



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 2021**

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

Bob Hamilton called the meeting to order at the Town Office at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Marybeth and Bob agreed to appoint Bob as Chairman in Karl Pruter's absence. Karl was out of state but was in attendance through Zoom. Bob read Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12.

**Selectmen's Announcements:** Bob gave an update on the Wellington Bridge Project, noting one of the old culverts had collapsed; however, the project was moving along smoothly.

**Citizens Forum:** Holly Koski questioned if the Town was planning an event for the Fourth of July. Bob responded nothing was planned, partly due to the uncertainty with Covid. Judy Unger Clark stated the NH Gives Fund Raiser was a huge success and the figures for Rindge donations came from the Cathedral of Pines and the Rindge Library (1894 Association) in the amount of \$2,515 just through the 24 hour period.

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of:

- Minutes 5/26/2021
- Payroll 6/3/2021, 6/10/2021
- Accounts payable 6/3/2021, 6/10/2021
- Camper permits – Map 41 lot 3 & Map 33 Lot 7

The 5/26/2021 minutes were tabled. Bob made a motion to approve the payroll and the accounts payable of 6/3/2021 and 6/10/2021 and the camper permits for Map 41 Lot 3 and Map 33 Lot 7. Bob noted the septic requirements for the camper permit were in place. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Bob made a motion to approve the payroll and accounts payable for 6/10/2021. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 2-0-1. Bob, aye, Marybeth aye, Karl abstained.

**Old Business:**

Consolidated Communications: Bob gave an update on his personal experience with CCI stating he has made some progress lowering his bill; however, the billing issues are still not resolved. Holly noted she has had trouble as well. Phil Motta noted the bill is very complex. He also stated he had reached out to the Town's representative, Rob at Consolidated and suggested people call CCI with their issues.

Abatements: Bob noted the Board received thirty abatements this year and has received the recommendations from KRT, adding due to time constraints and the deadline of July 1, 2021 the Board has decided to concur with the recommendations from KRT. Bob made a motion to deny the following abatements on the properties listed: Map 7/ Lot 89-1, Map 18/ Lot 3, Map 13/ Lot 12, Map 47/ Lot 67, Map 20/ Lot 21, Map 6/ Lot 54-1-6, Map 21/ Lot 12, Map 46/ Lot 7, Map 25/ Lot 1, Map 19/ Lot 24, Map 3/ Lot 15-2, Map 14/ Lot 23, Map 6/ Lot 90-2, Map 6/ Lot 81-4, Map 43/ Lot 1/14, Map 7/ Lot 86-1-2, Map 8/ Lot 19-2, Map 1/ Lot 11-10, Map 11/ Lot 4-2, Map 3/ Lot 72-5, Map 6/ Lot 14, Map 6/ Lot 49A, Map 6/ Lot 98. Karl seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Marybeth, aye, Karl, aye, Bob, aye. Bob noted the deadline to file for an appeal with the BTLA was September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Bob stated there are seven applications that have recommended changes. No vote was taken. Bob mentioned letters for the denials will be going out this week and all who disagree with the Boards decision should make an appeal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA). Karl noted this will give the residents more time to gather information needed if they choose to appeal the Board's decision.

IT: Sara mentioned she would like a formal vote from the Board to move forward with the backup technology plan that will cost \$395.45 a month. Bob stated the TeleTech Committee was consulted and agreed it was needed. Bob made a motion move forward with the software purchase for backup. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

Police Department Technology Grant: Bob noted the company honored the proposal therefore, this did not require a vote or further discussion.

#### **New Business:**

Generator maintenance: Bob noted the maintenance cost for the three diesel generators is \$835 a year for each generator. The fourth generator is a propane generator. The total maintenance cost for the three diesel generators is \$2,505 which was not included in the 2021 budget. Bob stated each department will have to find funds within their own budgets. Karl made a motion to approve the cost of the maintenance for the generators. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Bob suggested to try push the cost onto each department. Karl agreed, adding as long as the reassurance was there and the departments will have enough funds to get them through the year.

Board of Selectmen meeting format: Bob stated he would like to get back to the in-person meetings. Karl noted the Town does not have the technology to continue the Zoom as it has been challenging. Marybeth stated she liked the idea of Zoom so people can attend online, adding in her opinion the Board should just have the in-person meetings due to the technology issues and the added time it takes to set things up. Marybeth made a motion to have in-person meetings without Zoom. Karl seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0. Judy Unger Clark commented the meeting should be available to the public. Karl noted we should be able to purchase some technology to be able to live stream meetings in the future. Phil Motta noted it was discussed with the Argent long ago that they would provide a channel for the Town's meetings; however, the Town never inquired about it. Roni Hamilton noted there was a time when the meeting were recorded and posted on the town's website.

**Informational Items/Communications & Updates:** Bob reported the Meetinghouse Oversight Committee, at their last meeting, received an estimate on the cost to paint the steeple. It will cost roughly \$90k. The Committee has decided to look into grants to assist with the cost. Nicole Flynn from the NH State Preservation Alliance has offered to assist with the process of applying for funds to help

pay for the work and may contribute as much as 50% of the cost. Also the LCHIP Grant and Moose Plate Grants from the State are available and could cover 40% of the cost. This would be a project for 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola  
Executive Secretary