

**Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance**

Minutes to Meeting of December 6, 2023

Members Present

J. Millar
K. Adams
T. Hiller
M. Masslon
T. McKeon
D. Wilber

Absent

None

Others Present

B. Bremer
R. Gilbert

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman J. Millar.

1. Scott Norton was nominated to fill the vacancy created by J. Millar's resignation; however, he is not available for meetings on Wednesday. Accordingly, T. McKeon moved to elect Scott to the board and to change the regular meeting day from Wednesday to Thursday. Second, K. Adams. Approved unanimously.
2. Discussed a motion by the Selectmen for a joint board meeting to consider mediation of the Wind Colebrook South litigation. J. Millar said that he spoke about this with Pat Power, who has a meeting with the judge on December 12. Pat thought that mediation might show good faith. T. McKeon suggested several conditions which J. Millar summarized in a motion to agree to mediation provided that (i) Pat Power concurs, (ii) the mediator is appointed by the state not the litigants, (iii) the mediator's recommendations are not binding on the town, and (iv) any settlement must be approved jointly by both boards. Second, K. Adams. Approved unanimously.
3. D. Wilber and K. Adams both expressed interest in replacing J. Millar as chairman. No other candidates were suggested, and the Board voted 3 to 2 to elect D. Wilber. (J. Millar did not vote.) T. McKeon then moved to create the position of vice chair and appoint K. Adams to fill it. Second, M. Masslon. Approved unanimously.
4. K. Adams moved to approve the 2024 meeting calendar subject to changing the meetings dates from Wednesday to Thursday. Second D. Wilber. Approved unanimously.
5. J. Millar noted that the bridge repairs were being completed on budget and that the town's cash position appeared to be adequate as expected. The school HVAC project is still in the early stages.
6. No issues or guidelines for the 2024-25 budget were noted at this time.
7. The revised minutes to the special meeting of October 20, 2022, were discussed briefly. J. Millar explained that he had neglected to put them on agenda earlier and then moved to approve them. Second, T. McKeon. Approved with the exceptions of K. Adams and M. Masslon who were not on the board at the time. K. Adams then moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2023. Second T. Hiller. Approved unanimously with the abstention of M. Masslon.

K. Adams moved to adjourn. Second, T. Hiller. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Millar
Chairman