

**TOWN OF SANGERVILLE
SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Beginning @ 4:00pm
Thursday, May 02, 2024**

Item 1. Open Meeting: Chair called meeting to order at 4:13 pm, skipped the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Selectpersons Present: Mike Wark (Chair), Dale Gray, and Jody Cabot**
- B. Employees Present: Jeff Libby**
- C. Public Present: None**

Item 2.

Chair Wark led the meeting, recapping that at the May 1st Select Board Meeting, there was a concern about litigation and defamatory statements from a police report, acquired by Mike Gould and given to Lance Johnson and Jeff Peters, where their names were included. Lance Johnson read a letter from his and Jeff Peter's lawyer. The point of this meeting is to give Selectperson Cabot the authority to consult with the town's attorney. Jeff Libby will be working with the attorney as well, but Jeff Libby isn't a full time town manager, and we need to have coverage for that. Chair Wark made a motion to give Selectperson Cabot the authority to deal with the attorney, Selectperson Gray 2nd. All in favor. Chair Wark asked if there was any further discussion on this. Chair Wark said, one other thing I'd like to do is hand the reins over to Jodi, and resign my chairmanship, and nominate Jodi to be Chair. Selectperson Gray, 2nd. All in favor. Chair Cabot said thank you. Selectperson Wark said, it's been really great working with you guys. Chair Cabot said, on behalf of this town and this board, I want to say thank you to Mike for the 9 years. It has been a pleasure working with you, and I have learned so much for you and your guidance. Selectperson Wark asked if anyone had any other concerns about last night's select board meeting. Selectperson Gray said, the conversation on the land issue, a lot of things within this town we know the documentation isn't always the most reliable. We've had to rely on citizens a lot of times that were a part of it or had knowledge of it. The statements that Mr. Campbell made last night were phenomenal, about that whole property. Clearly, his family has been wrapped around that whole piece up there well before the town owned it. He's probably the most knowledgeable person about it. I was curious Jeff Libby if it would be worth it for you to reach out to Mr. Campbell to see if you guys could sit down together and write down the family history as he recalls it, so we have that as some solid information. Chair Wark said, he also offered a good perspective on what it's like when people have unlimited access. It wasn't all rainbows and lollypops. Selectperson Cabot said, not it's not. Chair Wark said, another thing on that topic, there was a woman who said it would be a great educational environment for children. I had no idea how that would be received by the landowner. If an individual reached out to him, and said I have a small group of kids that would like to go snowshoeing up there, would you mind? I think he would be ok with that, but he gets to decide. Selectperson Cabot said, I think it's on an individual basis that these individuals if they want to use it they propose when and how they want to use it, and he gets to decide. He needs to be aware of whose on his property. It's his right. Chair Wark said, if you've got someone whose raving and screaming at you, you probably don't want to help them. It was kind of an interesting mix. Selectperson Cabot said, Dale, I think your point is really good. I really appreciated Dennis Campbell. Chair Wark said, he has had like three generations of his family there. Selectperson Gray said, I've heard lots of bits and pieces about that property, but when he laid out that timeline, I thought it was pretty neat. Chair Wark said, one last thing on this legal threat, I listened to that meeting again today. They mentioned that the town manager was likely to receive an email or a letter or both from their attorney. Has that happened yet? Jeff Libby said, no.

Adjourn.

Chair Wark made a motion to adjourn at 4:20pm, Selectperson Gray, 2nd. All in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING IS May 15, 2024, at the Fire Station (*Agenda subject to change without notice*)

Respectfully submitted,

Town Manager

Michael Wark



Dale Gray



Joanne Cabot