

# TOWN OF DEERING

762 Deering Center Road  
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## **Board of Selectmen Final Meeting Minutes Friday, October 13, 2023 8:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Chair Jill Smith, Selectman Roy Watson and Selectman Steve Diers  
Also Present: Dave Flewelling, Comcast

### **Opening of the Meeting by the Chair at 8:00am**

The Board met with Dave Flewelling from Comcast to review revised plans for installing underground cables off Route 149, Dickey Hill Road and ending on Tubbs Hill Road to improve local service. Comcast met with Brett on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> and the changes were due to specifications Interim Road Agent Martin requested for culverts and movement of a manhole.

Chair Smith voiced her concern about plows potentially hitting the manhole and causing damage, who would the liability be on for that?

Dave answered the whole conduit system is owned by Comcast and they would be responsible for it.

Chair Smith asked if there was any language that could be written down stating that liability for future Boards?

Dave answered if the Town wanted to draft language for that, it shouldn't be an issue.

Chair Smith said it looks like we are all good with the plans and now need the verbiage for the Bond and liability.

The Board discussed a conditional approval based on the Bond.

**Chair Smith made a motion to conditionally approve the plan as presented pending confirmation that we will have a 10% Bond for service and maintenance for the first year and will hold 5% for a year after completion.**

Selectman Watson asked if this would preclude them from starting the work on Monday?

Chair Smith said she would not feel comfortable allowing work to be done on the roads without knowing that it was Bonded according to what the Road Agent is suggesting.

Chair Smith suggested the Bond information get emailed to the Selectmen's email and the Board could authorize her to confirm that it matches what Interim Road Agent Martin wanted.

**Selectman Watson made a motion to delegate approval to Chair Smith for the Comcast project including the terms and conditions that the Board has discussed. Seconded by**

**Selectman Diers. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Chair Smith made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:21am per RSA 91 A-3, II, (a). Seconded by Selectman Watson.**

**Vote by Roll Call: Chair Smith – yes, Selectman Watson – yes and Selectman Diers – yes**

The Board of Selectman came out of Non-Public Session at 8:43am

Chair Smith announced that the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Town Administrator, Peter Flynn effective October 10th. It is with great sadness that I announce this and personally I am very appreciative of his efforts and work Peter did in bringing organization and was instrumental in making sure that there was transparency. The Board voted to allow him to be paid his vacation time.

Chair Smith said there is a Trunk or Treat on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 and the Board agreed to allow Trick or Treating on same date and same time. She said the Board shows it's appreciation to the amazing group that puts the event together.

**Chair Smith made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Diers, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.**

**Vote by Roll Call: Chair Smith – yes, Selectman Watson – yes and Selectman Diers – yes.**

**Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46am. Seconded by Selectman Watson. Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Wendy Baker*

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Recording Secretary