



BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman, Karl Pruter called the meeting to order at the Meeting House on April 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) hiring and RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) reputation at 5:35 p.m. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Bob, aye, Karl, aye, Marybeth, aye.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Bob made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of session #2 due to reputation. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Bob, aye, Karl, aye, Marybeth, aye.

**Present:** Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen, Sara Gravell, Town Administrator, Lori Rautiola, Executive Secretary, Members of the Community

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Selectmen's Announcements:** Karl stated the Selectmen have decided to conduct meetings in person with a hybrid model so that residents can have the option to participate via Zoom as well. Bob stated the Wellington Road Bridge project is moving forward and is scheduled between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> and could be shut down at any point between those dates for a short period of time.

**Citizen's Forum:** Deb Qualey mentioned the Town of Jaffrey has limited their beach access off Woodbound Road to only allow Jaffrey residents, adding The Town of Rindge has always contributed to Jaffrey residents with programs such as the "Got Lunch" and other programs, as well as the boat launch in Rindge off County Road. She suggested the Board reach out to the Town of Jaffrey to see if they would allow beach access for Rindge residents. Bob asked Sara to contact the Jaffrey Town Manager, Jon Frederick to find out if they are willing to allow Rindge residents access to the parking lot with a Rindge dump sticker.

Roni Hamilton stated the new website looks great and she thanked Sara and Lori and all who were involved for their time with the project. Roni announced the boy scouts will be cleaning the outside area of Rindge Memorial School, weather permitting, on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>. May 1st there will be a group cleaning the park and people are welcomed to join; adding, she and Bob will plant flowers at the five Veterans Memorials. The Memorial Service will start at 1 p.m. and parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. Roni also noted she was waiting to hear if there will be a picnic on the common.

Kim McCummings announced this will be the eleventh year for the local Farmers Market. The market will be held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m., starting on May 13<sup>th</sup> and running through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, reach out by email or on Facebook @ Rindge Farmers Market Facebook page. Markets are held rain or shine unless there is a thunder/lightning storm.

**Consent Agenda - Approval of:**

- Minutes 3/31/2021
- Payroll 4/8/2021, 4/15/2021
- Accounts payable 4/8/2021, 4/15/2021
- Annual Farmer's Market: West Rindge Common Park
- Ingalls Memorial Trustee Appointment: Richard Isakson, Jeff Dickler both three year terms.

Bob made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

**Old Business:**

Consolidated Communications (CCI): Town Buildings are still not hooked up. Sara noted there were a few service connection items the Town will need to purchase that Consolidated does not cover. Bob stated he was not happy with the process of the install and mentioned one of his neighbors has the fiber line running across the middle of their front yard and has been left that way for a week or longer. Bob also noted several residents have been over charged for the install, upwards of \$350.00 and CCI bills one month ahead, so customers will be paying for their service a month ahead of time.

**New Business:**

DPW Paving bids: Sara noted paving bids for the Public Works Department will be posted soon. Sara stated Director, Mike Cloutier was seeking the final budgeted amount for paving, as it was previously discussed the Board would cut \$43,000 from that line. Bob asked for an estimate on paving costs for this year and Sara noted Mike took advantage of the lower prices last year for pavement. Sara questioned as to whether unanticipated funds would be allowed for this use and the Board concurred they would be.

Administrative Abatement- Map 3, Lot 92-9: Bob made a motion to approve the abatement for Map 3 Lot 92-9. Karl seconded the motions and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

It was noted KRT will be working on completing the 2020 abatements and bringing forth their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Bob explained the process of the abatements stating, once KRT makes a decision, the recommendation for that particular property goes to the Selectmen (as they are the Board of Assessors), the Board will then approve or deny that application. Residents can agree with the decision, be heard by the BOS or make an appeal to the BTLA if they feel the decision was unfair.

**Informational Items/Communications & Updates:** It was noted the Board was seeking residents to fill a few more vacancies on the newly established Committee to evaluate income and asset levels for the elderly and disabled exceptions. If anyone would like to be on the committee they should contact Sara Gravell at [sgravell@town.rindge.nh.us](mailto:sgravell@town.rindge.nh.us).

Karl thanked Jeff Dickler for his help with the sound system for the Selectmen's meeting. Roni Hamilton thanked Sara and the Board for going back to the in person meetings.

Sara reiterated the new website was live and she thanked Lori for her assistance with the new site and recommendation of CivicPlus. She added there will be a pre bid-meeting, for the Highway Dept. roof, on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and proposals will be accepted until April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to be read outside at the DPW garage. Karl also complimented the new website and its entirety.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola  
Executive Secretary