

Trustees of Public Funds

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024.

Present: Trustees Hank Ainley, Rick Bates, and Trustee Chair Steve Hier.
Present via speaker phone: Town Manager Brandon Gulnick.

Chair Steve Hier called the meeting to order at 4:23 pm.

Rick Bates moved that the Trustees approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting. Hank Ainley seconded the motion. Trustees Ainley and Bates voted in favor of the motion. Chair Steve Hier abstained. The motion carried and the minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting of the Trustees of Public Funds were approved.

An individual requested reimbursement for damage to his car tire and wheel caused when he hit a ball of ice on a town road. The individual asserted that the ice ball was caused by a Town of Weathersfield snowplow. There was discussion of whether this type of reimbursement would be an appropriate use of town funds. It was suggested that it might be a matter for an individual's vehicle insurance.

Rick Bates moved to deny the request for reimbursement. Hank Ainley seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote, and all three Trustees voted in favor of the motion. The request for reimbursement was denied.

An individual made a request for assistance in paying rent, stating that a monthly deposit to the individual's bank account had not occurred when it normally did and as a result the person was without funds for rent. There was no information given as to whether or not the individual had approached the landlord regarding an extension. There was some discussion of whether a loan might be more appropriate than a grant, since it appeared that the money was expected to appear eventually.

Chair Steve Hier moved that the Trustees deny payment from Public Funds under their purview, and that the request be referred to the Town Manager for consideration for payment from the Aid to Residents in Need fund. Rick Bates seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote, and all three Trustees voted in favor of the motion. The request for assistance was denied.

There was discussion of a meeting with the bank which manages the funds which the Trustees of Public Funds oversee. It was determined that Chair Steve Hier would approach the bank with a suggestion that we meet on a Thursday in the near future.

Rick Bates moved that the Trustees adjourn. Hank Ainley seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote, and all three Trustees voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Rick Bates, Secretary