

Athens Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2023  
6:00pm at the Athens Town Office

In attendance: Sandi Capponcelli, Hannah Regier, Janet Perry, Matt Perry, Harold Noyes, Darlene Wyman, David Bemis, Denise Randall

**Called to order at 6:00**

**Adjustments to Agenda**

*David makes a motion to sign the VDHP grant award after the tax sale on the agenda. Denise seconds. Put to a vote: all in favor.*

**Public Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

*David makes a motion to go into executive session at 6:02 for a legal matter and a contract matter where premature public knowledge would put the town of Athens at a substantial disadvantage. Darlene, Hannah and Matt can stay. Denise seconds. Put to a vote: all in favor.*

*Denise makes a motion to leave executive session at 7:05. Sandi seconded. Put to a vote: all in favor.*

No decisions were made in executive session.

**Tax Sale**

David asks if someone on the selectboard could be at the tax sale that is Thursday at 12:00. Sandi says she can come.

*David makes a motion for the town to authorize Sandi to purchase the property up for tax sale up to the amount that is owed. Denise seconds. Put to a vote: all in favor.*

**Further Business**

*David makes a motion to sign the VDHP grant award.*

Janet asks if the matching funds are in the Meetinghouse fund. David thought it would be matched by the Historical Society. Janet asks if they really know, and David says they don't. Janet wants to know if the Meetinghouse committee has paid back the loan to the Housing Rehabilitation Fund yet. Hannah says yes, that has been done. There is around \$7,000 in the Meetinghouse Fund now. Janet asks if the Historical Society had put funds into the town's Meetinghouse Fund. Hannah affirms that they did that to pay for both the façade work and repay the loan. The selectboard and the Meetinghouse Committee had agreed to that at a

selectboard meeting. Denise asks if the Meetinghouse Committee has enough money to cover the upfront costs for the grant work.

*Denise seconds the motion. Put to a vote: David votes yes. Janet, Harold, Denise and Sandi vote no.*

David will asks Sherry to come to the next regular selectboard meeting.

*David makes a motion to adjourn. Sandi seconds. All in favor.*

*Adjourned at 8:46*

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Regier, Town Clerk