



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:30 p.m. Bob Hamilton made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91A-A:3, II (a). Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Karl Pruter called the meeting to order at the Meeting House on May 12, 2021 at 6:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair read Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 regarding meetings held via Zoom.

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

Bob made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session due to reputation. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Karl noted the Selectmen's meetings will take place at the Town Office in the Conference room starting on May 26, 2021. Bob noted the Wellington Bridge closure date was pushed back until May 24th.

Citizen's Forum: Roni Hamilton gave an update on the Memorial Day Events and mentioned there will not be a picnic or a band this year, however Jenny Aho will have a float in the parade. She also noted Bob and she would plant the five planters at the Veterans' memorials before the event. She thanked the Board and Town Administrator for allowing the town to hold the Memorial Day; adding other states, cities and federal agencies have stopped. She stated "Shame on them." Debbie Qualey mentioned the lines at the Town Clerk's Office have been extremely long and after speaking with people in lines she discovered many people only sought dump stickers and they were in a hurry. She asked the Board to have the stickers available at another office so that residents would not have to wait in long lines to get a dump sticker, adding this should be more accessible to residents to aid in keeping our town clean.

Consent Agenda - Approval of: Minutes 4/28/2021

- Payroll 5/06/2021, 5/13/2021
- Accounts payable 5/06/2021, 5/13/2021
- Special Event Permits: Franklin Pierce University Senior Send Off: 5/14/2021, Franklin Pierce University Commencement: 5/15/2021, Rindge Memorial Day Parade: 5/31/2021

Bob made a motion to approve the consent agenda without the 5/13/2021 accounts payable. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Marybeth made a motion to approve the accounts payable for 5/13/2021. Karl seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 2-0-1, Karl, eye, Marybeth, eye, Bob, abstained.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Old Business:

Consolidated Communications (CCI): Bob noted if anyone had any issues with the CCI they should bring it to the Board's attention. He mentioned he was still having issues with billing and does not recommend them for their services or customer service due to his bad experiences. Karl noted he has had a good experience and has received a promotional offer; however, he understands people's frustrations as there has been several issues. Bob stated since he received the newly reduced promotional price his bill went up \$17. Roni noted both she and Bob spoke with CCI several times regarding billing concerns and still have not been able to resolve the issue. Debbie Qualey and Phil Motta both received the promotional rate. Phil noted his billing was correct.

Abatelements: Bob stated KRT was behind schedule with the 2020 abatements, so the Board will be later than normal with their decisions. Weekday meetings may be an option.

New Business:

IT Purchases: Some new purchases are needed for a new firewall and for remote access. Karl noted in the past these charges were included in the monthly cost, however, Cadnet breaks in down different with a one-time fee and an annual subscription. The Board was in agreement with the purchase for the new firewall and remote access. Karl noted this will come out of the computer hardware budget.

Informational Items/Communications/Updates: Marybeth announced the funds from the dissolved "Best Camp" will be donated to the Rec. Department and will be used for children needing assistance paying for summer camp. Sara stated she and the Board met with the Jaffrey Town Manager and Select Board to discuss beach access to Contoocook. It was determined Rindge residents can access the beach, but they will need to park at Humiston Field and walk in. It was noted the Town of Jaffrey may provide a shuttle bus from the field to the beach, at a nominal fee. Marybeth added the beach will most likely not have life guards on duty.

Bob mentioned the Meeting House Committee received an estimate of \$100K+/- to paint the steeple only on the building. Bob noted Sara was looking into LCHIP Grant money. The Committee will meet on May 27th to discuss painting of the building which needs to be completed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola
Executive Secretary