



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2021**

Present: Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen, Lori Rautiola, Secretary, Members of the Community.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob stated the Wellington Bridge will be open to the public on September, 16th following the ceremony. Bob noted the Rindge Woman's Club Harvest Fest has been canceled.

Consent Agenda- Approval of:

- Minutes 8/18/2021, 8/18/2021 nonpublic, 9/1/2021, 9/1/2021 nonpublic sessions 1 & 2
- Payroll 9/9/2021, 9/16/2021
- Accounts Payable 8/12/2021, 9/2/2021, 9/9/2021, 9/16/2021

Karl made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business: Karl mentioned the Board was given a quote from Primex Insurance to cover the antique clock donated by the Thomas Family valued at \$18,500. There was a brief discussion on which budget the insurance funds would come from. Bob made a motion to accept the clock from the Thomas Family and the funds to come from the insurance budget. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bob mentioned one of the tax deeded properties will soon be going to eviction. The owner has missed the third payment in a row and owes three years in back taxes, adding the Board should make a decision on this soon.

Citizens Forum: Deni Dickler asked for clarification on the process moving forward with abatements. Lori explained a representative from KRT will be visiting each of the properties who have appealed to the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals to conduct an assessment of the property. The applicants will then be given a time to meet with the Board and attempt to settle the matter before the hearing is scheduled. The site visits should take place within the next few weeks.

Jeff Dickler mentioned the Navian Development case before the Board of Adjustment and the offer from Navian's attorney to put a stay on the case, adding this offer was given two weeks ago and the BOA has not heard anything from the Selectmen's office on whether they accepted the offer and if a letter was sent by the Select Board. Karl answered it has been done by the Town attorney per Town Administrator, Sara Gravel's request. The Board has received the order from the State Housing Appeals Board stating "the applicant's assented to Motion to Temporarily Stay Its Appeal of the captioned case is granted". Bob noted the case will be reheard by the Board of Adjustment on September 20th.

Ron Osimo reported the vandalism in town has continued and he submitted some pictures to the Board showing the vandalism. Ron noted it has all been cleaned up. Karl thanked Ron for his efforts and ensuring the vandalism is cleaned up.

New Business: Karl noted the old fire rescue is will be sold next week. Bob made a motion to allow Karl Pruter to sign off on the title of the old rescue truck. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Karl noted the 2021 proposed budget schedule was drafted. Marybeth stated she had asked the discussion to be tabled due to some changes in her work schedule. There was a brief discussion on the scheduling of the meetings for the budget season. Bob noted the Board has always met every week throughout the budget season until the budget is complete. The discussion was tabled.

Informational Items/Communications & Updates: Bob stated Primex Insurance recertification was approved with a total discount of 5% for workman's comp and property liability. Bob also mentioned the new fire/rescue truck will be delivered on September 21, 2021. With the funds put forth from the last two years warrant articles, the Town was able to save a significant amount of interest and cut the length of the lease down. The bridge ceremony will be Thursday 16th at 1:00 p.m. and the bridge will be open to the public.

Karl noted the Capital Improvement Committee is meeting on Tuesday, September 21. Karl also mentioned Ellen Smith has resigned from the Committee after assisting the town for years. He added the town is in need of volunteers for the CIP Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Executive Secretary