person. The Concert Committee seeks Selectboard approval for the special event and to authorize the Town Administrator to obtain the special one-day liquor license for the event. Vice-Chairman Marko noted that he is okay with waiving the ordinance for this event but is uncomfortable burdening the Town with the consequences of the liquor license. He would prefer to see a business or other contributor hold the license. Discussion ensued. Members of the Concert Committee will receive proper training, checking IDs and supervising attendees.

Selectman Morse moved to authorize the Special Event Permit for the Blues, Brews & BBQ event as presented, waive of Ordinance Chapter 7 Open Containers to allow the serving of beer July 16th 5pm to 9:00pm and to authorize Town Administrator to sign NHLC application on behalf of the town; Selectman Osgood seconded. Motion carried 3-1. (Vice-Chairman Marko opposed)

ii. Use of Community Center During Inclement Weather

Ms. Zax shared a list of Selectboard meetings affected if concerts move indoors during inclement weather. Last year only one meeting had to move. **Selectman Morse moved to authorize the use of the Community Center in compliance with facility use rules and existing fire and safety codes during inclement weather providing notice to the public is made by 1:00pm the Monday before; Selectman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

iii. Additional Concert September 3rd

Ms. Zax asked to extend the Concert Series to a thirteenth concert on September 3rd, the day after Labor Day. Discussion ensued. **Selectman Morse moved to include the additional concert on September 3rd as presented, seconded by Selectman Martin. Motion carried unanimously. The Board authorized the Special Event Permit application for the Henniker Concert Series by signature.**

Item #5 - Sarah Keniston – Lions Club Community Center Rental and Fee Waiver

Sarah Keniston, Lions Club President, requested waiver of the community center rental fees for the Lions Club. The nonprofit returns all their donations as service projects. Expenses for rental fees would come from membership dues. In 2023 the Lions Club contributed \$23,000 to projects like the Community Action Program and the Henniker Food Pantry. They also contribute benches through the NexTrex recycling program. Discussion ensued. **Selectman Martin moved to waive the fee for the Lions Club from March 2024 to March 2025, seconded by Selectman Morse. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #6 - Johanna Hauptman – John Stark Wrestling Team Community Center Fee Waiver Request

Johanna Hauptman, standing for the John Stark Wrestling Team, requested waiver of the community center rental fee for the March 11th wrestling banquet. **Selectman Morse moved to allow the John Stark Wrestling Team to use the Community Center on March 11th, 2024, and waive the fees required; Selectman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #7 - James Donison, CSWW Supt. – Proposed Watermain Installation from Lot 380-A to Patterson Hill Rd Right-of-Way.

Jerry Gilbert, Water Commissioner Chairperson, shared a plan for an installation of a replacement water line under Western Ave by the historic bridge and Patterson Hill. The existing line has been in place for 107 years. Commissioner Gilbert noted that he has been working with Highway Superintendent Leo Aucoin to minimize disruption. **Selectman Morse moved to allow the Water Department to dig on lot 380-A and onto Patterson Hill extension based on the Highway Superintendent’s stipulations; Vice-Chairman Marko seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** Commissioner Gilbert shared funding for the project comes from the Water Department budget and he expects work to begin in April.

Item #8 - Leo Aucoin, Highway Supt. – Bid Award Request, Road Widener/Shoulder Attachment

Supt. Aucoin shared the bid results from the bid 03-2024 Road Widener / Shoulder Attachment. This attachment will be useful for laying down gravel shoulders and will reduce labor hours on roads that do not have guard rails. The sole bidder was Ambrose Equipment, Inc; Alta Equipment Company for \$69,400. Supt. Aucoin shared that Milton Cat did reply to the bid explaining that they intended to buy the attachment from Ambrose. He also noted funding to come from the Highway Block Grant funds for this purchase. Discussion ensued. **Selectman Morse moved to accept and award the bid for the Road Widener to Alta Equipment Co. for the sum of \$69,400.00; Selectman Osgood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Morse moved to allow the Superintendent of Highway to purchase the Road Widener using Block Grant Funds, seconded by Selectman Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Aucoin updated the Board about the public service utility poles on Quaker Street.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Item #9 - Solar PILOT

The Board reviewed the amended Solar PILOT agreement. Selectman Morse expressed reservations about parts of the agreement. TA Kendall noted that she had not yet received feedback from legal. **Selectman Martin moved to table until the full board was present and feedback from legal is received, seconded by Selectman Morse. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #10 - Selectmen Schedule for Town & School Elections

The Selectmen Schedule for Town & School Elections on March 12th is as follows:

Vice Chair Marko	7 AM – 5 PM
Selectman Martin	5 PM – 7 PM
Selectman Morse	3 PM – 7 PM
Selectman Osgood	7 AM – 7 PM

Chair Blomback will not serve during the election because he is on the ballot.

PAST MEETING MINUTES

Item #11 - Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024, 6:15pm

Selectman Morse moved to approve these minutes, seconded by Selectman Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12 - Board of Selectmen Non-Public Session Minutes February 20, 2024, 8:49 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Marko clarified the mover and seconder for the motion made in nonpublic. **Vice-Chairman Marko moved to accept these minutes as revised, seconded by Selectman Morse. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Item #13 - Town Administrator Report

TA Kendall's report can be found via this link:

https://www.henniker.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif5391/f/agendas/03.05.24_ta_report_0.pdf

Item #14 - Correspondence

No remarks from the board.

Item #15 - Selectmen Reports

Vice-Chairman Marko reported on the Police Facility Assessment Committee and the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Advisory Committee.

Selectman Martin had nothing to report.

Selectman Morse had nothing to report.

Selectman Osgood had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Peter Flynn, of Main Street, personally thanked Selectman Osgood for his years of service on the Board of Selectman. The board thanked and acknowledged Selectman Osgood.

NON-PUBLIC

The Board discussed entering non-public session for RSA 91-A:3 II(e). The consensus was to postpone discussion until the full Board is present.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Osgood motioned to adjourn at 8:00, seconded by Selectman Martin. The motion passed, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein
Minute Taker

Minutes Approved: 03/19/2024



Meeting: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date: March 5, 2024

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Lori Marko	Henniker
Gail Abramowitz	EVERGREEN CIR. HEN.
Lee Kriester	Juniper Ridge
Susan Adams	Ramsdell Rd,
Sarah Keniston	Henniker
Russ Zays	Henniker
Jeff Connor	Henniker
Jennifer Lopez	Foster Hill Rd
Alison Myrin	Henniker Haver
Stephanie Joe Traged Danny	Henniker
Kay Reynolds	Henniker
Jean Durgin	Henniker
PETER FLYNN	65 MAIN ST