



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2022**

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

Public session opened at 5:30 pm. Bob motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) hiring and (I) legal. Second by Marybeth, motion passed 3-0.

Public session re-opened at 6:00PM.

Bob motioned to seal the minutes from the non-public sessions 1 and 2 as it might adversely affect the outcome. Seconded by Marybeth. 3-0

Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen announcements:

Citizen's Forum:

Roni Hamilton asked if there were any changes in laws for the upcoming election. Bob and Karl explained that there were changes, about 8 changes. These changes affect all different departments.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of:

- Minutes 7/20/2022, 7/20/2022 Non Public Sessions
- Payroll 7/28/2022, 8/4/2022
- Accounts payable 7/28/2022, 8/4/2022
- Request for Raffle for Women's Club
- Request for 5K Race

Marybeth motioned to approve Payroll from 7/28/2022 and 8/4/2022, Accounts Payable from 7/28/2022 and 8/4/2022, the Special Events Permit for the Raffle for the Women's Club, and the Special Events Permit for the 5K Race. Seconded by Karl. 3-0

Bob motioned to accept the minutes from 7/20/2022, public and non-public. Seconded by Karl. 2-0-1 (Marybeth)

1. Old Business

a) ARPA

Nothing new on this subject. Spreadsheet to still be made/finished by Rick Donovan.

2. New Business

a) Primex Papers

Primex is what covers most of the insurances.

Karl motioned to allow the chair, Bob Hamilton, to sign the Primex paper. Seconded by Marybeth. 3-0

b) Bankrupt Property/Deed

The mortgage company paid some of the taxes on this property that they were taking for nonpayment on the mortgage.

This to be referred to Gary.

Karl motioned to allow Bob Hamilton to call the attorney, Gary Kinyon, for this bankruptcy issue. Seconded by Marybeth. 3-0

Bob to ask Andrea to submit this information to Gary.

3. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

There was a Town Gown meeting, Planning Board meeting and Meetinghouse Oversight Committee meeting.

The Planning Board had an approval of a lot line adjustment and a review of a wetlands ordinance for a future working meeting of the planning board.

The Meetinghouse Oversight Committee reviewed the totals funds raised for the assessment of the building so that they can apply for LCHIP grants later this year. The assessment began today. If anyone has working drawings of the building, copies would be appreciated for the town.

The Town Gown meeting consisted of informing when the students from the college would be returning, which would be about mid-August for athletes and by September for the remaining students. Orientations would also be occurring.

Public Hearing: Application to Improve and Maintain a Class VI Road:

Kevin Fadden, from ITW (the tower company) spoke on behalf of this request.

They had presented this to the Roadway Committee on July 6. This is regarding the communication tower that was approved by the Planning Board and it will be accessed off of Route 119 by the way of Bemis Tavern Road. This application is for Bemis Tavern Road and it is about 140-160 feet. They are proposing a 12 foot wide gravel drive, with underground utilities. This is only the section which goes beyond the already existing drive.

Bob opened this to the public to ask questions.

Kenneth Ayers from 3 Freedom Lane brought up how there was a stipulation in the deeds that says he, as well as other abutters, cannot access the back of their property because the road is private. He is wondering if this road is being extended, and since it will be maintained, if this deed can be amended so that they can have access to the back of their property. Bob brought up how Bemis Tavern Road is a Class VI road, which is owned by the town but it is not maintained by the town. So it is not a private road. There is no clarity on why these deeds have that stipulation and

Mr. Ayers was recommended to contact a lawyer to look further into this. There are also no signs that are prohibiting people from driving onto Bemis Tavern Road.

Richard Coody thought that this Class VI road was changed to a trail. At one point there was a warrant article to do this for a property further northerly on Bemis Tavern Road.

Bob asked if you were to look out from Route 119, behind the DPW property, is that approximately where the tower is? Kevin Fadden said that depending on where you are standing, yes that is where the tower is.

Bob motioned to allow ITW to upgrade and maintain approximately 143 feet of Bemis Tavern Road to access this driveway. This would be where the Goddard driveway is to where the cell tower driveway begins. Bob amended this to up to 160 feet. Seconded by Karl. 3-0

Selectmen announcements:

The Swap Shop will be opening a second day of the week starting on Tuesday, August 9. They will be opening from now on, on Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

There will be a 5k Road Race on Saturday starting at 8:30 am. Anyone who wants to sign up, get in contact with the Recreation Department.

Any other official business to come before the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann
Executive Secretary