

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

**Board members present:**

Mike Kaminski, Board Chair  
Dave Nault, Selectman  
Justin Nault, Selectman

**Town Officials and Others present:**

John Trottier  
Brian Watford, Energy Committee  
Jennifer Cormier, Town Clerk

**Members of the Public present:**

Fred Mullen  
Michael Guiney

Lee Martel recorded the meeting for the benefit of citizens that were unable to attend (Linda Nickerson uploads the videos to YouTube).

Board Chair Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Justin Nault to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 as amended.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote: (3-0)**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Justin Nault to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 as amended.

**Discussion:** Mike Kaminski stated that these minutes do not need to be sealed..

**Vote: (3-0)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelsea Road Snowplowing

Resident **Michael Guiney** expressed his dissatisfaction and frustration regarding ongoing issues with the quality and timeliness of the winter snow maintenance on Kelsea road. **Mike Kaminski** said that this year has been challenging as they have had limited personnel, something that is expected to change for next winter.

A discussion between Mr. Guiney and Mike Kaminski occurred regarding the contentious history of this situation. **Mr. Guiney** stated that he no longer wants Dave Nault to plow his road, and feels that the friendship between Mr. Crosby and Mr. Nault gives the appearance of impropriety, particularly when it comes to this issue. **Mike Kaminski** stated that they cannot make those sorts of arrangements, and it is not in the purview of the Board to police the Road Agent in that way.

**Mike Kaminski** also pointed out that they are waiting to receive the go-ahead to begin the work on the turnaround, stating that a crew had shown up in the fall, but were asked to leave. **Michael Guiney** responded that he did not ask them to leave, but that they remove their equipment from his property. He said they can begin the work on the turnaround whenever they would like, noting that it is not related to the completion of his subdivision. However, their vehicles are not at all welcome to park on his property. They must remain in the right-of-way.

After the conversation turned contentious and some inappropriate language continued to be used toward the Board. Mr. Guiney was asked to leave.

**Mike Kaminski** said that because Mr. Guiney stated that he was ok with the work beginning on the turnaround (because it has nothing to do with the subdivision being completed), he will forward this to the Road Agent so that he can schedule the work.

**Dave Nault** stated that he plowed the road because the Road Agent needed the help and asked him to.

### Selectman Appointments

The Selectmen decided that they will keep their current committee assignments with the exception of Mike Kaminski replacing Justin Nault on the Joint-Loss Committee.

Mike Kaminski **nominated** Dave Nault to serve as Board Chair effective April 1. Justin Nault **seconded** the nomination.

**Discussion:** Dave Nault accepted the nomination.

**Vote: (2-0-1) D. Nault abstained**

Dave Nault will remain as the Board contact for the Transfer Station.

Mike Kaminski will remain as the Board contact for the Police Department.

Brief discussion took place regarding the Town Hall Restoration committee.

Dave Nault said that the committee is currently finishing work on getting curtains.

He had hoped that someone from the committee would attend the meeting to provide an update.

### Accept Funds

**Motion:** by Justin Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) from HealthTrust for the Police Department Wellness Program

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote: (3-0)**

### Insurance Stipend

After speaking with Hope in the Town **Office Dave Nault** wanted to propose increasing the stipend amount for employees that don't participate in the health plan because they are on **another** plan. **The current stipend** amount is \$282.48 per month. **Dave proposed** to-increase **the stipend amount to 60% of the lower single plan B. This** would end up saving the town money by providing an incentive to enroll **in another plan through another provider with a proposed start date confirmed with the Town Office.**

***Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Justin Nault to accept the adjustment to their insurance non-participant stipend amount to equal 60% of the cost of the single plan B insurance plan, thus increasing the current amount to \$593.48.*

***Discussion:** none.*

***Vote: (3-0)***

**Mike Kaminski** said that this was a long overdue adjustment.

Town Clerk Updates

**Pole Licensing:**

Jennifer Cormier presented the Board with the pole licensing agreement for their signatures. She said that she has sent the Road Agent a copy of the map for his review as well.

**Committee Appointments:**

Dave Nault read the list of committee appointments as presented by the Town Clerk:

**Energy Committee**

Dana Lavoie (2027)

John Stevens (2027)

Brian Watford (2027)

David A. Nault, Selectmen's Rep (2025)

**Historical Awareness Committee**

David A. Nault, Selectmen's Rep (2025)

**Old Home Day Committee (2024)**

Cassandra Blomgren

Thomas J. Cusano

Kenneth Koerber

Mark C. Lang

Donald J. Larsen

George Maskiell

Meaghan Mauro

John Stevens

**Perambulator of the Town Lines**

Frederick J. Mullen (2031)

**Planning Board**

Kenneth Swayze (2027)

Alison Vallieres (2027)

Justin Nault, Ex-Officio (2025)

Michael S. Kaminski, Alternate Ex-Officio (2025)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Daniel DalPra (2027)

John R. Trottier (2027)

The Board signed their approval for these appointments.

Discussion occurred regarding changing the rate for the Selectman protem for elections. **Mike Kaminski** said they have a rate for counters and a lower rate for those that required training.

➤ ***The Board was in consensus to pay the Selectman Protem the ballot counter training rate.***

#### Mailbox Items

**Mike Kaminski** reviewed the following items of correspondence received since the last meeting:

- The Police Department requested to increase their rate for police details. The Board reviewed the proposal presented by the Police Chief. Their current rate is \$80. They would like to increase it to a total of \$97.

The Board will review this request. **Mike Kaminski** said that this change would require a public hearing. He would like to review the rates being charged by all their departments and make any necessary changes if they find there have been any major increase in costs. He will also ask the Police Department to provide more information regarding previous detail rate increases.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Fred Mullen** said that the Town of Hooksett town line perambulation is to occur this spring. He will coordinate this with Line Comeau at the next meeting.

#### **BOARD MEMBER ISSUES**

**Dave Nault** said that the hardware was replaced on the library door. **Mike Kaminski** added that there ended up being a recall done by the Yale company on that hardware.

#### **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a)

**By roll-call vote: J. Nault-yes. Kaminski-yes. D. Nault-yes.**

The Board took a 2 - minute recess to allow the room to clear for nonpublic session.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 7:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from nonpublic session at 8:48 p.m. There were no motions made during this nonpublic session.

There was no further business. **Motion:** by Justin Nault, seconded by Michael Kaminski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

Signed:

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Michael Kaminski, Chair

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Dave Nault, Selectman

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Justin Nault, Selectman