

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting – August 7, 2023 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm via ZOOM.

Kate Anderson was present. Sean Moriarty was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schedule a Town Meeting to approve the funding of the Tylerville Business Interruption

Grant: Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting for August 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Moriarty amended the motion to schedule a Public Hearing on August 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm and a Town Meeting on August 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Hasse, Sally: Commented that businesses may be hesitant to disclose their financial information to people who may be their neighbors. Secondly, these businesses may not have the financial background to interpret the financials as presented to them. She suggested having a smaller group or the Chairman of the Board of Finance or the Town Attorney to help and it would be less people looking at their information. She also asked if the DOT had set aside any money for those Merchants. She asked if we know how many cars use the bridge on a normal July/August day?

McGarry: It's about 12,000 cars on a regular day. EDC purchased signs that have been put up indicating the "Tylerville Businesses are open during construction" DOT does not do anything about business support. Irene Haines and I have gone to the State DECD, we increased the eligibility of a new grant program them have to cover business that are affected by a DOT infrastructure project. 5 of the businesses have received some small support through that grant program.

Anderson: The EDC has already created a sub committee that will review the information and it will be done in Executive Session. The sensitive financial information that businesses give us would not be available to the public. There will be some parts of the application that will be available to the public and keeping the more private financial information to be reviewed by a dedicated sub committee in Executive Session.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli