

*Nichols Town Regular Board Meeting
July 23, 2024
6:00PM*

Board Members Present: Supervisor Esther Woods, Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte, Councilperson Rose Cole, and Councilperson J. Ladd Yost

Board Members Absent: None:

Others Present: Virginia Okrasinski, Erica Deretz, Michelle Bombard, Ryan Bombard, Robert Nugent, Will Heveland, Kem Hart-Baker and Marcy Hill, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, seconded by Esther Woods at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June 25, 2024 minutes by Councilperson Rose Cole, seconded by L. Yost

Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-astain

Acceptance of Financial Reports: A motion to accept the June financial reports by Councilperson Brenda Fay-Pelotte, seconded by Councilperson Rose Cole

Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-No, 0-abstain

Public Comments – None

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