



## Selectboard Meeting

January 23, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

**Members Present:** Bill Mathis, Thomasina Magoon, and Tammy Walsh

**Others Present:** Chad Chamberlain, Aaron Todd, Cecile Todd, Dave Sabatini, Jim Hayes, and Marci Hayes.

### Call Meeting to Order

7:05pm

Meeting called to order by Bill Mathis

### Changes to the Agenda

5 minutes

**Motion for payment for ANR** Thomasina requests two items added under roads or new business. Stormwater compliant status and payment to a Vt municipal roads permit. Thomasina stated that towns are required to reapply for coverage by January 26th, Thomasina makes a motion if required fee is needed, that this is paid prior to deadline, Tammy 2nd. The fee is \$640.00. Thomasina will follow up with ANR prior to payment.

Bill would like to add the fire department, this will be put on the agenda for the March reorganization meeting.

### Meeting Minutes

1 minute

**Motion for Minutes** Motion to approve meeting minutes as written for January 9th Regular meeting made by Thomasina, Tammy 2nd

**Motion for Minutes** Motion to approve meeting minutes as written for January 16th Special Meeting, made by Thomasina, Tammy 2nd.

### Public Comment

7:11pm

Cecile Todd's concern with South Hill will be addressed later as this subject is on the agenda.

### Roads

22 minutes

Review of  
1/16/2023  
Special  
Meeting  
Motions

Not discussed.

New  
Timesheet

Tammy would like to do the time sheets on a weekly basis rather than bi monthly, she inquired if this works for Marci and Jim. Thomasina explained

Policy and  
Timesheets &  
Process for  
Submission

several reasons why they would like this to be done. Jim stated this has been done bi-monthly with the orders, Jim stated doing it weekly will be no problem. Thomasina clarified that orders are still going to be bi-monthly, they will not get paid weekly but time sheets are to go in weekly. Marci inquired if this is a requirement for only the road employees or are other employees in Town also going to be doing the same. This is only for the road crew. Jim inquired where the time sheets should go. Tammy and Thomasina stated they can go in the selectboard mail slot in the Town Office, then the selectboard will turn the road crew timesheets to the Treasurer. Marci inquired if the selectboard should receive a copy and the employees would still submit timesheets directly to the Treasurer. Tammy clarified that they want to receive and approve the timesheet prior to the Treasurer. This gives them more time to review these timesheets instead of briefly at the meetings. Thomasina stated this will help the selectboard stay informed of what is happening with the roads and for tracking expenditures. Jim and Marci said they can do this. Thomasina would like this to start immediately. Marci said as the time just went in they will start this week and submit timesheets to the selectboard per their request every Friday.

Vehicle  
Maintenance/  
Supplies  
Pre-Approval

Tammy would like to know prior to when someone is invited up to fix things. Tammy wants to solidify who is doing what. Tammy is requesting to know ahead of time of work and purchases. Jim stated that the previous selectboard approved the Town to have Gerard Lowell be the go-to mechanic that Jim can contact. Tammy stated that the current selectboard is not approving that decision made by the previous selectboard. Marci inquired if they needed to motion to unapprove what was approved. Jim inquired what happens if he needs some mechanical assistance and can not get a hold of Tammy, he would then be in a position of not being able to do his job when needed. Tammy stated that Jim can always get in touch with her. Thomasina clarified this is the selectboard trying to better manage what is going on. Thomasina inquired what the Mcleods bill is for. Marci stated it is for tire chains. Two new sets were purchased. Jim got them this year, for next year. Two sets of new chains were purchased last year that are being used this year. Jim always stays a year ahead with chains, if the trucks don't have chains the roads can not be done. The chains were ordered by Jim. Jim said the chains came off, two were lost, they were worn out, which is when they are apt to fall off. Wore chains should not be put back on. Jim explained that when the rim chains are worn and break then new chains need to be put on. When the cross chains are broken the road crew can replace or repair these sections. Jim also orders early to save money. Ice will wear out chains fast. Jerry Fielder found a set of chains and was nice

enough to drop them off to Jim. Thomasina stated that they are close to going over budget, the selectboard would like to know before expenses occur so they can track, manage, and make sure they don't go over budget. These chains were for two sets for \$2,000.00 Future orders will be made by the selectboard (specifically Tammy), not Jim, per selectboard request.

Sand Supply and Ordering Process

Tammy inquired if sand had been ordered. Jim reported that new sand has been ordered, 7 loads are coming from Dido Wednesday and 7 loads Thursday or Friday. Tammy inquired about the pile in front of the bay that can not be moved. Jim stated that it is a pile of snow from garage yard cleanup. Tammy tried to move this pile and couldn't with her plow truck, it is a solid pile. Jim said the last door is not used, he cleans the yard and puts snow there, there is most likely sand and salt in the pile that creates frozen chunks. Jim can move this with the Town equipment, but this is where he puts it as the other side has the brook, which he does not want salt and sand going into. The road crew needs a place to put snow from yard cleanup. Thomasina inquires why the door is not used. Jim stated that they can access the sand by going in the other door, no need for it to be open. Marci explained that they always fill the garage in the beginning of winter and empty it as much as possible then get a mid winter order. Jim said that sand is delivered twice a year and that the Town has never run out of sand and salt. Jim stated that there is enough sand until more comes. Bill inquires if this will be a pre-approved process. Tammy stated that in the future this would be approved by the selectboard, but she is fine that Jim ordered it this time. selectboard will need to authorize all future purchases.

Project Planning for 2023 - using Capital Improvement Plan

Marci reported that this list is  $\frac{1}{3}$  done, they are still working on this. Marci inquired if the selectboard would like what they have done so far. Thomasina requested they continue working on this and that it be on the next agenda.

Mileage Review Form - VTRANS

Thomasina reported that the certificate of Highway mileage needs to be filled and sent out. Thomasina inquired if anything has changed regarding this. Marci stated that this would be when to reflect the changes of South Hill on this certificate. Thomasina stated that this will be discussed below. Thomasina will get this signed and filled out.

ACRPC Survey for Roads

Mike Winslow sent a road survey to the selectboard. Thomasina gave this to Jim Hayes to fill out at the meeting. The selectboard will send it back to Mike Winslow.

Overweight Permit

Town Clerk wrote a letter to the selectboard and inquired how the overweight permits are to be handled this year. The weight limit is 80,000lbs. A fee is attached to overweight permits, personnel taking money from Town for this needs to be bonded. Marci explained that they often get overweight permit requests and checks by mail or in person, they send back approved permits with selectboard approved letters, they file the permit and the accompanying certificate of insurance, they also give a copy of the insurance to the Auditors. Thomasina inquired if the Town is responsible for posting the roads. Marci stated yes, Jim will go around and post the roads when it is time. Jim stated he goes around usually in March. Bill inquired how to police people with overweight trucks. Marci stated that they can be stopped and asked to show the overweight permit, which they are required to have in the truck. Marci stated that GMP are exempt from needing overweight permits. Jim stated that he has stopped trucks in the past to make sure that they have permits. Dave Sabatini inquired if this is the constables or road foreman that stop vehicles. Jim said that anyone could. Thomasina stated that last year was about \$400, one year was \$800. Marci said the year with \$800 was when the Sheriff department sent out a blanket list and checks for numerous overweight permits, some of which did not come into Goshen, they only did this the one year. Thomasina makes a motion to approve Town overweight permits to be done through the Town Clerk and Road Foreman, as done in previous years, a letter is approved from the selectboard for the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk to use. Tammy 2nd.

Motion for Overweight Permit

**New Business**

**1hr 3 minutes**

South Hill Road Reroute Complications and Update

Thomasina read an email from Mike Winslow who conversed with Kerry Allen. Kerry was unsure if there was enough information to change the route of South Hill Rd on Goshen VTrans Map. Thomasina inquired if a letter was sent to all the land owners. Marci stated no, due to the land that the new road effected was municipal forest, it does not border any privately owned land. Marci stated that the notice of public hearing was done. Thomasina stated that Kerry suggested a survey be done on the road and request that the Town provide the date of the public notification, the date of the 30 day warning, when the hearing occurred, and the date the selectboard took action after the 30 day period. Kerry also suggested that the selectboard do a site visit, have a letter of notice to property owners. Kerry does not have any of this information. Marci will be sent bullet points regarding this from Thomasina and will work with her regarding this. Marci will pull all the information that she has found on this and give it to the selectboard. Dave Sabatini voiced that this is important because a new road

would change the total road mileage for the Town of Goshen. Thomasina stated that the State was contacted by Cecile Todd to verify that this change occurred. Thomasina mentioned that it was advised to have an attorney review this situation. Thomasina states that there is no conflict as the Town moved a road on Town property. Speaking with an attorney also benefits the property owners on the other side of the road to make sure that their land stays accessible. Cecile was concerned as this was stated by Marci that it was all taken care of. Marci stated that she has done extensive research and work on South Hill and told Kerry that she could not find any documentation in the vault of when the selectboard formally adopted the altered route of South Hill. Kerry then advised to do so following Orange Books specification, which is what the previous selectboard members did, then to reflect said change when the Town fills out this year's certificate of Highway mileage. Marci stated she has some emails but phone conversations occurred. Thomasina recommends Marci to follow up with phone calls in an email response so things are in writing. Marci stated she will try to improve regarding this area.

Cemetery  
Commission  
-ers -  
Petition  
from  
Citizens  
Motion for  
Cemetery  
Commission  
-er Petition

Selectboard received a petition by the legal voters of the Town for the Town of Goshen to elect by Australian Ballot a three member Cemetery Commission, these positions shall be for three years each. If passed the vacancies will be filled by appointment the first year then at Town meeting 2024 they will be elected at staggered 3 year terms. The selectboard appoints the first year. Thomasina makes a motion to add the request of the petition to the Town Warning, Bill 2nd. Thomasina stated that in researching this, she would like to point out that the Town was not in non-compliance or being illegal by having the selectboard be in charge of the Cemetery, several Towns have the selectboard act as the Commissioners. Thomasina felt this was communicated that the Town was doing this wrong and wants to clarify that it was not.

Security  
Camera(s) –  
Removal of  
and Petition  
from  
Citizens

Selectboard received a petition by the legal voters for the reinstallation of the security cameras to be added to the ballot and voted on at the March meeting. Thomasina did some research and stated that VLCT responded to her, of which she requested the response be attached. VLCT staff attorney stated the article/questions in this petition are not the type of subject matter that the voters can force the selectboard to place on Town Warning or Vote, it is at the selectboards discretion whether or not to put said articles before the people. In short the selectboard can reject this petition. Thomasina addressed why the cameras were taken down. Cameras were located inside the Town Office and this posed several problems. First the authorized town employees were denied access to the recordings, secondly an unauthorized person could operate and review the camera remotely, third the recordings were not backed up or stored on the Town computer, and fourth visitors to the office were not warned that they were being electronically supervised. Thomasina stated these issues raise multiple legal

problems as citizens and employees have a right to reasonable privacy, therefore the camera was removed. Thomasina stated that they are not being adverse to any security camera, it was the fact that it was not compliant with Freedom of Information request, and there was no process or procedure in place with who would look at this, should there be an issue. This all needs to be written with a policy in place. Tammy inquired if there is a camera in the garage. Marci stated no, Tammy stated that Barb Walsh said there was. Marci clarified that there was one many years ago, but not recently. Jim added that the camera was there when Tom Kerr was constable, this camera recorded used outdated surveillance systems. Thomasina inquired about the camera that the previous selectboard approved for the Town garage. Marci stated that it was purchased but with the current situation it was never installed. Tammy inquired if this was purchased by Town or Employee. Marci stated it was and that it is in the Town Office along with the camera that was uninstalled from the Town Office. Thomasina stated it is unfortunate that there is a fear based approach that there is something to be afraid of, Thoamsina pointed out that the door locks behind people, the only time the door is unlocked is on Tuesdays from 9-1 when the Clerk is there. Thomasina added that there is a Municipal Building Policy, which states who can go into the office, there are very few people that are authorized to go in the office. Thomasina stated that an interior security camera does not make sense, perhaps outside the building. Tammy did research and feels that lawyers doing research in the building would be uncomfortable with being recorded, while a resident of Goshen is moving and operating the camera remotely. Marci stated from a Constable perspective, the camera was installed when Vickee ( while Treasurer) requested it. The town office was broken into and damage was done to the lock, door, and inside with her desk. There was also a break in through the Auditors window. Marci stated that nothing resulted with these as there was no footage that could provide evidence. There have also been situations where people have come into the building in a hostile manner that make the employees feel uncomfortable. The security camera is there to protect not only Town employees but Town assets as well. There are five computers, printers, and other expensive items that are worth protecting. The Town Clerk also has had dealings with being in situations of a threatening nature with people of the public. Cameras protect and provide safety for the people in the Office. Tammy reminded Marci that she is the first Constable. Marci stated that she is not always in the office, others that work in the office often work alone. The selectboard stated that the door is locked. Marci added that the people that want to do things that are bad will get in irregardless of whether or not a door is locked. Marci stated that the camera that was in the office was already installed and paid for. Marci stated that she would have rather seen the camera stay in place and have the selectboard decide to outsource the security footage and design a policy for this rather than taking it upon themselves and having it removed without a motion or decision at a meeting. Marci added that theft is up 80% people and businesses are installing security cameras, not removing them. Many public buildings have security cameras, it makes no sense to remove one. Dave Sabatini inquired if there was audio in the camera. Marci stated no. Dave

inquired how a person viewing the footage with no audio can tell what a person is saying and if they are being threatening or not. Marci stated that it is visible through body language, when people get in the Town Clerks face, it is evident. Dave Sabatini stated that audio can be ad libbed. Dave Sabatini further stated that he had a situation in front of the Town Office, when someone came out and he was being videoed by someone on their phone, he felt threatened by this and did not feel ok. Dave Sabatini stated that he feels that whatever the selectboard decides, having an exterior camera would be good. Marci added that the Constables acknowledge that this is within the selectboard jurisdiction to decide if there is a camera or not, however the people in the Office prefer that it is in there due to past history of theft, vandalism, and altercations. The camera was put there not on a whim but due to reason. Thomasina stated that there needs to be a process and a policy and a procedure. According to the Secretary of State and VLCT, having the footage go to a private citizen, constable or not, is a huge concern. Marci agrees that footage would be good to go to an outside agency. Thomasina also would like to look at the technology in the office. Marci stated that footage is only viewed upon requests, even police officers need warrants to view footage. Thomasina stated that footage is reviewed with a second person, as sometimes footage disappears. Marci stated that she is in favor if the selectboard would come up with a policy and system as there are valuable assets in the office and they are at risk not having cameras for both property and employees. Bill inquires what the selectboard's pleasure is regarding this. Thomasina stated that the petition will not be going on the warning to be voted by the people, and that the selectboard could make a statement that they are willing to look into a process and procedure and all the legal angles and costs and quotes with an outside agency. Thomasina stated that this should not be in control of the selectboard but of an outside agency. Thomasina will take care of this matter and report to the selectboard in a month or so.

Tammy inquired about a camera for the garage, if it is needed interior or exterior. Jim said yes, there should be a camera as saws, chains, tools, are stolen from the garage. Marci added the exterior would be good as things are stolen from the yard as well including inspection stickers, fuel, and vehicles. Jim added that oil used to be purchased in cases, which would come up missing, now oil is purchased in 52 gallon drums and these are harder to take. Jim added that issues happen more when more people have access to the garage. Bill inquired how the garage is secured. Jim stated that locks are only good for honest people. Jim stated the door has marks where they kick the door in. Bill inquired if there is anything expensive in the garage. Marci and Jim both stated yes, tools are very expensive. Barb Walsh has an inventory. Dave Sabatini suggested that in the meantime people can use their personal cameras to record what others are doing with audio. Marci stated that the garage has no wifi, so this should be considered when looking into installing cameras at the garage.

Town  
Meeting  
WARNING  
Approval  
Motion to  
approve  
Warning

Thomasina makes a motion to approve the warning, Tammy 2nd. Discussion followed on articles of warning. Bill stated that Article III is clear. Bill stated that the garbage motion is in three parts. Discussion and explanations will need to occur at the meeting. VLCT determined three separate steps is an advisable method. Bill explained if the first option for garbage collection, which is curbside, is passed, then a motion to indefinitely suspend the other remaining articles occurs, the issue is then done with. If the first option is not passed then the following option is voted on (for drop off), following the same method. Marci inquired about the method of discussion, if an article is moved and open for discussion, would people be able to discuss the three other Articles further on the warning (VI, VII, VIII) prior to making the vote. Bill stated that discussion will be able to happen. Dave inquired about the amount of \$24,000.00 as this is what the Town is paying him currently. Thomasina spoke regarding the letter to the community to be sent out that will be explaining the bid process and figures. Thomasina stated that they need to have a number in the warning, but by Town Meeting the selectboard will have chosen a contractor and present the new figure. selectboard had a discussion with the possibility of taking out the \$24,000 figure as it may be confusing. Dave continued with asking his question, he explained that his bid that he was awarded a few months ago comes to \$2,000 a month, \$24,000 a year. Thomasina added that the tipping fee, which at the time the RFP's were sent out, was going to be paid for by the Town, this has later been decided that it would not be included. Dave stated that solid waste district prices for both garbage and recycling have gone up. selectboard discussed that the amount should increase. Marci stated that from her findings, the expense for curbside monthly with tipping fee is estimated at \$28,800, which should be increased to reflect higher prices. Thomasina proposed having the figure be \$30,000 Dave inquired if there was any way to get clear figures on pricing that can be presented before the voters. Marci explained that she has figures of prices that were given to the selectboard months ago and inquired if the selectboard would like for her to read the breakdown. Thomasina declined. Thomasina stated the letter and information that is available on the website and explains the \$6500, tipping fee, and options. Bill inquires what if bids come in higher. Further discussion regarding this followed. Marci inquired if not having the one free bag paid for by taxes is an option as this will lower the cost for the taxpayer and was discussed previously, the Town would pay for the contract of having a waste collector/hauler, the citizens would pay for their bags, a person with one light bag a week would pay less than a person with one heavy bag a week, this would be a cheaper (pertaining to taxes), more direct, and fair method. Bill would like to have the rules for the garbage bag collection remain as is.

Dave stated another option is that the Town already has hired him as a contractor, and he is willing to negotiate. Dave suggested if the Town keeps paying the tipping fee, he would continue as he is currently doing. Dave added that he will not pick up outside Goshen garbage, as past private contractors have

done, he is trustworthy and can do the job for less. Dave stated if he bids on this as a contractor again, and his number is already out there, he will have to increase his bid to cover the cost should the Town not cover the tipping fees. Dave stated if the Town continues with him and continues to pay the tipping fee, then he will be able to take whatever garbage people put out.

Bill added that any number that is put in the warning is an incentive for the bidder to bid as close to the figure. Tammy stated that using the number that Dave is currently being paid puts Dave at a disadvantage. Thomasina inquired how this is dealt with in a municipality when everything is open and transparent, this is public knowledge. Bill inquired about putting no number in at all.

Cecile suggested that the Town Report would have the cost of garbage collection. The selectboard explained that the cost for things are broken down into multiple line items and are not found in just one place.

Selectboard reviews wording of the Warning, article reworded and amount of articles changed. Discussion on having a do not exceed amount followed. Marci proposed wording it as the voters will appropriate said amount for chosen garbage option, if option exceeds appropriated amount then this will be reflected in a changed general expense amount. Bill agreed with this.

Dave noted that the selectboard already made the decision that the Town would not be continuing with Town employees and vehicles doing the waste collection as it has been done, this is not an option that voters can vote on. Bill stated that the selectboard has not made that decision, voters will be able to do so under Article V. Voters can still decide to use approved money to have the Town do garbage collection.

Selectboard has further discussion on Warning articles.

Dave inquired if anyone is running for moderator. Discussion occurred on Bill as Moderator, he explained that he will hand over the gavel to another selectboard member if he decides to talk.

Motion for  
amended  
warning

Thomasina motions the revised warning, Tammy 2nd. Warning will be signed and submitted to the Town Clerk.

Oversight  
and  
Manage-  
ment of  
Municipal  
Buildings &  
Grounds

Tabled until next meeting.

Heat Pump Installation – February 2nd	Thomasina scheduled the contractor to come February 2nd. Fischer is getting a quote for a cover. Fisher will also look for a generator and price options for the selectboard to review.
Green Truck	Green Truck is posted on the website. Thomasina shared this with people. Thought is to not have this advertised in the paper as the cost of advertising could be more than what the truck is sold for.
Emergency services	Tabled until a later meeting. As well as the Fire Department item and Municipal Buildings.
Curb Cuts – Sabatini & Trembley	<p>Thomasina stated it was brought to the selectboards attention that the Planning Commission confirmed that the selectboard does have the authority to authorize curb cuts, according to the zoning laws, which Thomasina stated will be changing, the selectboard can authorize more than one curb cut. Thomasina stated that this brings up Dave Sabatini’s request for a second curb cut, as well as Keith Tremblay. Tammy stated she gave Keith Tremblay the paperwork and inquired if anyone including Marci has received it. Marci stated no, due to a couple of reasons. Marci inquired with the selectboard where it states that properties can have more than one curb access. Thomasina stated it was confirmed at a Planning Commission meeting on the 9th, that the selectboard can authorize this. Tammy inquired about Keith’s access. Marci stated that in doing research on requirements for curb access the bylaws state that if an access is temporary, such as for logging and the access will be pulled out then a curb access is not required. Thomasina stated that Keith said he was not removing the access. Marci proceeded to report on the discussion she had with Keith, Tammy interjected. Tammy stated that she approached Keith at his house and that he had concerns regarding Marci’s level of honesty and further stated he as a town resident can put a curb cut wherever he wants to on his property. Thomasina would like to cease discussing this until they have an application from Keith. Thomasina inquires where Dave’s curb access is. Marci stated it is filed until the selectboard puts it on the agenda. Thomasina will have this on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Tammy wants to be sure curb accesses are followed up on so they are not forgotten.</p> <p>Marci inquired when the Planning Commission stated that the selectboard has the authority to do the additional curb access, if this was to be stated that it is only pertaining to Dave’s property for this one situation, or are all homeowners regarding their property now allowed to disregard zoning bylaws and have more than one access on their property. Dave Sabatini advised Marci to address this question to Chad Chamberlain, Chair of the</p>

Planning Commission. Thomasina stated she was not at the Planning Commission meeting in which this was discussed, her understanding is that the selectboard has the authority even though zoning bylaws state that parcels are to have only one curb access, currently according to State law to override this, this is on the docket to be changed. The selectboard can do this, Thomasina further stated that there are several properties around Town that have multiple accesses. Thomasina stated that the approval by Road Foreman and selectboard inspections still will occur and the board is not going to be making blind approvals of permits.

**Executive Session**

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**Motion to adjourn**

**8:44pm**

By Thomasina, 2nd by Tammy

Future Agenda Items mentioned from this meeting include;

- ~Fire Department during March organization meeting.
- ~Project Planning for 2023 - using Capital Improvement Plan
- ~Security Camera- proposed to be revisited in a month or so
- ~Emergency Services
- ~Oversight and Management of Municipal Buildings & Grounds
- ~Dave Sabatini curb access

Submitted by Marci Hayes

Below is the attached response Thomasina received from VLCT, added per request.

Hi Thomasina,

In short, the articles/questions in this petition are not the type of subject matter that the voters can force the selectboard to place on the town meeting warning for a town vote. The town meeting warning is controlled by the majority of the selectboard and these types of articles would be advisory, and it's in the selectboard's discretion whether to put these articles on the town meeting warning.

For more information, please see our FAQs on voter-backed petitions at <https://www.vlct.org/voterbacked-petitions-faqs>.

Particularly, you can see this question:

“Can the voters petition for any kind of article?”

Yes, but a selectboard is not legally required to honor a voter-backed petition unless it deals with a matter over which the town voters have been given explicit authority in statute. Some examples of such authority include:

making social service appropriations pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691; voting to repeal the business property tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3849; voting to authorize the selectboard to hire a town manager pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1241 voting to disapprove a town ordinance that has recently been adopted by the selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

In some towns, a governance charter gives additional authority to voters.

If a voter-backed petition does not deal with a matter over which the town voters have been given authority in statute the selectboard may choose how to respond to that petition, including refusing to place it on the town warning or placing it under the nonbinding, advisory section of the warning. A town is under no legal obligation to warn a vote on a matter that is “frivolous, useless or unlawful” or is not “within the province of the town meeting to grant or refuse through its vote.” *Royalton Taxpayers vs. Wassmandsdorf*, 260 A.2d. 203 (1969). A selectboard should be cautious about allowing a vote on a petitioned article even though it is not legally required to do so, since the voters will expect a selectboard to abide by the results of that vote, even if it is warned as non-binding, advisory article.”

Constables installing/controlling video surveillance in and around the town is not a subject matter in law that voters have been given authority over with respect to petitions. Therefore, the selectboard can reject this petition and the articles.

Cheers,

[Carl Andeer](#)

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