



**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Town Office  
Wednesday, 3/4/2020  
6:00 PM**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter, Executive Secretary Michele Christian, Town Administrator Sara Gravell, Members of the Community  
The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Selectmen's Announcements** – Town Voting Day is on Tuesday, March 10th from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Rindge Memorial School. The Farmers Market will begin on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM on the West Rindge Common and every Thursday thereafter. The P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle is this Saturday beginning at 1:30. The co-sponsor this month is the Rindge Women's Club.

### **Citizen's Forum**

Judy Unger Clark requested clarification on Article 15 which is the noise ordinance. She stated that there was a hand out at the deliberative session which was copied from Hinsdale. Bob said that Article 15 was a petition warrant article and that the hand out may have been sent out by the petitioner. Judy said that she was concerned because the noise ordinance was from another town. Jim Qualey said that the warrant article doesn't specify a particular article.

Craig Clark asked if anyone sees a training opportunity for the Trustees of Trust Funds please let him know.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **1. Approval of:**

- **Minutes 1/8/20, 2/27/20**
- **Payroll 2/27/20, 3/5/20**
- **Accounts payable 2/27/20, 3/5/20**
- **Re-Appointment of Bill Preston to Local River Management Advisory Committee**

The minutes from 2/19/20 have been tabled until the next meeting Bob made a motion to approve consent agenda, seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/18/20 seconded by Roberta with Karl abstaining. Approved 2-0-1

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Consolidated Public Benefit Findings**

Phil Motta and Tim Wessels made a presentation for the Broadband Proposal with Consolidated Communications. The proposal was reviewed two weeks ago, but it needs to be presented to the public twice. Phyllis McKoon wanted to know who owns the lines that will be used for the service and what it will cost. Phil stated that the fee is capped at \$9.50 and it is in the contract. Deb Qualey asked about Roku and if their router will still be compatible. Phil said that Roku will not be supported by Consolidated. Raimo Liias asked about the time frame and when the work will begin. Phil said that once the bond is approved work will begin 30 days after. The installation time is no more than 20 months.

Roni Hamilton asked if the Broadband will be offered to Camp Starfish. She wanted to be sure that the Town isn't going to pay for them to have access.

Earl Goddard asked if there will be other providers using the lines. Only Consolidated will be using the lines. There was discussion about rates for the internet service customers.

The Public Hearing Closed at 7:00 PM.

## **2. Old Business**

### **L-Chip Library Authorization/Scope of Work**

Sara said that the scope of work for the L-Chip Grant needs to be sent in. Sara needs to be authorized to sign the scope of work and send it in.

Bob made a motion to authorize Sara to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Roberta. 3-0-0

The Conservation Commission is requesting authorization for the Town Administrator to complete the transaction on the Ford Property. Sara will have to sign the title paperwork. Bob made a motion to authorize Sara to sign the title paperwork and accept the deed for the Ford property on North Street, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

## **3. New Business**

### **a) Timber Tax Harvest Application (Miller Ave)**

Roberta made a motion to permit Steve Wright to cut timber at Miller Ave., Tax Map 23, Lot 1-6, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

### **b) Health Inspector, Assessing/Code Enforcement**

KRT is currently being paid to be the town assessor. The Selectmen are now serving as the code enforcement officer since David DuVernay retired. The Health Inspector does inspections for daycare centers, etc. Roberta said it might be a good idea to get a nurse to do this job. Roni Hamilton asked about the code enforcement and whether or not the

Fire Department can take care of this. Deb Qualey asked if this was one person's job. Brenda Lashua asked if the jobs will be posted.

**c) Special Events Permit**

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce has submitted a special events application for Recycled Percussion to be at the FPU Field House on 4/25/20.

Roberta made a motion to approve the special events permit seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

**d) Bi-Weekly Payroll**

The Board is in favor of moving forward with a bi-weekly pay period. They stated that it will save the town \$5000.00 in costs to the company that prepares our paychecks. This will become effective July 23 and August 6, 2020 will be the first bi-weekly pay check.

Roberta made a motion to approve a bi-weekly pay period, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

**e) Trailer Permit**

Naomi & Gordon Olin live at 13 Butternut Lane and are requesting the placement of a temporary mobile home for living quarters while they rebuild their fire damaged home. The mobile home will be connected to existing utilities on the property.

Roberta made a motion to approve the trailer permit request at 13 Butternut Lane, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

**f) Sign Permit**

An application for a sign permit was submitted by Monadnock Appliance which will be in the Market Basket Plaza. The cost for the permit is \$61.00.

Karl made a motion to approve the sign permit for Monadnock Appliance seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

**g) Town Admin Update**

The town administrator stated that Revision Energy who is installing the heat pumps at the horse shed and town office got rebates that are being returned to Eversource. The pumps will be installed late in March or early April.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Christian, Executive Secretary