



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2021**

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

Motion to go into non-pub pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II C, D, and I by Bob, seconded by Marybeth 3-0 roll call vote.

Karl Pruter called the meeting to order at the Town Office at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob made a motion to seal the both sessions of the nonpublic meeting. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Karl recalled the storm that came through Rindge last week and thanked the Rindge Emergency Service employees for all their assistance in keeping the Rindge residents safe and for their prompt attention to keeping our roads clear and passable. He shared a letter from Andrew Pollom, Dean of Student Affairs at FPU. In the letter Mr. Pollom thanked the Emergency Management Team for their continued dedication and assistance, adding, the storm left several faculty members stranded at the college with no exit as trees and debris from the storm had fallen blocking all access in and out of the college. The letter continued stating "we are indebted, we are grateful and we are lucky to have such wonderful neighbors and partners".

Bob announced the Wellington Bridge project is still on schedule. The company is waiting for precast materials to be delivered. Bob also announced a Veteran's Suicide Awareness Event will take place at the Cathedral of Pines on Saturday, July 10 at 10 am to represent all the veterans who have taken their lives.

Citizen's Forum: Al announced the walk/tour at Tetreault Park will be on Sunday, July 18th at 1:30. There will also be a walk at Converse Meadow on Aug. 5th and a walk/tour in September as well. Holly Koski noted she received several complaints on her Facebook page regarding the postal service and asked if the Town had tried to resolve the issue. Sara noted the Town was aware of the issues and has filed complaints, adding they may need to find another avenue to get the issue resolved. Bob noted this is not a local problem, it is at a federal level. He suggested people contact congress women Annie Kuster, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and Senator Maggie Hassen and the white house. He stated anyone who wishes to contact them by phone should reach out to him and he can supply a phone number.

Debbie Qualey asked for an update on the Swap Shop. Sara stated it has been going smoothly for the last two weeks and the DPW Director will readdress the shops hours of operation within the next couple weeks. Judy Unger Clark stated she would like to read a petition that was submitted to the Planning Board at the July 6th meeting. She read the petition which was signed by almost 70 residents to remove Planning Director, Kirk Stenersen from the position. She reiterated her concerns stating there is not only a conflict of interest with the Planning Director, but also with the Chairman of the Planning Board as he has a financial interest with the Town as a land owner and developer. Adding "this behavior jeopardizes the ethics of community employment and service."

Craig Clark readdressed the postal service and suggested to start at a local level first. Karl noted that was a good idea. Craig also thanked the Emergency service employees for their dedication and support.

Consent Agenda: Approval of:

- Minutes 5/26/2021, 6/23/2021
- Payroll 7/01/2021, 7/08/2021
- Accounts payable 7/01/2021, 7/08/2021
- Camper Permit Map 19/11

Bob made a motion to approve the consent agenda without the 7/01/2021 payroll and accounts payable. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Bob made a motion to accept the payroll and accounts payable for 7/01/2021. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 2-0-1, Marybeth abstained.

Old Business: Twin Cove Road and the Building & Fire Fee schedule was tabled.

New Business:

Monadnock Conservancy: Anne McBride from the Monadnock Conservancy was present. She explained in 2009 the Weinbergs put about 100 acres of land into a conservation easement and have since acquired an additional five parcels they would like to add to the current easement. She explained an amendment to the easement was required to add acreage because the Town is responsible for the enforcement on the property. The Board was in agreement with adding the five parcels. Bob made a motion to amend the easement to accept the five parcels of land (totaling 98 acres) donated by Bob and Amy Weinburg for a total of 197 acres. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Library Covid Expense Request: Library Director, Donna Stratiff explained she had some Covid expenses that accumulated last year due to Covid and was seeking reimbursement through a Covid grant. Some of the expenses included sneeze shields, cleaning products and PPE. She has submitted the receipts to the Finance Department and Chief Donovan.

Ordinance Amendment 94:15: It was brought to the Board's attention that Old New Ipswich Road was not on the list of roads under ordinance 94:15. The Board agreed to make an amendment to the ordinance to include Old New Ipswich Road and to amend the ordinance to state: *Commercial trucks are prohibited from the Old New Ipswich Rd. except for deliveries to an address on the road. Commercial trucks must use Shaw Hill Road to access Old New Ipswich Rd. Tractor trailer trucks must use Shaw Hill Rd. to access Old New Ipswich Rd. Trucks leaving the gravel site know as Rindge Stone & Gravel will turn left onto Old New Ipswich Rd. when exiting from the site. Such trucks are not permitted to turn right toward New Ipswich town line. Commercial trucks are not permitted on the Old New Ipswich Rd. from Rindge Stone & Gravel to*

the New Ipswich town line. Bob made a motion to amend ordinance 94-15 to include Old New Ipswich Road on the list of roads from Route 119 to the New Ipswich line, Old New Ipswich Road from Timbertop line to East Main St. and to amend the ordinance to state as mentioned above. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Informational Items, Communications & Updates: Bob noted the Planning Board accepted one application for three new storage units towards the back of the already existing storage units on Commercial Drive.

Judy questioned the Board's hesitancy to conduct live streams of the BOS meetings. She suggested the Town consider live streaming the meetings. Karl noted he agreed with Judy and he had done some research on it; however, due to budgetary constraints options are limited at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola
Executive Secretary