

**Selectmen's Meeting
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Auditorium, 30 Martin Street**

October 2, 2023

This meeting will be conducted in-person, with the public welcome, but will also be made available to the public via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Members of the public who wish to listen to and/or view the meeting may do so via two-way Video Call (with the option to show yourself on video or not and with the option to use a phone to call in, for two-way audio-only). Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast or its quality, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person versus virtual attendance accordingly.

The link to the video conference is: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/bzubricki>, and, if prompted, the on-line meeting ID is bzubricki. Depending on your device and software installed, you may be able to join directly, by web browser, or, you may have to download the application directly (you will be shown that choice when you go to the above link). You should be joined in mute mode. However, if that is not the case, please click on the audio icon to mute your microphone. You can choose to activate your camera to show yourself, or not. The camera should be off, by default, when you join.

If you do not have a digital device to join via the link above, you can also dial a telephone number and be directly connected to the meeting, via two-way audio only. The call-in-only number is: (425) 436-6352 and the access code is 1729820.

Further, it is likely that this meeting will be broadcast by 1623 Studios over the local cable television network. Please check your cable listings for details if you are a Comcast cable television subscriber.

AGENDA – OPEN SESSION

6:00 p.m. Call to Order.

Brendhan Zubricki: Presentation of his Town Administrator's Report for the period September 23, 2023 through September 29 2023, regarding the following:

- Shared Conservation Commission Agent Prospect Update
- Update on Fixed-Rate Natural Gas Supply Contract
- Discussion Concerning Potential Wetlands Protection Bylaw
- Senior Center Property Line Review Update
- Community Compact Cabinet Best Practices Grant
- Affordable Housing Trust Technical Assistance Grant Application

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Approve the weekly warrant in the amount of \$.
- Approve the minutes for the Selectmen's September 25, 2023, Open Meeting.

- Sign the renewal document for retiree health insurance options for calendar year 2024, including the new Medicare Advantage option.
- Review potential employment contract proposal from Charles Benevento with respect to his interest in becoming the next Town Accountant as the current Town Accountant transitions to another municipality.
- Vote to accept a gift in the amount of \$150.00 from Scott Reed to the Essex Fire Department.
- Review and vote to sign an Inter-Agency Mutual Aid Agreement with Municipal Police Departments of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Items that could not be reasonably anticipated by the Open Meeting Law posting deadline.

REMINDERS:

- Dedication of the Schoolhouse Archives, 28 Main Street, Friday, October 13, 2023, 4 to 6 p.m.
- The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Town Hall, 30 Martin Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT.