

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday November 13, 2023  
7:00PM  
Land Use Office**

Board Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone  
Kate Kennedy  
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

None


Others Present

Bill Jasmin  
AJ Ruwet  
Brad Bremer  
Pat Power

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Public Comment: None
3. The minutes of the regular BOS meeting held October 10, 2023 were distributed and read. On a motion by Ernie Marmer to approve the minutes and seconded by Kate Kennedy, they were approved with the following amendments:
  - a. To approve having Patrick Power write a letter to submit to the DOT regarding the request from Nadja Bacardi to re-align the Prock Hill Road intersection.
  - b. Approve submitting a request to the DOT to declare Robertsville Road and Old Forge as a "No Thru Truck Route".The minutes of the 10 October 2023, meeting was approved by unanimous vote
4. Road Foreman's Report: Foreman Bill Jasmin discussed all wash outs have been fixed after July's weather event, working on Fall cleanups. Robertsville and Old Forge Roads. Pinney St. drainage done, 100 feet of pipe put in. Prepping trucks for winter.
5. Executive session. On a motion by Ernie Marmer, seconded by Kate Kennedy, entered Executive Session at 7:08PM. Exited Executive Session at 7:50PM.
  - a. On a motion by Chris Johnstone, seconded by Kate Kennedy to approve the Prock Hill Road re-alignment and have Patrick Power write a letter to submit to the DOT. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - b. On a motion by Ernie Marmer, seconded by Kate Kennedy, to recommend a future joint Board of Selectman and Board of Finance Meeting, based on the opinion of Town attorney Patrick Power that a professional mediator be hired to mediate the Tax Stabilization Plan for Wind Colebrook South. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - c. The Proposal from Attorney Stawicki, regarding the estate of Lora Delaney was tabled. This will be discussed at the next scheduled Board of Selectman meeting.
6. Discussed Town well/Northwest Community Foundation Grant. Grant has been approved for \$20,000. A permit will be required from the CT Department of Public Health approving the location of a new well must be received before a new

- well can be drilled. A grant has also been approved for an AED setup for the Town Hall meeting room
7. Discussed Town Truck. \$50,000 has previously been approved for the purchase of a new truck for the new First Selectman.
  8. Discussed STEAP grant. Waiting on a few more bills to be submitted in order to complete reports and ISP for reimbursement.
  9. Discussed Town Hall line painting. Kuehl line striping LLC will be here Wednesday November 15 to complete job. The cost of \$2,000., for painting the lines in the parking lot will be included for submission in the STEAP grant.
  10. A motion was made by Ernie Marmer seconded by Kate Kennedy to appoint Kim Janak to the Conservation Commission. Motion passed unanimous.
  11. Discussed Old Creamery and Sandy Brook Road bridges. On schedule to re-open on November 23, 2023.
  12. Discussed Pinney Street bridge. Set to re-open Friday November 15, 2023.
  13. Discussed resignations. Jim Millar has submitted his resignation from the Board of Finance and Chris Johnstone will be resigning form the Northwest CT Transit District Board of Directors, The Hogback Recreation Committee, Capital Improvement Program, School Building Committee, Farmington Valley Health District, and the Pension Plan Committee.
  14. Reviewed 23/24 budget
  15. No tax refunds.
  16. Paid bills as presented.
  17. Other business:
    - a) Discussed proposals from Macri, Inc for new heat exchanger in the Town Hall boiler. A motion was made by Chris Johnstone seconded by Ernie Marmer to have Macri install a new heat exchanger. Motion passed unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Chris Johnstone  
First Selectman

Attachments:

- 1- Letter, Route 183/Prock Hill Road project.



**TOWN OF COLEBROOK**

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November 17, 2023

To: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation  
District # 4  
359 South Main Street  
Thomaston, CT 06787  
Attn: Mr. Aron Steeves.

**Re: Route 183 at Prock Hill Road**

Dear Mr. Steeves,

It is my understanding that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (“DOT”) has issued or is about to issue a permit for the above-referenced project in accordance with plans shown on a map entitled “Map Showing Adjustment to Pavement Limits Along the East Side of Prock Hill Road at the Intersection with Colebrook Road (Conn. Route 183) Colebrook Conn. Scale 1”=20’ June 9, 2021 Rev. April 14, 2022 Rev. July 14, 2022 Rev. November 1, 2022 Rev. August 15, 2023 Prepared By Robert Green Associates L.L.C.”. It is also my understanding that all of the work involved in this project will occur within the State’s right-of-way for Connecticut Route 183, that none of the work will occur outside of the State highway right-of-way, and that the DOT therefore has reviewed the design of and plans for the project from a safety standpoint and is issuing a permit for the project on the basis of that review.

Accordingly, the Town of Colebrook is deferring to and will rely on the DOT’s review of that project, and therefore the Town approves the project. However, Colebrook neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility for the safety of the intersection once the project is completed.

In addition, it is my understanding that the project is being paid for by the Bacardis, the owners of property adjacent to the intersection. Accordingly, the Town will not incur any costs for this project currently or any future costs in connection with this intersection if the Bacardis fail to pay for any portion of the work on the intersection or if it is later determined that further work is needed on the intersection.

Respectfully,

Christopher L. Johnstone, First Selectman