

# Town of Hersey

21 Katahdin Street

PO Box 236 Patten, Maine 04765 Phone (207)528-2215 Fax (207)528-2055

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Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024; 4:30pm  
Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

## Minutes

Called to order at 4:30pm by Chris Streinz.

### Roll Call

Selectmen: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin, Ken Libby

Town Office Staff: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Billie Doody, Town Clerk

Public: Frank Schramm, Mona Briggs, William Briggs, Denise Jutras

Approve and Sign Warrant #5 for General Government

**Motion** made by C. Streinz to approve, and sign Warrant #5. Seconded by S. Hartin, no discussion heard. **Approved 3/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Motion** made by C. Streinz to approve and sign the minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by K. Libby, no discussion heard. **Approved 3/0/0.**

### New Business

#### A) Code Enforcement Officer Discussion

Chris Beyer's Code Enforcement contract expires in March. Bruce Hussey is the Code Enforcement Officer for Patten and is interested in taking on Hersey. Billie will reach out to Bruce about submitting a proposal.

#### B) Financial Update

Discussion of the budget to date. Billie is still working on audit preparation.

C) Impending Foreclosure Notifications

Discussion of an Impending Foreclosure Notification that was sent out for 219 Aroostook Scenic Highway.

New Business

A) Solar Ordinance Update

Hersey passed a moratorium restricting large scale Solar Farms several months ago and a Solar Ordinance is in the works. There is a company that wants to put in a 500-acre Solar Farm in Hersey. Selectmen agree to arrange a Special Town Meeting regarding the Solar Ordinance when it's ready.

B) Tax Acquired Property Update

**Motion** made by C. Streinz to move forward with the process of selling the tax acquired property on Townline Road to Frank Schramm. Seconded by K. Libby, no discussion heard. **Approved 3/0/0.**

Public Comments

Selectmen Comments

Adjourn

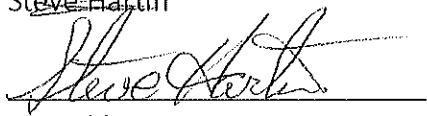
**Motion** made by C. Streinz to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm. Seconded by S. Hartin, no discussion heard. **Approved 3/0/0.**

Meeting Minutes for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Approved by the Select Board on 2/28, 2024

  
Chris Streinz

  
Steve Hartin

  
Ken Libby

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Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024; 4:30 PM  
Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

## Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 4:30. Roll Call:  
Selectboard Members Chris Streinz, Ken Libby, Steve Hartin.  
Town Agent Billie Doody.  
Public, Frank Schramm, Denise Jutras.
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #6 for General Government.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign Warrant #6 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2024  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from January 24, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.
4. New Business
  - a. Financial Update: FY23 Audit date will be determined by the next meeting. State Revenue Sharing amounts have been put out by the state. Hersey will receive \$18,311.78.
5. Old Business
  - a. Solar Ordinance Update: Chris has been in contact with John Pottle, and they are still working on the ordinance. We will choose a date and time to have a public informational session for the Town to attend and have John Pottle (attorney) there for the discussion with the town. The Selectboard will need to vote on extending the Solar Moratorium, where the Ordinance is still in the works.  
  
A Motion was made by C. Streinz to extend the Solar Moratorium another six months to end in September 2024. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

b. Tax Acquired Property Update

B. Doody emailed John Pottle about continuing the sale of a tax acquired property following the rules of the new state laws. The Selectboard was given the go ahead from John Pottle to go to the next step in the process after the deadline given to previous landowner of March 14, 2024.

B. Doody will send the information of the property and sale to Phil Jordan at Currier, Trask & Jordan to complete the sale process.

c. Code Enforcement Officer Discussion-Guest Bruce Hussey

B. Hussey did not attend the meeting. Discussion of Code Enforcement Officer opening as of April 1, 2024. B. Doody will check with B. Hussey on compensation requirements and have agreement ready for approval and signing at the next Selectboard meeting.

6. Public Comments:

F. Schramm asked if there was going to be any culvert work done on the Town Line Road. Road Maintenance will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

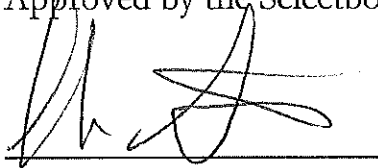
7. Selectmen Comments

8. Adjourn:

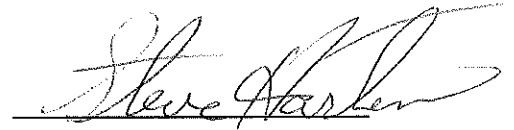
C. Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 pm. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2024.

Approved by the Selectboard March 27, 2024.



Chris Streinz, Chair



Steve Hartin

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Ken Libby

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# Town of Hersey

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024; 4:30 PM

Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

### Minutes

1. Call to order: Chris Streinz called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.  
Roll Call:  
Selectboard Members: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin. Absent: Ken Libby  
Administration: Billie Doody, Town Agent  
Public: Frank Schramm
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #7 for General Government.  
  
C. Streinz made the motion to approve, and sign warrant #7 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote 2-0-1
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2024  
  
C. Streinz made a motion to approve and sign meeting minutes from February 28, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion.  
  
Vote 2-0-1
4. Approve and Sign 2024/2025 Code Enforcement Officer Agreement  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the Code Enforcement Officer Agreement with Bruce Hussey. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote 2-0-1
5. New Business
  - a. Spring/Summer Road Maintenance Discussion  
  
Culvert issues on Townline Road near Schramm property. Discussion tabled until the next meeting. Steve will contact Ken to get a list of maintenance that will need to be done this year so estimates can be attained.
  - b. FY2023 Audit Date Discussion

FY23 Audit dates have been set for May 13<sup>th</sup>-May 16<sup>th</sup>. Billie is still working on the last few items in preparation.

6. Old Business

a. Solar Ordinance Update

Solar Ordinance update tabled to the next Selectboard meeting. C. Streinz will reach out to Jonathan Pottle to see if he will attend the next meeting.

b. Tax Acquired Property Update

The sale of 49 Townline Road property has been completed. Deed and all forms for the transaction have been signed and submitted. Payment for sale has been received and past due taxes have been cleared up.

There are no new tax acquired properties for tax year 2021.

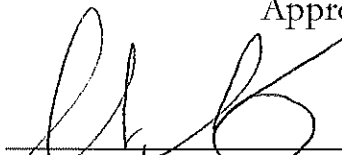
7. Public Comments: None

8. Selectmen Comments: None

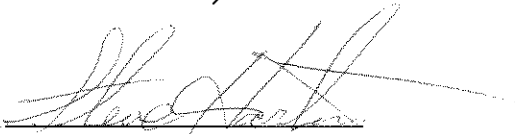
9. Adjourn: C Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm. S Hartin seconded the motion to adjourn. No discussion. Vote 2-0-1

Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2024

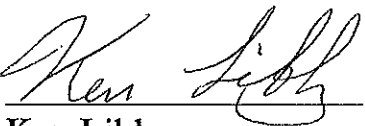
Approved by the Selectboard May 2, 2024



**Chris Streinz, Chair**



**Steve Hartin**



**Ken Libby**

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# Town of Hersey

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## **Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday May 29, 2024; 3:30 PM

Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

1. Call to order by Chris Streinz at 3:31 PM
2. Roll call: Selectboard Members Chris Streinz, Stephen Hartin & Ken Libby. Public: Denise Jutras, William Briggs, Mona Briggs, Harlan Prescott, Frank Schramm.
3. Approve and Sign Warrant #8 and Warrant #9 for General Government. Chris Streinz motioned to approve and sign warrant #8 and #9 for General Government. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion for approval of Warrants #8 & #9. No Discussion. All in Favor
4. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2024. Chris Streinz motioned to approve and sign Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2024. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion for approval of the meeting minutes. No Discussion. All in Favor
5. New Business
  - a. Financial/Administrative Update: 2022-2023 Audit was done in early May. In the process of scheduling the 2023-2024 audit for sometime in September of 2024. Audit engagement letter approved and signed by Chris Streinz. Previously voted to accept. Letter of Engagement signed by Chris Streinz. County Tax bill has been received. Aroostook County is changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year. There will be a special 6 month tax bill (which will be split up into 3 payments over the next three years) and a full year tax bill. CD renewal notice shown to Selectboard.

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- b. Budget Discussion: FYE2025 Proposed budget discussed with Selectboard and public were given copies of proposed budget. Chris Streinz motioned to approve FYE2025 proposed budget as it was presented with the exception of the Education amount (voted on July 11, 2024 Election). Ken Libby seconded the motion to accept the budget as presented.

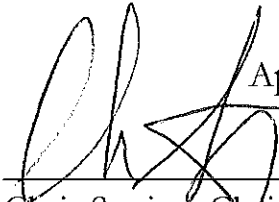
6. Old Business

- a. Solar Ordinance Update with Guest Jonathan Pottle-Chris Streinz motioned to move Guest Speaker Jonathan Pottle to present first before New Business is discussed. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor. (Please ask for copy of recorded meeting to hear discussion.) Discussed having another Public Meeting with Jonathan Pottle and Representative from Solar Company
- b. Spring/Summer Road Maintenance Discussion: Need some patching to work on Townline Road. Ditching and maybe some culvert work. Need to find pricing on calcium for Retreat Road. Billie is going to check with Steel Stone in Houlton for patch. Billie is also going to try and set up a meeting with town officials from Moro, Merrill and Dyer Brook to discuss what can be done to improve all of Town Line Road.

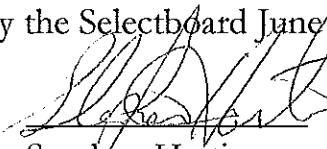
7. Public Comments

8. Selectmen Comments

9. Adjourn: Chris Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 pm. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor.

  
Chris Streinz, Chair

Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2024  
Approved by the Selectboard June 26, 2024

  
Stephen Hartin

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Ken Libby



## 2024 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on June 17, 2024, Aroostook County, ss.

TO: Frank Schramm, a citizen of the Town of Hersey, in the County of Aroostook.

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hersey, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Patten Town Office Garage, located within the Town of Patten at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, the 17th day of June, in the Year A.D. 2024, there and then to act upon Articles 1 through 36; all of said Articles being set out below to wit:

### ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over a Town Meeting:

***Chris Streinz nominated Ed MacArthur to preside as Moderator. Stephen Hartin seconded the nomination. No other nominations. No Discussion. Article Carries***

### ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor:

- (1) Member of the Board of Selectmen with a 3-year term to expire in 2027 (Incumbent: Kenneth Libby)

***Ken Libby was nominated by Chris Streinz. Stephen Hartin seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Article Carries***

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Town Officers with terms to expire June 30, 2025. The incumbents are in parenthesis.

Fair Hearing Authority (*Board of Selectmen*)  
Road Commissioners (*Board of Selectmen*)  
Animal Control Officer (*Jon Harvey*)  
Fire Warden (*Ken Libby*) and Assistant (*Steve Hartin*)  
Plumbing Inspector (*Bruce Hussey*)  
Code Enforcement Officer (*Bruce Hussey*)  
Solid Waste Committee Director (*Ken Libby*)  
Cemetery Sexton (*Christopher Streinz*)

***Frank Schramm motioned to get the article on the floor to make an amendment to the Town Officers. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Amendment: Ken Libby motioned to add Harlan Prescott as Fire Warden Assistant along with Steve Hartin. Denis Jutras seconded the motion. No discussion. Article Carries with the amendment***

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the balances of the following Accounts as listed:

Road Improvement Reserve, Forest Fire Reserve Fund, Emergency Reserve, Tax Maps Reserve, and DOT Local Roads and to expend such funds for purposes as intended.

***Chris Streinz motions to accept article as written. Frank Schramm seconded the motion. No Discussion. Article Carries***

#### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to carry all other balances and all other overdrafts to Fund Balance.

***Ken Libby motions to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. No Discussion.  
Article Carries***

#### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend for CONTRACT SERVICES

2023 – 2024 Appropriation

\$22,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$22,000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for  
COMPUTER SOFTWARE HOSTING.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$2750

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 2750

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for  
TAX ABATEMENTS.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 500

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 500

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for  
ANIMAL CONTROL.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 1000

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 1000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for  
CEMETERY OPERATIONS.

2023- 2024 Appropriation

\$ 2000

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 2000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for  
FIRE PROTECTION.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 6,500

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 6,500

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for AMBULANCE CONTRACT.

2023- 2024 Appropriation

\$ 12,190

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 12,190

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for GENERAL GOVERNMENT. (General Government includes deed copies, lien fees, postage, payroll taxes, and office supplies, etc.).

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,300

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 1,700

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for AUDIT.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 6,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 6,000

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for ASSESSING.

2023 – 2024 Appropriation

\$ 1500

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$1,500

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for INSURANCE.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,400

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 2,400

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for NKVWDD.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,100

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 2,100

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for OFFICERS' SALARIES and ELECTION EXPENSE.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$3,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$3,000

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SUMMER ROADS, and to carry forward any unspent balance at 06/30/20234 into the Road Improvement Reserve account.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation  
\$10,000

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$ 10,000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SEPTAGE DISPOSAL.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$1,800

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$1,800

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for WINTER ROADS (This includes Plowing Contractor and Salt).

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$33,000

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$33,000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SALT/SAND SHED RENTAL.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$ 2,500

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$ 2,500

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for CODE ENFORCEMENT and PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$ 2500

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$ 1,000

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for MEMBERSHIP DUES.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$750

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$750

***See Article 26***

#### **ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$500

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$500

**See Article 26**

#### **ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for LEGAL FEES.

2023-2024 Appropriation  
\$ 5000

2024-2025 Appropriation  
\$5,000

***Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 6 through Article 26 as written. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. Discussion: Ken Libby asked if the Ambulance contract was staying the same. Article 23 lowered from last year, all others are the same amounts as last year's approved budget.***

#### **ARTICLE 27**

To see what sum, if any, the Town shall vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for the following NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS.

	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Request</u>
ACAP	\$ 200	\$ 200
Aroostook Area on Aging	\$ 10	\$ 10
Patten Lumberman's Museum	\$ 500	\$ 500
Patten Playground Committee	\$ 500	\$ 0*
Patten ATV Club	\$ 100	\$ 100
Veterans Memorial Library	\$ 500	\$ 500
	\$ 1,810	\$1,310

***\*The Town of Patten has taken over maintenance and the financial responsibility for Patten Community Playground. \****

***Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. Discussion: S. Campbell inquired by the amount went down \$500. Town Agent Billie Doody informed the public that Patten was taking over responsibility for the Patten Playground. No Request from Patten for financial donation. Motion Carries***

#### **ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$12,250 anticipated EXCISE TAX for the purpose of reducing the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment.

***Chris Streinz motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries***

#### **ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$1069 from anticipated INTEREST INCOME for the purpose of reducing the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment.

***Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Harlan Prescott seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries***

### ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$500 from Fund Balance to fund General Assistance

**Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: Instead of raising it in taxes, money is used from Fund Balance to cover GA (which has not been used in at 12 years) and rolls back and forth because it does not get used. All in Favor. Motion Carries**

### ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell, or dispose, of any real estate acquired by the Town of Hersey for nonpayment of taxes, or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds on the conveyance of such property.

**Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries**

### ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts.

**Chris Streinz motioned to accept the article as written. Frank Schramm seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carries**

### ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed.

**Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: S Campbell inquired about people paying ahead. Possible tax club for next year. All in Favor. Motion Carries**

### ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2024-2025 unpaid taxes as of a certain date and time. All checks will be credited as of the date the Town receives payment. If so, what rate of interest and what date?

2024-2025 Recommended: 8.0%, beginning 60 Days from Commitment Date.

**Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. Discussion: State Regulated rate. All in Favor. Motion Carries**

### ARTICLE 35

Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine Legislature (MRSA Title 30-A, Subsection 5682)?

Excise Tax  
State Revenue Sharing  
DOT Local Road Assistance  
DEP Grants/Funds

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement  
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement  
Tree Growth Reimbursement  
General Assistance Reimbursement

### ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2025.

**RECOMMEND: July 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (Third Monday in July)**

**Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: Meeting this year was too early to have proper financial information for the town. All in Favor. Motion Carries**

  
Christopher Streinz

  
Kenneth Libby

  
Steve Hartin

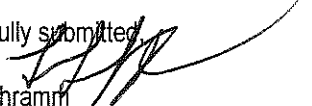
Town of Hersey  
Selectboard

**RETURN**

Town of Hersey, County of Aroostook, State of Maine. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Hersey, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose herein named, posting this day attested copies of the Writ in Warrant, at the Patten Town Office, the Patten Post Office, Ellis's Family Market and Katahdin Trust the same being a public and conspicuous place.

Dated at Hersey, Maine this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frank Schramm  
Citizen of Hersey

A True Copy. Attest:

  
Billie Doody  
Hersey Town Agent

# Town of Hersey

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Board of Selectmen Meeting  
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Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

## Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 4:29 p.m.  
Selectboard in attendance: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin  
Administration in attendance: Town Agent/Town Clerk Billie Doody  
Public in attendance: Frank Schramm, Denise Jutras
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #10 for General Government.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve, and sign warrant #10 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2024.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 29, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor
4. Approve and Sign Annual Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024  
C. Streinz motioned to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor
5. New Business
  - a. Annual Meeting & End of Year Financial Update  
B. Doody spoke about updating the way the Annual Meeting Warrant will be done going forward. Items will be grouped together to make the warrant shorter and easier to vote on. 2022-2023 audit is still being worked on, hopefully will have more information at the next meeting. We are still trying to schedule the audit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
6. Old Business
  - a. Discussion of Road Work



S. Hartin got a quote from D&D Paving on having road work done on Retreat Road. The quote included fixing the road (1/4-mile Hersey portion) and paving. The quote came to \$90,000. B. Doody spoke with Steel Stone about getting some patch for roadwork and they were out. B. Doody can check with the Public Works Director for Patten to see if a deal could be worked out for a small amount of patch from Patten's supply. Someone will check with H. Prescott whether cold patch or hot patch is wanted for road maintenance. Rest of discussion tabled for next meeting.

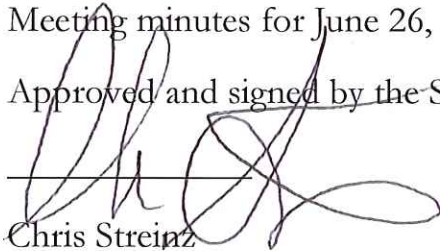
b. Solar Ordinance Update

C. Streinz spoke with Dave Fowler (President of Next Phase Energy Services LLC.) about a discussion/public meeting later in the summer. C. Streinz will reach out to him again to see if there is a date in August that would work best for him and legal counsel for the town. The meeting will be held as an Informational Session for the residents of Hersey. An alternative method of informing residents of the meetings will be researched. Possibly send a notice of the informational meeting with tax bills that will be coming out in August. August 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> are options for the meeting.

7. Public Comments: None
8. Selectmen Comments: None
9. Adjourn: C. Streinz motioned to adjourn at 4:41 pm. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor

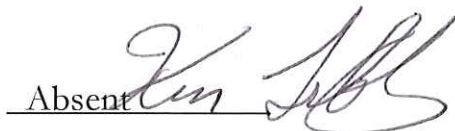
Meeting minutes for June 26, 2024

Approved and signed by the Selectboard on July 31, 2024

  
Chris Streinz



Steve Hartin

Absent 

Ken Libby

# Town of Hersey

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Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, July 31, 2024; 4:30 PM  
Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

## Minutes

1. Call to order at 4:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Selectboard: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin, Ken Libby
  - b. Town Agent: Billie Doody
  - c. Public: Frank Schramm, Denise Jutras
3. Approve and Sign Warrant #1 for General Government.

C. Streinz motioned to approve, and sign warrant #1 for General Government. K. Libby seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor
4. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2024

C. Streinz motioned to approve, and sign meeting minutes from June 26, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor
5. New Business
  - a. Administrative & Financial Update

B. Doody received the draft of the 2022-2023 fiscal year audit. Engagement letter and Representation Letter signed by Chair Chris Streinz. B. Doody will mail letters back to the auditors and should expect the final audit in book form in a couple weeks. Still waiting to hear from auditors about scheduling 2023-2024 audit.

B. Doody will reach out to businesses (Katahdin Trust, Post Office) in Island Falls and Smyrna (Post Office) to see if meeting agendas can be hung for Hersey to reach more residents.

Brief discussion of possible Code Enforcement issues/information to give to Bruce Hussey. B. Doody will look in the office files for the subdivision information for Mountain Road.

6. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Road Work: Discussion about scheduling a public information session to discuss what residents want to do with Retreat Road and possibly Town Line Road.

7. Public Comments:

D. Jutras spoke about speed concerns on Route 11. Speed has become more of an issue since Route 11 has been paved all the way up through Hersey. Residents were told to call the State Police or Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, where Route 11 is a state road.

8. Selectmen Comments:

C. Streinz is going to call Jon Pottle to set up the meeting with Dave Fowler and residents about the Solar Ordinance. This will be an information session to discuss what road work the residents would like to see and the Solar Ordinance.

S. Hartin asked if anyone had come into the Town Office to talk about any issues with Town Line Road.

B. Doody is still working on getting/finding cold patch for the town roads.  
B. Doody will check with Steelstone again to see if they have any.

9. Adjourn:

C. Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor.

Meeting Minutes for July 31, 2024

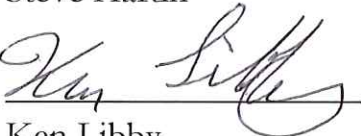
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Chris Streinz



Steve Hartin



Ken Libby

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# Town of Hersey

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2024; 4:30 PM

Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

### Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.  
Selectboard in Attendance: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin and Ken Libby  
Administration in Attendance: Town Agent Billie Doody  
Public in Attendance: Frank Schramm, Mona Briggs and Denise Jutras
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #2 for General Government.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign Warrant #2 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in Favor
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2024  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from July 31<sup>st</sup>. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in Favor.
4. Approve and Sign Certified Ratio Declaration Form from State of Maine  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the Certified Ratio Declaration Form from the State. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in Favor.
5. Approve and Sign Solar Moratorium Extension  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the Solar Moratorium Extension. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor.

## 6. New Business

### a. Administrative & Financial Update

The office administration will transition from an outside accounting firm to a contracted accountant who will be in the office 3 days a week starting in November. Raye Porter, current CFO for Katahdin Valley Health is going to start in November. She will be doing part of the financials, such as budgeting, audit preparation and other financial responsibilities.

B. Doody reported that the assessor had finished up the real estate changes and that the Board was able to vote on their mil rate for 2024-2025 tax bills. B. Doody reported that the minimum rate that could be used was 26.75 and the maximum was 28.07. A brief discussion on overlay amounts and rate options took place. Samples were given to the Board.

C. Streinz motioned to approve 26.75 as the mil rate for 2024-2025 tax bills. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

B. Doody spoke about the Town's certified ratio dropping from 80% for 2023-2024 tax year to 70% 2024-2025 tax year. The certified ratio will hinder how much the Town gets for their tax exemptions (homestead and veteran). B. Doody is waiting on a quote from the assessor for doing a full revaluation and a quote on a market-based adjustment. The assessor is booked up until 2027 for full revaluation. B. Doody will follow up when she has more information.

B. Doody let the Selectboard know that the audit for 2022-2023 has been completed. A brief discussion took place on the results of the audit. The audit for fiscal year 2023-2024 has not been scheduled yet. The office administration is waiting on the audit firm to confirm a date.

B. Doody is still looking for the subdivision information that is on file in the office.

## 7. Old Business

### b. Informational Meeting on Solar Ordinance-Date and Guests

The Board decided to have the informational session on the Solar Ordinance on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, right after the regular Selectboard meeting. Notifications will be mailed out to the residents of Hersey with their tax bills as soon as B. Doody has them ready.

c. Discussion of Road Work

The discussion of road work will also be included on the agenda for the regular selectboard meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

8. Public Comments

No public comments

9. Selectmen Comments

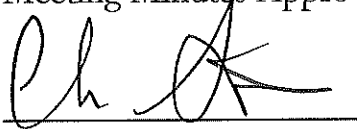
No Selectmen comments

10. Adjourn

C. Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Hartin seconded the motion.  
No discussion. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed September 25, 2024.

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Chris Streinz

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Steve Hartin

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Ken Libby

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

4:00 P.M.

Patten Town Garage

21 Katahdin Street

## Minutes

1. Call to order at 4:04 pm.
2. Roll call: Selectboard Members Chris Streinz and Steve Hartin  
Absent: Ken Libby  
Office Administration/Town Agent Billie Doody  
Public: Frank Schramm, Dave Fowler, Bruna Amaral, Roger Jurack
3. Approve and Sign Warrant #3 for General Government.  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign Warrant #3 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion to approve Warrant #3.  
  
No Discussion. All in Favor.
4. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from August 27, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in Favor.
5. Approve and Sign the New General Assistance Maximums and Ordinance  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the new General Assistance Maximums and Ordinance. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in favor.
6. New Business: No New Business
7. Old Business
  - a. Discussion of Road Work- Full discussion tabled for next Selectboard Meeting in October. B. Doody will keep checking with Steelstone for cold patch. Short discussion on possible solutions for Retreat Road.





Discussion will continue at next Selectboard Meeting in October.

8. Public Comments:

Selectmen Comments: C. Streinz motioned to approve tax abatements for Raye & Dave Porter, Doug Swallow, Chris Bates, provided by B. Doody. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No Discussion. All in favor.

9. Adjourn: Chris Streinz motioned to adjourn at 4:18 pm. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in Favor.

Solar Ordinance Informational Session to follow at 4:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed October 23, 2024.

Chris Streinz

Steve Hartin

Absent at 9/25/24 meeting

Ken Libby



# Town of Hersey

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Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
4:30 P.M.

Patten Town Garage  
21 Katahdin Street

## Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm  
In Attendance  
Selectboard Members: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin and Ken Libby  
Town Agent: Billie Doody  
Public: Frank Schramm and Denise Jutras
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #4 for General Government.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign Warrant #4 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2024  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from September 25, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. K. Libby absent at previous meeting, abstained from vote. C. Streinz and S. Hartin approved meeting minutes.
4. Approve and Sign the Municipal Valuation Return  
B. Doody started brief discussion of issues with TRIO that many towns are having with figures not being reported correctly on program and causing issues when it come to figuring mil rate and creating tax bills. The 2024-2025 mil rate of 24.75 should have been 24.76. The BOS voted to use a balance of \$7,000 from fund balance to offset tax bills, instead of sending out supplemental tax bills to landowners.  
C. Streinz motioned to use \$7,000 from fund balance to correct the offset for the 2024-2025 tax mil rate. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

5. New Business

a. Town Office Administration Update

Raye Porter starts November 18<sup>th</sup>. Steel Stone still does not have any cold patch yet, but B. Doody will keep checking.

b. Tax Acquired Property Memorandum from Currier, Trask & Dunleavy

Handout given to BOS about a possible class action lawsuit in Maine regarding the sale of tax acquired properties. We are waiting for an update from our lawyers about the outcome/decision.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion of Road Work

Retreat Road does need maintenance, but it is too late in the year to fix. Discussion of whether the road should be grading and changed to just dirt or paving. Paving quote for short distance was around \$90,000, which included ditching and leveling out road before paving. BOS said to have Harlan Prescott look at road to see what the best option would be. Harlan will also look at Town Line Road and fix the culvert and area around it that is causing issues.

b. Solar Ordinance Informational Meeting Recap

C. Streinz sent an email to Dave Fowler and requested map of possible locations that were being looked at for the possible location of the Solar Installation. Also, requested what kind of clauses he would be looking for in a town ordinance and what could be offered and how would the town benefit financially in the form of a benefits package. Currently, there is no transmission line available for the Solar Installation of this size to be in the area. This project would be many years down the road, but the Town wants to be prepared. The BOS wants to have the residents of the Town give their input on having an ordinance and if they want a Solar Installation of this magnitude in the area. The BOS are waiting for more information from Dave Fowler.

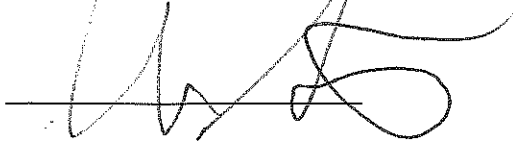
7. Public Comments-None

8. Selectmen Comments-None

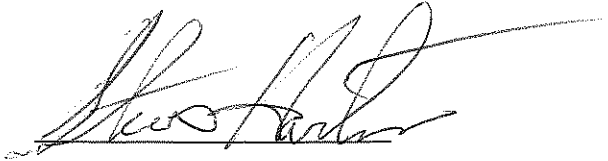
9. Adjourn

C. Streinz motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:17 pm. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

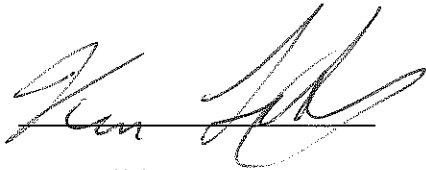
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Steve Hartin

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Ken Libby

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

4:30 P.M.

Patten Town Garage

21 Katahdin Street

### Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 4:31 pm by C. Streinz  
Roll Call of Selectboard: Chris Streinz, Steve Hartin, Ken Libby  
Office Administration: Billie Doody  
Public: Frank Schramm, Gary Gibbs, Rick Gibbs
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #5 for General Government.  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign Warrant #5 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2024  
  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from October 23, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.
4. New Business
  - a. Financial Update  
  
B. Doody informed the BOS of the SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund) also known as ARPA funds which is due to be earmarked for a project by December 31, 2024. The funds do not need to be spent by December 2024. The Town has funds available in the budget and road maintenance reserve to put with the ARPA funds for the road work.  
  
C. Streinz motioned to use the ARPA funds towards road work on Retreat Road and Town Line Road and have Harlan Prescott come up with an estimate of all the work that needs to be done. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

b. 2025 Patten Ambulance Contract

B. Doody discussed the new 3-year Ambulance Contract with Patten. There is an increase of just under \$3000 for the first year. There is a 5% increase each year after for the remainder of the contract. The Patten Ambulance recently purchased a new ambulance. 2 of the ambulance vehicles were having many maintenance issues and high mileage. There were many older pieces of medical equipment (cardiac monitors, stretchers, stair chairs and smaller equipment) and supplies that needed to be replaced.

C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the 2025 Patten Ambulance Contract. K. Libby seconded the motion. Discussion of the payment dates on the contract, B. Doody will speak with Ambulance Director. All in favor.

5. Old Business

a. Discussion of Road Work

Short discussion about having H. Prescott to come up with a list of road work need on Retreat and Town Line Road with a budget around \$15,000. Part of discussion was done in Financial Update.

b. Solar Ordinance Information Update

C. Streinz spoke with legal counsel about what questions needed to be asked of Dave Fowler. The email correspondence with map and responses to questions are attached. Copies are also available by request at the Town Office. Legal counsel recommended the Town look into writing a comprehensive plan. This would help create zoning and the ordinances the Town should already have implemented.

6. Public Comments

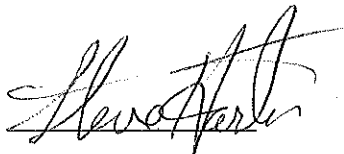
7. Selectmen Comments

8. Adjourn- C. Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Hartin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

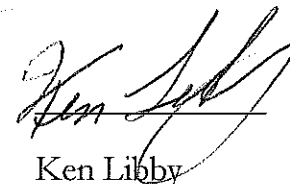
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Chris Streinz



Steve Hartin



Ken Libby

# Town of Hersey

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Patten Town Garage

21 Katahdin Street

## Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Ken Libby at 4:55 P.M.  
Roll Call:  
Selectboard Members: Chris Streinz, Ken Libby, Steve Hartin  
Office Administration: Billie Doody, Town Agent  
Public: Harlan Prescott, Patrick Gibbs, Gary Gibbs
2. Approve and Sign Warrant #6 for General Government  
C. Streinz motioned to approve, and sign warrant #6 for General Government. S. Hartin seconded the motion to approve, and sign warrant #6 for General Government. No discussion. All in favor.
3. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2024.  
C. Streinz motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes from November 20, 2024. S. Hartin seconded the motion to approve and sign the meeting minutes from November 20, 2024. No discussion. All in favor.
4. New Business
  - A. Schedule Solar Ordinance Public Informational Session for Potential Large-Scale Project  
  
Discussion of guests who would be attending and finding a date later in the month of January that worked for all the guests/presenters. Discussion of having refreshments and time of day that would be best to get a larger crowd of residents. B. Doody will get in touch with Jon Pottle and Dave Fowler and let the Selectboard know the date for the Informational Session. B. Doody will work on a flyer to hang around town once the date has been set and will mail to the full-time residents of Hersey and some local landowners.
5. Old Business
  - A. Discussion of Road Work for Retreat Road and Town Line Road  
Harlan brought in a quote/estimate of work that should be done on Town Line Road. The estimate includes ditching, which we will need to figure out how much (distance) there will need

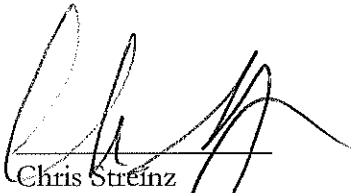
to be done. There are at least 4 crossroad culverts that will need to be replaced. Discussion of the work to be done on Retreat Road. Grading Retreat Road poses a better option than paving. The paving quote was very high for the short distance that needs to be done. Grading the road will probably be easier to maintain. We will just need to keep an eye on the amount of dust, which can be controlled by calcium.

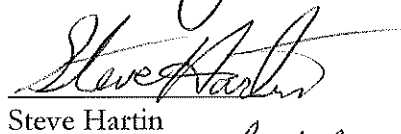
Town Agent B. Doody let the Selectboard know that she will be sending out the Impending Foreclosure notices for the 2022 taxes in the next couple of days. There are 4 notices going out. B. Doody will also reach out to the Assessor (when he returns from vacation) about getting a quote for a Market-Based Adjustment. The certified ratio keeps going down every year and affects the amount of the Homestead Exemption and the Veterans Exemption that the residents receive. The certified ratio for 2024 was

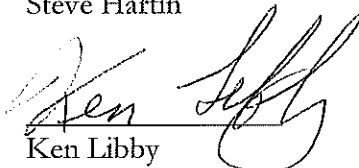
6. Public Comments
7. Selectmen Comments
8. Adjourn

Chris Streinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M. K. Libby seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed on January 30, 2025, by the Selectboard

  
Chris Streinz

  
Steve Hartin

  
Ken Libby