



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 22, 2021**

**Present:** Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen, Amanda Urmann, Secretary, Members of the Community.

Public session opened at 5:00 pm.

Bob motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to reputation. Seconded by Marybeth Quill, passed 3-0.

Public session reconvened at 6:05 pm.

Bob motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session as it could adversely affect the outcome. Seconded by Karl Pruter, passed 3-0.

**Selectmen's Announcements:**

**Citizen's Forum:**

Craig Clark read a letter in regards to the meeting 2 weeks ago when Judy Unger-Clark spoke during the forum and was interrupted and personally attacked, as he claimed. He requests a written apology from this incident. Karl said the Board needs to discuss amongst themselves if this is something they are prepared to do. Roni Hamilton suggested that this should be brought to the Planning Board itself and not to the Board of Selectmen. Craig Clark mentioned that this was being brought to the Board so that the Board would be informed on what was going on.

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of:

- Minutes 12/8/2021,
- Payroll 12/16/2021, 12/23/2021
- Accounts payable 12/16/2021, 12/23/2021
- Intent to cut Annett State Forest M11, L33

Marybeth motioned to approve consent agenda. Karl seconded. 3-0-0

**Old Business:**

- a) KRT's contract and BTLAS mediation results/information that was due on 12/01/2021

Karl said there was no new information on KRT mediation results at this time and that more will be needed to be pursued next week. Everyone has read the new contract from KRT and have signed off on it. Karl motions to accept KRT's new contract. Marybeth seconded. 3-0-0

b) Holiday Calendar

Flaws in 2022 holiday calendar was discovered.

New Year's Day holiday to be changed from Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Civil Rights/MLK Day holiday to be changed from Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

President's Day holiday to be changed from Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

All other holidays are listed correctly

**New Business:**

a) BAC Recommendations (open enrollment benefits)

Phil Motta, chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, spoke. No proposed/default budget is made yet due to not having enough information to use to make it (no wage and benefit information, ect.) He stated that one of the issues is that things are in flux - people are still choosing what they want to have for benefit plans that start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Phil Motta would like the Board to consider changing the date, for future years, to choose these plans to an earlier date not so close to the deadline.

Holly Koski mentions another date, on the Budget schedule, that the deadline for the Petition Warrant Article due dates are wrong and that they have 2 separate dates. One being for the Petition Warrant Articles with bonds less than \$100,000 that are due on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and Petition Warrant Articles that do not have a bond due on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

b) Unused floating holiday requests

There are 2 employees who are looking to carry their floating holiday into 2022 due to one being able to take it because they did not have an assistant and now they do. The other is a similar reason for not being able to take it. Bob motions to allow these two to carry over this one floating holiday/personal day each into the New Year to be used no later than February 28, 2022. Marybeth seconded, 3-0-0

**Informational:**

TelTech committee mentioned a proposal for possibly getting part of the federal grant money that is going towards broadband infrastructure. Tim Wessels is looking to see if Rindge and the other towns that have taken advantage of SB170 can apply for that, to get half of what we bonded for. If it is determined that Rindge and the other towns are eligible, then the information will then be presented to the board so that people can be designated to go through the process for applying for the grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann  
Executive Secretary