



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 31, 2022**

**Present:** Bob Hamilton, Chair, Marybeth Quill, Vice Chair, and Karl Pruter, Selectman, Rick Donovan, Fire Chief, Laurie May, Finance Director, Amanda Urmann, Executive Secretary

Public session opened at 5:00 pm. Bob motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) reputation and II(b) hiring. Second by Marybeth, motion passed 3-0.

Public session re-opened at 6:00PM.

Bob motioned to seal the minutes from all both sessions. Reason being where it may adversely affect the outcomes.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Selectmen announcements:**

There is a fire in Ashby that has been going on for almost a week as of this meeting. It is about 700 feet long, 100 feet wide and 100 feet deep. Millions of gallons have been used to work to put this out. It is stumps, RV's, etc. It's very likely this fire has been going on for weeks without knowledge. It is on Log Cabin Road in Ashby.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Rindge Memorial School from 7am to 7pm. The results may be delayed because of a new law that requires hand counting of ballots with over-votes. Counting has to be done that night.

**Citizen's Forum:**

Craig Clark asked if the Board has looked into the veterans' proposal for putting up the 2 new flag poles. Bob said that they have, but a proposal still needs to be brought to the board for these flag poles in order to move forward with them.

Craig Clark announced that he is stepping down as the scribe for CIP and he will no longer be in on as a leadership member. He is by no means leaving CIP, just stepping down as the scribe and being a leadership member. The first CIP meeting should be September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office at 7pm.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of:

- Minutes 8/17/2022, 8/17/2022 Non Public Sessions
- Additional Items\* Minutes 8/26/2022, 8/26/2022 Non Public Sessions
- Payroll 8/25/2022, 9/1/2022
- Accounts payable 8/25/2022, 9/1/2022
- 3 year appointment of Del Friedman to the Conservation Commission (Alternate)

Karl motioned to accept the consent agenda, with the addition of the minutes (public and non-public from 8/26/2022). Marybeth seconded. 3-0

## 1. Old Business

### a) ARPA

Rick Donovan (and Laurie May) spoke on behalf of this agenda item.

Rick Donovan explained each item that would or could be possibly put under ARPA funding, given that these applications for them get approved under ARPA. There were multiple different sections for each item that will need to be approved later on by the Board to go forward with this. These items ranged from repairing a DPW truck, septic systems & designs that are in a few town buildings that need to be replaced, possibly new plumbing/sinks, carpeting in town buildings, town transportation vehicles (medical golf cart, etc.), a RO system for the Fire Department and many more items.

Rick asked the board to allow him to buy product up to \$1,000 to build more road barricades and get more cones.

Karl motioned to allow Rick Donovan to spend up to \$1,000 to build traffic barricades for materials. Bob seconded. 3-0

## 2. New Business

### a) July Expenditure Report

Welfare budget is over-budget. Could any of this be used for ARPA?

Town clerk budget is a little high.

Total spent for whole budget is 46.14%.

Technology budget is nearly expended.

Assessing is also high. KRT is now coming in every other week.

Board of Adjustment is a little high as well for wages and benefits. They may increase revenues to help these high expenses.

Mutual aid is fully paid off for the year.

There is an error on page 10 of handout that showed incorrect percentage.

Patriotic Purposes line item is being worked on. Refund is in process for a purchase that was incorrectly made. This correction will be shown in August Expenditure Report.

### b) Oil & Propane Bid

Mike's recommendation for oil was Reds at \$3.99 a gallon.

Bob motioned to allow Mike to go ahead and sign on with Reds for oil pricing for next year, at a price of \$3.99 a gallon. Marybeth seconded. 3-0

Mike's recommendation for propane was Allen & Mathewson at \$1.95 per gallon.

Bob motioned to allow Mike to go into an agreement with Allen & Mathewson for propane for the next year for \$1.95 a gallon. Karl seconded. 3-0

c) \*Additional Agenda Item: Unanticipated Funds

This is unanticipated funds from the state for paving. This is for \$150,313.61.

Bob motioned to accept \$150,313.61 pursuant RSA 31:95b. Marybeth seconded. 3-0

3. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

None.

Any other official business to come before the board.

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann  
Executive Secretary