

**TOWN OF SANGERVILLE
SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Beginning @ 4:00pm
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

Item 1: Open Meeting: Chair called meeting to order at 4:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Selectpersons Present: Mike Wark (Chair), Dale Gray, and Jody Cabot**
- B. Employees Present: Jeff Libby, Michelle Nichols**
- C. Public Present: Brian Campbell, Michael Gould, Paul Davis and Kelly Doyle**

Item 2: Open Session: Limited to 2 Minutes – Extension per Chair:

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes: Emergency Select Board Meeting 4/3/2024

The board signed the minutes .

Item 4: Review of Treasurer's Warrants

- A. Payroll: #23, #24**
- B. Accounts Payable: # 25**

Selectperson Gray made a motion to approve a and b as read, Selectperson Cabot 2nd. All in favor.

Item 5: Old Business:

- A. Edmund Gould Property Update: Time Stamps: 1:30–2:45** Michelle said that Mr. Gould hasn't returned the forms that were sent to him at the behest of the lawyer. Michelle and Jamie have reached out to Mr. Gould multiple times. Michelle has contacted the lawyer, who says to keep reaching out to Mr. Gould, and see if we can get that form back. It's the easiest option. Michelle has gotten a report from Orkin, who reports their findings to us every week. In the most recent report, there has been no activity, or tracks or traps with rats. The situation appears to be under control or eliminated for the moment. Michelle asked the board if they would like to continue with services or cancel them. The board said that it was Michelle and Jeff Libby's call on whether they continued with Orkin or not.
- B. Paul Davis: Time Stamps: 2:45-21:59** - Chair Wark said the reason they invited Paul Davis to the meeting is because the town meeting is coming up, and there is a petitioned article that Paul Davis participated in. The board has received a lot of concerned feedback because Paul Davis is usually the moderator at the town meetings, and they feel there is a conflict of interest. The board had Jeff Libby reach out to Paul Davis to see what his intention was, and it's fair to say that he still plans on doing it. Paul Davis said, I do. Chair Wark said they've had quite a few people reach out to them. Selectperson Cabot said, I think it was based on the last special meeting that they had in December. Paul Davis said, that's the most hostile meeting I've ever conducted. It was terrible. I could've done two things different, I usually start the meeting and say we're all friends and neighbors and we're going to stay that way. I didn't. I didn't think it was necessary. It won't happen again. The other thing, if there is an article that I have a conflict in, and I don't feel I do. Had you reached out to me earlier? Chair Wark said, well, that's what we had Jeff Libby do. Paul Davis said, yesterday. If you'd reached out to me two months ago, I would've come in and talked to you and we could've worked something out. Chair Wark said, there's not much to work out. Paul Davis said, let me finish please. Chair Wark said, no, I mean. Paul Davis said, is it ok if I finish? Chair Wark said, you seem upset. Paul Davis said, well if you'd reached out to me, I would've told you, my only reason for being involved in this is to give people the choice as to what was going to happen. Whether the building is repaired or a new building is built or Robinson's is purchased, but you didn't reach out to me, so I didn't reach out to you. Then again, I'd talked to Michelle and how I thought the meeting was, and I intended to make this meeting different if there is a direct conflict of interest, I'll appoint a deputy moderator, who I'll have conduct that session. Selectperson Cabot asked, Who do you intend to us as a deputy? Paul Davis said, I don't know, but I was thinking of using a lady who has been attending their meetings, although she doesn't live in town or anything. He'd probably get someone from another community who has served as a moderator at another town meeting. Selectperson Cabot asked, has Sue served as a moderator before? Paul Davis said, I have no idea. I trust you're talking about Sue Griffith. Selectperson Cabot said, correct. She understands that Sue isn't a resident of

Sangerville, but she's been a part of the committee and pretty vocal. Selectperson Cabot would just like to read something into the record. Under state statute, MRS Title 30 – A 2605: Conflicts of Interest – it goes on about all the different types of conflicts that exist, and the one that addresses the concerns that they all have is #6: avoidance of appearance of conflict of interest. Paul Davis said, well, the holy bible says we're supposed to avoid the appearance of evil. If he feels there is a conflict of interest, then he will appoint somebody else to take his place. Selectperson Cabot said, every municipal and county official, which you are, shall attempt to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest by disclosure or by abstention. Paul Davis said, so if abstention meant that I couldn't speak out on it, if I take the floor instead of doing the moderating, I guess I would object to that part of it because if I go out on the floor I may very well speak out on it, and I don't feel that it's at all proper that any individual's rights are curtailed. Selectperson Cabot said, I would agree. I think if you stand up as a citizen, and want to discuss any of the articles, I don't think anyone with the knowledge that you are an accounting official, I don't think anyone would have issue with that. I do find that there are people that would have issue with you being the moderator, and so a concern that I have and did we check with our attorney. Chair Wark said, I did, it was kind of a generic, but I said this individual actually collected signatures for the petition, and has been very active in seeking the legal direction on how to move the petition forward and is it in that case, would that be appropriate to expect them not to be a moderator, particularly since, I anticipate that this warrant is going to have a number of articles that are in conflict or at odds with the petition article, so you could have four, five, six items where there's certainly the appearance of a conflict of interest. She offered to write us an opinion, we haven't sought that yet, but we might. This is just brought about from the other citizens coming to us. We investigated, she confirmed that it was reasonable to feel that way. Paul Davis said, I've had dozens and dozens of citizens make contact with me and tell me it was ridiculous if I didn't become the moderator. So I guess that goes two ways. Chair Wark said that the lawyer did confirm that there wasn't much the board could do about it there. Potentially there could be litigation to overturn the outcome, but he doesn't think that's likely. The lawyer said that she's seen that happen before. Chair Wark said, it seems like you're pretty determined. Paul Davis said, let me tell you this, I may be leaning one way or the other, but I'm not pasting cement as far as this building goes. Chair Wark said, this really isn't about the topic itself. Paul Davis said, when I was in the Senate, when I was in the house, I always listened to the debate before I decided how to vote. Selectperson Cabot said, I would echo what Mike is saying, it's not about this particular article, but we have, there just seems to be hostility towards the select board and I mean don't even appreciate the grimace that you just made. I don't appreciate it. It's tough, and we have, we're just trying to keep an even keel here. Chair Wark said, it's funny because you mentioned you wished we'd called you, but we didn't call you because we really didn't have a question. Paul Davis said, I listen to your recordings too. Right from the very beginning you said that you wish somebody else was moderator, somebody that didn't know everybody in town, so don't say that. Chair Wark said, well, no I think we all agreed that we don't want somebody with a conflict, but I'll go back to what I was going to share with you. Paul Davis said, I just said was you said right from the beginning that you wish somebody else was moderator. Chair Wark said, I do believe that in this case, somebody other than yourself would be best moderating would be best for the town because of your involvement in the article. You literally collected signatures. But back to what I was going to say, you said you'd have appreciated a call, but we didn't call you because we really didn't have a question for you, and if your reaction to Jeff Libby had been really, I don't care either way then we would've found someone else and we wouldn't be having this meeting, but previously you have been pretty openly critical of this board in your meetings. Paul Davis said, And I come here, and looked you in the eye and I told you it was time to do something. Chair Wark said, and you never called one of us, not even one time. Paul Davis said, I told you face to face. Chair Wark said, in fact we got a recording of that, and a lot of people thought that was hostile. Paul Davis said, and I told you it was time to get off the stick and do something. Chair Wark said, I know historically you've never had a problem, you've pulled into my driveway before, looking for signatures, wanting to put out a sign, we've always got along just fine. I would've thought that if you thought that we were doing something that's unethical that you would've called us, and you've repeated those sort of things over and over. Paul Davis said, I never said anything that day about yours. I said it was time to get going on this. Selectperson Gray said, no you are correct, Paul Davis, the day he was here you did not, but what Mike, I think is referencing is the committee meetings, during those meetings. Paul Davis said, I said it's time to keep going, but I don't like the way you're doing your duties, that type of thing. I also said, a number of times that I wish you folks were here with us and I also said I don't understand why we got booted out of here. Chair Wark said, that's unfortunate that you think that. That's not what happened. Paul Davis said, that's what I was told. Chair Wark said, I'm sure that is what you were told, but that's not what happened. If you go back to 11/6/2023, there was, in fact after the

meeting where you suggested that we kind of get off the pot and get things going. Ironically, that's exactly what happened. There were a series of meetings, involving many, many people, and we talked about all of the options for the town. The Robinson's building, the new building, the old building, and how all of that would work. Over time we built a consensus, not the three of us, but that group. There were dozens of people, and on 11/6/2023, they agreed that the two building solution was the only solution, and that the older building we were going to seek a utilization study and a non-profit, and the same people that. Paul Davis said, excuse me, two buildings? The board explained, a new town office building with Congressional funds, and deal with the old building separately. Chair Wark said, most of the people that are in your current group were in total agreement to that, and we had agreed that we would seat a committee that would look into the utilization and the nonprofit. It's all on tape, we can verify every bit of it, so that's where we were, and then they reneged, a number of them reneged on that agreement after the town meeting that you referenced earlier, and wanted to do their own thing. Selectperson Cabot said, well, we set a committee, and we gave them a mission statement, and they said no thank you, and it was consistent with what everyone had agreed to. Selectperson Cabot said, That's right, and I have that mission statement that I can read. Kelly Doyle said, the people voted 21 to 79 that they did not want to build a new building that day. Chair Wark said, that's why we didn't get the Congressional funds and why we didn't build it. Selectperson Cabot said, that's why we lost out on an opportunity for a building that would be majority paid for. Brian Campbell said, who do you people and I mean that as a group, who do you feel you should have as moderator and would they not have a conflict? In this situation, people talk conflict, and I don't care if you at on a jury, or what, everybody has a conflict somewhere it might be miniscule. It might be large. Everybody has a conflict about something that's going on and I don't know why this makes any difference over anything else. Obviously, I mean he's an upstanding member of the community and I believe and I don't really care who's going to be the moderator, I don't. But Paul Davis is an upstanding member of the community, and he's somebody that's liked by a lot of people and if there are people who are complaining about him possibly doing it, well, who do they want? Chair Wark said, we did seek an attorney, but there's a threshold. Brian Campbell said, you went back to something else because you and I'm sorry I don't mean. I said I was going to sit here and keep my mouth shut, but I can't. You said that Paul seemed to be somewhat hostile, and then you made a face but then you commented on his face. He made a face and looked at you, so you know everybody here has got negativity that's churning and we've got to work together. There's enough fighting going on in this freaking country and in this world and if everybody can't start seeing eye to eye, we're in a hell of a lot of trouble, and I don't care where you're from or what you do. Somebody has got to just deal with it and move forward and it's sad it's really sad to see the hostility that's been generated in this community it's sad, and I don't know what can be done and you guys are the fathers and mothers of the community, and we're expected you were hired to do what the community wants and for some reason there's a huge. Chair Wark said there's a misunderstanding. Brian Campbell asked, then what are you supposed to do? Chair Wark said, we're the administrators of the town. We are elected officials, but to do what the community wants is kind of a vague mission statement. Brian Campbell said, well, I would think you're hired and you're voted in. Chair Wark said, well, you can have someone who says what the community wants is for you guys to repair the old theater, and you could have another group say, what the community wants is. Selectperson Cabot finished, a swimming pool. Brian Campbell said, it's a census of the community, not an individual. I mean you're taking that out of context. Chair Wark said, no I'm not taking it out of context because those requests are real. We've got people now who want us to fight for access for hunters to get on land and I mean it just, there's constant requests for other people's money. Brian Campbell said, I'm not getting my point across, or you're missing my point, so let's just move on. I'm sorry. Selectperson Cabot said, Brian, just to answer your question we don't have anyone and we don't. Chair Wark said, we don't have anybody in mind. Paul Davis said, I would like to say that I have had no one tell me I should not be the moderator, and if you've had a number of citizens I'm pretty easy to find. Call me. Selectperson Cabot asked, is that a fact? I will refer them to call you then. Paul Davis said, I don't care, I get called all the time. Chair Wark said, but if you're not going to stand down it doesn't matter. I mean that's the bottom line, the attorney confirmed that if you're nominated, and this surely shouldn't be about you. It doesn't matter how obvious a conflict is if the person is nominated and gets the votes they will be moderator, that's all. Paul Davis said, it's a public vote. The board said that's right. Selectperson Cabot said, the problem I see that if someone perceives a bias then it opens us up for legal issues. Chair Wark said, the hostility that Mr. Campbell was just talking about, maybe the bias concern isn't warrants, but some people certainly feel that if you're that involved in the article. I understand but you certainly could have more distance from the article than what Paul Davis has. That's all. It's not unreasonable. Paul Davis said, if I stand down from the article it won't make a difference. Chair Wark said, except there are many other

articles that are at odds with this. So you're going to be up and down. It just seems clean and simple, you get to speak to all of them. Paul Davis said, you have to design the warrant and you put them in one chronological order. Chair Wark said, that isn't going to change the number. Paul Davis said, well, you said I'd be up and down. Chair Wark said, well, there's going to be a series of articles. Paul Davis said, if you have four or five articles I'm not going to jump up and down on every one of them. Brian Campbell said, it'd be good exercise. Chair Wark said, you've made your position clear. I don't There's nothing else that we need to. Paul Davis said, you asked me to come. Chair Wark said, yes, and we still appreciate you coming in.

Item 6: New Business:

- A. Community Development Grant on 2017 Historical Society: Time Stamp: 22:00-31:30** - Close out paperwork. Michelle said that she was contacted by a lady named Terry Holden, she's trying to close out the paperwork. The Historical Society got a grant in 2017. I don't have any history with this, so I don't know who should sign this. Selectperson Gray asked, is the town a co-applicant? Michelle said, it was CBG funds, I believe so it had to funnel through the town, I believe is how it worked, and I apologize on the minutes, I'm assuming you didn't get an email of those. So I will go back to Sammie with that. Brian Campbell asked, did someone reach out to the Historical Society to find out what it's all about to see if they knew? Selectperson Cabot said, former school building. Oh, that's Abbie Fowler. Selectperson Gray said, it's the end of the Abbie Fowler, that's why I was trying to do a timeline in my head, but yes, that's what it is. It's everything to do with the town signing over Abbie Fowler to the Historical Society, and everything to do with grants. Michelle said, I went back to the books, and I tried to find it in the town report. Selectperson Gray said, look under Abbie Fowler, you should find. Michelle said ok, I don't know what those fonts are, I'm assuming they're in the. Selectperson Gray said, can we address that? She just brought up another good thing, more files that she's. I mean this is different, she just hasn't looked, she's not sure, didn't know where they were, but we seem to be having files missing. Chair Wark said, oh yeah, I mean you're talking about the plan documents. Selectperson Gray said, yes, because we keep getting asked more about people being in the building and to me this is one more reason why nobody should ever be in that building. Chair Wark said, well that's, We've had an event, three or four weeks ago. Jeff Libby said, it's been a little longer than that now. Chair Wark said, yes, ok, unfortunately, somebody or a group of somebodies it looks like, entered the old town hall and it appears for the sole purpose of taking the architectural documents, the engineering plans relating to the repair of 20 plus years ago. All of those were stolen. Are the photographs gone too? Jeff Libby said, yes. Chair Wark said, there was quite a slew of 35 mm photographs. Selectperson Cabot said of the construction. Jeff Libby said, I don't know where the photographs would be. I know where Brydie told me where the prints would be, and they weren't there and I found them in the office area where the clerical people were, where the tube is up against the wall. The only thing that's in there some hand drawn photos and then one print was left on top of the old desk on top of a bunch of other stuff so that one print had to be in with them because that tube says blueprints for that building for the foundation. Selectperson Gray said, well one copy being out on the table is pretty clear that somebody was in there. Jeff Libby said, somebody was in there at one time. I'm assuming the rest were there at one time. Selectperson Cabot asked, Jeff Libby, was that office locked separately from the town, from the building itself? Jeff Libby said, no you could go around it. We went back in and locked it up, but this was after the fact. That's when the coffee cups were there, the flashlight. Selectperson Cabot said, so you found three coffee cups, and this flashlight, here. We've reported it to the police. Chair Wark said, it appears that three people went to Robinson's, got a coffee, they had a key to the building because they didn't have to break in, they just opened the door and went in. They gathered these documents, which really have no value other than you if you were you had some personal motivation to get rid of them. Then they I guess it makes sense, these are in big architectural tubes that these documents were in. We've seen these blueprints. They look like a blueprint for a castle, they're really impressive. There were notations that they altered the plan, so they left the tubes, obviously stuffed the documents inside their whatever, and in their haste to leave they left behind their three coffee cups, their flashlight, and they didn't lock the doors behind them. A pretty strange event. Selectperson Cabot said, yes, and Michelle and you found the doors open, correct? Michelle said, yes because Jeff Libby had been up to the office. March 5th was Election night. Sam and I went over and got all the Election stuff to go set up the polling area. The next morning after the Election, we ripped everything down and went back and I knew Jeff Libby had said he'd locked the doors, and as I looked down the hall, the hall door was unlocked and it was wide open, so later that afternoon, I messaged Jeff Libby and said, did you leave that open? And I had also seen a coffee cup, which wasn't there on Tuesday, so yeah. Those were some things that were in place when

I was there on Tuesday. Selectperson Cabot said, so that would've been March 5th? Michelle said, March 5th was the Election, so I would've been there on the 4th to get the stuff to actually set the polls up, and Wednesday morning, the 6th. Tuesday, the 5th we were at the polls. Selectperson Cabot said, Tuesday the 5th or the 6th because we are going to subpoena videos from Robinson's. Brian Campbell said, that is what you want to do. Selectperson Gray said, the worst part, the drawings like you said, there's no significant value. The value with those drawings is all the handwritten notes that are on, and that's really the important piece. The time that might have changed or altered from the original engineering documents, you're never going to know that unless you have. It's all the foundation. Chair Wark said, we were interested in having all of that because it seems like there's a possibility that we're going to repeat history and we're not going to follow engineering guidelines. We're going down the same rabbit hole we went down 25 years ago, and this was kind of a useful tool to illustrate, though they were well intended 20 years ago they just didn't think the engineer's really mattered that much. Selectperson Cabot said, right, they didn't follow the plans and so to me, it's getting rid of evidence. Chair Wark said, it seems like the motive would be something along that line because there's no real value in them. Selectperson Cabot said, so anyway, that's where we're at with that. Chair Wark said, we have changed the locks. Nobody is going in there without a crowbar. Selectperson Cabot said, the list of people who have keys is very short. Michelle asked if they could just sign the paperwork on their behalf or do they want to sign it. Selectperson Cabot said, they're asking if the funds were spent. Michelle said, I could only find so much. The board doesn't remember seeing this grant, and they want Michelle to find a binder or something and make sure everything is correct. They want to know the disbursements of the money from the grant. Michelle said she was able to come up with \$35,000. The board said there's much more there, and it should all be in that file that they're talking about. Michelle asked if it was in a binder or a file folder. The board said it ought to be in its own file, and there was a lot to do with getting everything cleaned up with the grant and there's a lot of documentation on that. Selectperson Cabot said, it does seem though, Brian Campbell, I agree with you that it might even be Dyan McCarthy-Clark would know, I mean I don't know who was responsible for this. Selectperson Gray said, we were. They really, their role was more administrative as far as signing. Definitely reach out to them. Chair Wark asked, were you here then? Selectperson Gray said, yes. Chair Wark said, it must've been your first year then. Selectperson Gray said, yes, I think that was Ken Woodbury. I know we worked with outside people, and stuff but it should be all in there. Michelle said, ok, so I'll hunt down those. Selectperson Cabot said, so we're not going to sign this right? The board agreed that they weren't going to sign this yet until Michelle dug up more information for them.

- B. Certified Ratio Declaration: Time Stamps: 31:31-36:28** - Michelle handed the board a certified ratio study that Hamlin Associates has to have signed by the board. It's the certification by the board that a certain percentage of market value. Selectperson Cabot said, what is the percentage? Michelle said she's not sure, but she thinks it may be 100% where they're going to be reassessed. Chair Wark said he'll call Hamlin because he's curious about the revaluation and what mil-rate equals. Selectperson Cabot said, it's going to change your spiel. Chair Wark said, it doesn't hurt any different, it just sounds better. \$2000 is \$2000. Selectperson Gray said, the bottom line at the end is going to be the same. Michelle said, in Kingsbury when we revalued last year, the values went up and mil rate dropped too. So we were aiming for 5 and we ended up at 4.6. It shifts, so you just don't know until you actually run the figures, what's going to happen. Chair Wark said, but it could change the percentage with the county and the school. Selectperson Gray said, your school is going to go up a lot. Sewer and water because its based on value. The board discussed it and they decided to sign the second page of the assessment.
- C. Kelly Doyle Property: Time Stamps: 36:29-38:39** - Michelle said that at the last select board meeting they spoke about Kelly Doyle's property. Since then we have contacted Hamlin's. Hamlin's did issue an abatement in 2019, however I could not find one of them that was signed by the board. Sam has a file, and she printed everything in that file that's a copy of what you've signed. There's nothing for her in 2019. That would mean we would reimburse Kelly the \$664.06 of the abatement. Jeff Libby asked if there was a check issued. Michelle said that there was never a check issued. If you do sign the abatement tonight, it is not on the warrant, so if you want to write it on your warrant, we'll start the next warrant and have it next time, which will be May 1st. Chair Wark made a motion to approve this abatement reimbursement for Kelly Doyle's property in the amount of \$664.06, Selectperson Cabot, 2nd. All in favor. We'll make a copy of the signed abatement form for our records, and send the original to Josh at Hamlins.

D. Chelsea Hersey and Craig Burton Abatement: Time Stamps: 38:39-42:30- Michelle said that she has another abatement that needs to be signed by the board. Michelle said, we have a situation with Chelsea Hersey and Craig Burton. I got ready to do the 30 day notices for tax liens, and I noticed that Chelsea had an unpaid balance, so I called her and I knew she had an escrow account, so I was confused. She came, and come to find out, Amber Cobb and Chelsea Hersey split a lot, but it didn't get split. Selectperson Gray said, it's the lot that's right between the two, the old town used to be a little rec thing there where the town sign is. Long story short, two – three years ago, the state came to us, wanted to know if we wanted to buy it. Well, we really didn't want the land, so the state in turn went back to both property owners, and that was the agreement with the state and them. The town didn't have anything to do with it. They split the lot in half, and half went to each and the only thing is the town held the rights to have our signs on the property forever as long as we maintain it. If we stop maintaining it for three or four years, we lose the sign, but as long as we keep up maintenance we keep the sign. Michelle said Chelsea was getting billed for the whole thing, and didn't realize it. She thought it had become part of her house, so she's been paying taxes including lien fees that she should not have been paying, so Amber didn't get a bill and Chelsea did and so we owe Chelsea some money, and actually go back and bill Amber. So these are supplementals and abatements to straighten out the mess. Jeff Libby said, you can only go back three years, right. Michelle said, yes. Selectperson Gray said, my question is, did the state actually split the property so it is deeded to both people? Michelle said, there is a deed. Selectperson Gray asked, to both? Michelle said, yes. Selectperson Gray said, I wanted to make sure that they didn't deed it to one, and they didn't make this mistake and it really isn't our problem. Michelle said, it's minor dollar, but with Chelsea she ended up paying about \$80 in fines for the liens that she should've never had a lien on, so we need to go back and fix that. I'll go back and figure out the added cost she paid because she did clear everything up when I called. Brian Campbell said, what about the other woman? You can't go after her for not paying. Selectperson Cabot said, we're going to bill her. Brian Cabot said, you can bill her, but you can't bill her for the extra because she never got a bill. Michelle said, that's right. Selectperson Cabot said, good job Dale for remembering that. Selectperson Gray said, I'm still trying to wrap my head around this as I know this is right and this is how I'm just trying to under how it's worded is the problem.

Ballot Clerks: Time Stamps: 42:31- 43:44 - Michelle said, I have one more thing for you is that the state requires the board to appoint ballot clerks on even numbered years, which is this year by May 1st, so I have Sheril Peters, Diana Bowley, and Kathy Willey appointments for this coming year. Chair Wark made a motion to appoint Sheril Peters, Diana Bowley, and Kathy Willey for ballot clerks, Selectperson Gray, 2nd. All in favor.

F. Other Topic: Time Stamps: 43:45-47:21- Michelle said, I will try to remember next to send you stuff before the meeting, so you can review them. Selectperson Cabot said, yes, especially the minutes. Chair Wark said, you might want to give us a week on those. Chair Wark said, speaking of minutes, there are a number of pdfs that are dead links on the website. If you look at the meeting, the audio is there, but the pdf link is grayed out, it doesn't take you to anything. There's probably half a dozen or more. Michelle said, ok, we'll check into that. Selectperson Cabot said, there are minutes that are inaccurate as far as who was there. It looked like Sam may have and I don't know whether it was Sam or whoever was doing the minutes, anyway, you who was present and who was in the audience you know just skipped over that part. I mean what happened was, she was copying one from one minute that I missed and so subsequent meetings I've only missed one or two meetings, I wasn't at any of those. It says that I wasn't there, and it also says that people in the audience we know for a fact weren't there. Chair Wark said, it's a different meeting. The meeting doesn't line up with the attendance. Selectperson Cabot said, I can tell you the dates, but not right this minute. I'll call you up and give her the dates. Brian Campbell said, that's what happens when you cut and paste. Selectperson Cabot said, yeah, yeah, yeah. Jeff Libby said, so they had an appointment, they cancelled it, and I haven't heard back from them. Selectperson Cabot asked, did they make the appointment with you? Jeff Libby said, yes. Selectperson Gray asked, can you elaborate a little more? Jeff Libby said, I don't know anything other than he said he'd like to sit down with us, and talk about fiber and that was. Selectperson Gray said, Well, I have an appointment for them, I'm scheduled for them to hook up service at my house in June. Selectperson Cabot asked, they gave you a date? Chair Wark said, that means my road isn't going to be far behind. Selectperson Gray said, it's a substantial savings. Jeff Libby said, this is about what projects they go going on. Selectperson Gray said, yeah, they're all part of what we're, I mean right now, so me because I didn't know. I talked to other people and they have the same thought process. The company that's installing the fiber everybody thought that was the person who you're going to get your fiber through. Well. That's not necessarily true. I found out about it, and I went online and I'm all set. They're going to hook me up. Jeff Libby said, because they have two or three different line crews pulling. Selectperson Gray said, Sure. Yeah, but it doesn't matter which crew is running the line. You're going to be able to get on them, so it's kind of

important. I know a lot of people are signing up for things that you might want to wait a little bit. There's going to be more options for people to think about. You know what I mean? It may not work for everybody, so you've got to decide what's best. Chair Wark said, for many people, the performance is going to up a lot and the price is going to go down a lot, which doesn't usually happen very often. Selectperson Cabot said, that's good news.

3. **Executive Session: Time Stamps: 47:21-48:32** - Chair Wark made a motion to go into Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405-A Personnel, Selectperson Cabot, 2nd. All in favor at 4:48PM. Chair Wark made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:10PM, Selectperson Cabot 2nd. All in favor. Action Taken. Chair Wark said, we are going to cease our search for a town manager, and Jeff Libby will be the town manager with the terms we agreed to when Jeff Libby agreed to be interim town manager. We will pull the ad as well. There's been no change in Jeff Libby's role, just his status.

Item 7: Town Manager Report:

- A. **Carry In Carry Out Signage at Veteran's Park: Time Stamps: 48:36- 49:55** - Jeff Libby said, the guy that does the ball field, said he had a lot of problems last year. There was a lot of garbage to keep up with. It was everywhere. What is your opinion on putting up a carry in and carry out sign, and try that? Selectperson Gray said, my only thing is that I would reach out to Pirate Rec because they do have a lot of people, so let them know what we're doing. Chair Wark said, knowing them they'll bring their own barrels. I talked to Nick about this, he said there's literally personal garbage bags. I mean, people are using this as a dumpster. Selectperson Gray said, what I'm really worried about is what's going to happen now is you're going to see the porta potties full. Chair Wark said, I would support your signage. Selectperson Gray and Cabot agreed with Chair Wark. Chair Wark said, one thing I've seen is that some of these boat launches, they just put a little tiny hole, but you know somebody's going to break the cover off, I think. Cash and carry. Dale's right, let Pirate Rec know why we're doing that, and like I said, they'll probably bring their own barrels for the day.
- B. **Marijuana Ordinance: Time Stamps: 48:36-50:45** - Jeff Libby asked if someone could explain the town's marijuana ordinance to him. Selectperson Cabot said, we don't have them. Chair Wark said, we didn't pass recreational. Jeff Libby said, we have somebody inquiring about it. Selectperson Gray asked, about what? Jeff Libby said, setting up a recreational marijuana shop. Chair Wark said, they're not allowed in Sangerville, and that was actually done by petition. The board said, it failed. Jeff Libby said, I'll answer the gentleman's email.
- C. **Air Packs: Time Stamps: 50:46-53:15** - Jeff Libby said, let's talk about the air packs really quick. March 28th, 2024 at 1pm, I talked with Joshuwa Howard, and at that point in time, Joshuwa indicated that our packs are up to date, and we've done all our checks we need to do. We've done all of flow and there's no reason to replace those packs until we can no longer service them. As long as their serviceable, as long as we can get the parts, as long as we do our part, those packs are good to go. Mary Mayhew called again at 9:30 this morning about the packs, and she is the head of the Department of Labor in Augusta and again, she's said we are good to go with the packs that we have, as long as we do our flow and our monthly checks here and maintenance. As long as we have parts, and they can run we're good to go. There's hundreds of thousands of those 2.2 packs out there. She also me some personal thing saying that as long as the packs pass flow and we do our monthly service we're good to go. I have that from her in a text from her with her letterhead on it. Chair Wark asked, and did the 5 that I picked up from Corinna, are they the same type? Jeff Libby said, they're 2.2s, but they're newer than the one I said I wouldn't wear because they had that. I don't like the idea of pulling that piece off because in the heat of the moment you get nervous, and you run into the fire and try to help somebody, you forget to pull your pass off. All the other ones have been integrated, so the ones Alan gave us from Corinna fire, we appreciate. They're all integrated and Matt has all the paperwork. I think Mary said, we're good to go and I can give that email to Matt. Selectperson Gray said, so that certification that they had when they were in Corinna, that was transferable to us? Jeff Libby said, I'm waiting for that. I'm trying to make it official when I have it in my hand. Chair Wark said, it was a valuable donation. Jeff Libby said, absolutely. I mean, another fire department tried to help this fire department. That's great. Then down the road we can come up with a real good plan if you know possibly then replace them that way.
4. **FEMA Time Stamps: 53:16-56:33** - Jeff Libby said, the report is FEMA. FEMA was here yesterday, and one thing we didn't do is the GPS locations, we didn't take pictures and we didn't measure the length of damages. All that stuff is an easy fix, so I'm working with Scott and we'll have those numbers, which are due by next Friday. Under FEMA, FEMA pays 75% of the cost and the state of Maine pays 15% of the cost, so when she comes back here, how do we get our 15%, I don't know, I didn't ask that question at the time, so I've got ask that the town's responsible for 10%. Selectperson Gray asked, that's road related only? Jeff Libby said, no, it's into structure and

everything, so if you're ball diamond washed away. Selectperson Gray said, but we do have the cemetery. Jeff Libby said, ok, so we if we want to add that on there. The board said we do. Chair Wark said, it wasn't in great shape, now it's in the worst shape it's ever been. Jeff Libby said, so that's under my road commissioner thing. Selectperson Gray said, if that happened at this event, so if that's something that can be hit under that FEMA, I think that's something there again. I mean to fix that, we're going to have to be Engineers or somebody. Chair Wark said, that's Shoreland Zoning. Michelle said, she's taken pictures of that area, and watched the tree that may be problematic. Jeff Libby asked if anyone took pictures from back then. Michelle said, she may have some pictures. Jeff Libby said, that would be great, especially if there's a time and date on it. Michelle said, I was taking pictures of the whole flood, so I might have pictures of it. I'll check on it. Jeff Libby said, FEMA will be back here on the 26th at 2:30pm, if anybody wants to attend. Selectperson Gray said, for me I'm more concerned with that cemetery. Selectperson Cabot said, same here. Selectperson Gray asked if there was any other road or damage they needed to talk about? Jeff Libby said that they've only gotten an \$18,000 claim. The FEMA rep said that if the costs get to be over \$1 million it's a lot more paperwork and a lot more in dept. There's a threshold of June or July to get everything fixed.

Item 8: Road Commissioner Report: Time Stamps: 56:31-1:01:14 - Jeff Libby said, Burrough Road and the East Sangerville Road have beaver problems. I had Scott go down and clean one out. Butch Lemieux cleaned the other one out on the East Sangerville Road. We have to monitor those. We may have to get a trapper in, so that'll be a coordination between Scott and the trapper. I called a couple of people, and they're not doing it anymore so I've got a number for the state trapper, but I don't know what his cost is. Chair Wark said, I had read somewhere where in some instances they were allowing them to be shot. Selectperson Gray said, yes, they changed the rule. You have to get the warden service and I think it's the land owner themselves. I don't believe, I'm not saying we can't with land owner cooperation, but I don't know if the town itself can. Chair Wark said, you coordinate with the land owner, and you obviously you need permission, but this wasn't allowable until recently. It's become such a problem that they are allowing you to take it up a notch. Jeff Libby said that he had Lance to do that. I have him a full day. All the plastic around the town garage has been picked up and hauled to the dump. All that stuff, all over the place is all gone. All those old road covers were all gone. All the plastic bags and garbage are gone. Selectperson Gray said, I've only been complaining about that for 5 years. Jeff Libby said, so Scott hauled it all down, we called down and they said yup, bring it down. We took two loads down. Jeff Libby brought up the Village Cemetery, and said, this is where we talked about the bank caving and has gotten a little bit worse, it's all gravel so all the trees are in the river now. So Mr. Panciera came and saw me, and it slid a little more. It was his concern that somebody wanted me to put some marker there, so somebody wouldn't drive over the edge. I looked at it and I didn't like markers, so you can't drive that back row anymore. I had Scott grab 4 of those old cement blocks that were down there, and blocked both sides. Selectperson Gray said, the other thing in the past they were finding the bigger trees, as they got bigger they were the ones that were tipping and causing a lot of that bank to crumble. We had someone go in there a few years ago, and they selectively cut some of those bigger trees out of the banks, so they let new growth. Jeff Libby said, if we bring this up on the 26th they will require a site visit. I don't know where at this point in time where we would get any estimates. You're going to have to talk to an engineering group on this one.

Item 9: Select Board Concerns: 1:01:15- - Chair Wark said, this issue is regarding the land on the South Sangerville Grange Road. I spoke to the town's attorney and I don't know if you spoke to her yet, Jeff Libby but I sent her in your direction. I gave her the general overview of the concerns of the folks at the meeting, and the town's interests in the sense of a financial interest. She agreed that it wouldn't be the role of the town to spend funds in a dispute between abutters and people who are seeking access over this person's road. She suggested that, if our interests were a gravel pit or a wood lot that try to work out something with the landowner in that regard. I'd spoken to him previously and we'd already discussed something similar if we were to pursue logging on the land. The guess is that there will be some sort of agreement that will codify Sangerville's interest with regard to logging or however you might characterize it. She felt that it might be the proper solution. Jeff Libby said that Tom requested some information, and I told him I'd help him out. We've got most of this information anyway, so I told him I'd give him a copy of the deed, road discontinuances. Any time they want that file, we have it for them. Chair Wark said, different subject, Michelle and I talked about petitions in general and could a petition or could you pull a petition? MMA said, they didn't think you could. Michelle said, no. Chair Wark said, I mentioned this to the attorney and she said, I don't believe they can either. The only scenario I can imagine would be if you had individual signers who came in and requested to remove their signature, and that got below the threshold then you might be able to make that. I thought I'd share that information with you. Selectperson Gray said,

over the last couple of years, Center Pond and a lot of people on the pond. There has been an issue with people not taking care of their docks. Ice is out, and we've already got floating docks. I notified the warden service, and they're being super nice to me, and trying. There really isn't anything out there for them to do anything. Chair Wark asked if there was a site. Selectperson Gray said, no. He can't at this point, he's still trying to grasp what he can and can't do. There's a certain point where he can stretch it to littering, or you know something like that. Obviously, right now as far as on the pond, it's not as big of a concern today as it will be in 30 days when everybody else starts putting up docks, putting boats in, and you've got the floating docks banging into things. I'm going to do a little research, but I'm wondering what's out there and what other towns have done in regards to this. Chair Wark asked, what if the residents collected this debris and brought it to a location where the town could treat it like it is, it's garbage. We hire a contractor, they pick it up and it goes to a landfill. Selectperson Gray said, the other side of this, we've already done this once a couple of years ago. There was a loose dock in theory and that got drug over to the public boat landing and the town ended up with the cost and they had to pay to take care of it. Chair Wark asked, if someone dumped a refrigerator on the side of the road, is that the land owner's responsibility or would it be the town? Selectpersons Gray and Cabot said we'd pick it up. Selectperson Gray said that it's been the same dock from the same people for three years at least. Some people have ended up dragging it back to where it came from, and then it'll come floating by again later. Many people have dragged this dock back to where it comes from. It's a recurring issue. It's wooden with black floats under it. Nobody wants the debris in the pond, so that's why everyone keeps bringing it back to the landowner's. We've got to figure out a way to deal with this, otherwise the town will get stuck dealing with it. Selectperson Cabot brought up that an ice house had once been left on the ice and the ice melted, so it was half submerged. Selectperson Gray said that's illegal and the warden service can fine that. Michelle suggested that they needed a fine attached to the floating dock situation. Selectperson Gray agreed, and said they need something attached to it. Chair Wark asked Michelle, how many days do you need in advance to print town reports? Michelle said, three weeks. From the time they get the information and set up to print is just about three weeks. Kingsbury just did theirs and it took us a week. Chair Wark said, but you need a finished product. Michelle said, I do. The only things missing from the report right now are the select board letter and the articles. Those are being worked on right now. The board discussed needing to finish the articles and do they still want to hold the meeting on a Saturday. Jeff Tibby asked if they wanted to have the town meeting at the school in Guilford. The board said they wanted to do Grace Bible. Michelle said, the problem there is I don't think you'll have enough chairs. Last time we robbed every room. Selectperson Gray said, we need to ask to see if they have more chairs. Chair Wark said, there's a supply of chairs from the fire department. We can rent chairs if we need more. Michelle will check on that. The board commit the town meeting to May 4th. Michelle said that they have to post the warrant by 4/26/24 and the town report has to be ready and in the office on 5/1/24. The board wants the clerks to do a mass mailing of letters to the residents about the town meeting. They will be sent out by the end of this week. The board agreed to meet on 4/19/2024, a Friday to work on the warrant/articles at 2pm at the Sangerville Fire Station.

Item 10

Adjourn.

Chair Wark a motion to adjourn at 5:15pm, Selectperson Gray, 2nd. All in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MAY 1 , 2024, at the Fire Station (*Agenda subject to change without notice*)

Respectfully submitted,

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