

**Board of Selectpersons Minutes**  
**Town Office 1/3/24**

**Attending:** Hilly Crary (chair), Rob Wilpan (deputy chair), Diana Gazis, 7 observers in person, and 2 observers on ZOOM.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The Chair, after wishing everyone a Happy New Year, gave the good news in the last four months approximately \$20,000 had been collected of the more than \$22,000 owed the town (because clerical error had resulted in sewer bills not being sent out for several years).

**Adjustments.** One item (the E911 job) were added to the agenda.

**Minutes of the 12/20/24 Selectboard meeting:** The minutes of the previous selectboard meeting were approved as edited. The motion to approve was made by Rob Wilpan, seconded by Diana Gazis, and passed, Wilpan aye, Crary aye, Gazis aye.

**Disbursement warrant #13:** After the addition of a charge for an animal control course to be taken by our new animal control officer and a note that the harbormaster needed to look at the boatyard charges, the disbursement warrant was approved: the motion to approve made by Rob Wilpan, seconded by Diana Gazis, Gazis aye, Crary aye, Wilpan aye. The warrant was then signed by the selectpersons.

**Election and Town Meeting in 2024:** Moving the Sorrento election and town meeting from the fall to the spring would synchronize the budget with the spending and eliminate the current 3-month period in which the town spends for the year before the year's budget is approved at the town meeting. A change this year would not affect the timing of the 2024 tax bills, because a property re-evaluation is going on. A motion to have the town election on June 11 and the town meeting on June 17 was made by Hilly Crary, seconded by Diana Gazis, and passed: Crary aye, Gazis aye, Wilpan aye.

**Policy regarding applications of property tax payments:** A motion was made to accept a policy stipulating in what order overdue payments for sewer bills and real estate and property taxes should be applied to year owed, principal, interest, and other costs was made by Hilly Crary, seconded by Diana Gazis, and passed: Crary aye, Gazis aye, Wilpan Aye.

**Guyette's auto recycling/junkyard permit:** The junkyard permit was renewed and signed by the three select persons.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** There no public comments on agenda items

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.