BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

Regular Business 6:00 pm

Selectmen & Office staff will meet at Town Office

Public invited to join meeting via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/93035161389?pwd=d1UwMnhCTXovVU53aDJmaHc4eGEwUT09>

*Selectmen & Staff in Attendance: Chairman Russ Adams, Carole Robbins, Brian Keene, Scotty Kilbreth, Don Hutchins, Town Clerk Carol Buzzell, Highway Foreman Paul McKenna, Budget Chairman Faith Hutchins, Budget committee members Brian Jordan, Robyn McClintock and Donna Hebert.*

1. Call meeting to order at 6:01pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes – *Rick Ray spoke on behalf of the Canton Historical Society that they are offering to help move or store items in the old school house. The CHS can find the owners of items in the school. A CHS member will contact Russ Adams to determine a time to go in and evaluate items. Diane Ray reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet 1/16 at 6:00pm for a very rough draft. This draft will go to the Planning Board then the Board of Selectmen for review. Diane also reported that the Lake Association is moving ahead on the grant and would like to know if any selectman would like to be on the steering committee. Brian suggested to contact the CEO.*

*Carol Buzzell gave the budget committee members an up to date budget report. Discussions about when the Budget Committee will start their meetings. Members only at the Town Office and others can view on zoom. The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be February 1st at 5:00pm.*

*Paul McKenna asked if the Board would allow him to take the 1 ton truck home when the forecast is snowy and blowing. This would save time to keep the drifts on Route 140 under control because its closer to his home. All agreed.*

1. Acceptance of Minutes – 11/18/2020 –*not in packet- will accept next meeting.*
2. Old Business
3. Boston Post Cane- *A plaque was presented to Robyn McClintock for her father Robert Stevens. He was the oldest citizen in the town. He passed away before the plaque could be presented to him. Carol B will post we are looking for the next oldest citizen in Canton.*
4. Website- *Carol B gave a list of recommendations for the 6-7 pages for the new website and had concerns it wouldn’t be enough. Brian suggested that we check to see the cost for additional pages. Carol made a motion to increase the website design to 10 pages. Scotty second the motion. All in favor.*
5. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance- *Scotty recalls in June 2018 that the townspeople repealed the ordinance then then voted down the proposed ordinance which reverted it to the State Guidelines. Brian suggested that the cleanest thing to do it to revise it to the State’s version with reference to boundary maps and take it to the June 2021 town meeting for a vote. Diane Ray stated that she has maps and very old descriptions of boundaries and can make sure those are appended to the State minimums.*
6. New Business
7. Sewer billed to wrong person Acct # 164 – *This was already discussed at a meeting in October but didn’t get put into the minutes. All agreed to correct the mistake and send a bill for the quarters that were not sent to customer and give him extra time to pay without interest.*
8. UC Fund Contribution- 2021 MMA – *for review only*
9. Bank Authorization- Signatures needed- *It was suggested to have Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Blodgett be able to endorse the checks. It was suggested by Lena Haan, vice president of Androscoggin Bank that Jennifer have authorization to endorse checks only instead of full authority. Currently Selectmen Brian Keene and Town Clerk Carol Buzzell are on the accounts with full authority. After much discussion, Treasurer Vernice Boyce spoke via zoom that her suggestion would be to continue to have just Brian Keene and Carol Buzzell as signers. – No action taken.*
10. Security Safe estimates – Carol Buzzell will contact Fortier’s for estimates on used and new fire proof safes. Brian will get in touch with Jim at Legere’s.
11. Canton Bicentennial Committee-Feb event – *Phyllis Ouellette, Anne Chamberlin & Loretta Blancato joined via zoom. The Canton Bicentennial Committee has postponed the Feb 5th Gala to May 1st due to the pandemic. In order to celebrate in a safe way, they are having a car parade around town. Gather at highway department garage at 5:00pm and leave at 6:00pm. The parade will travel all through the town. They are also suggesting that those folks that can not participate in the parade, decorate their homes and yards. Selectmen agreed this will help lift the spirits of the townspeople in these uncertain times.*
12. Walk up Window vs. Lobby Service- *Scotty suggested to open the lobby to one person at a time and sanitize between each customer. Brian mentioned about purchasing an air purifier if necessary. Scotty made motion to open lobby with restrictions, Don second. All in favor.*
13. Parks & Trails- trail logging *– Carole R. reported that the guy that was supposed to do logging in the trails can not get rid of the wood because there’s no market for it at this time. Carole will contact him and ask if the wood is good for firewood.*
14. Abatements/Supplement- none
15. Other business of Office Staff -*Carol reported that Monday is Martin Luther King Jr day and the office will be closed. Also minimum wage has increased to $12.15.*
16. Committee Reports – *Scotty – Comprehensive Plan committee is going over draft. Over the last few weeks the Pinnacle was hauling a lot of stuff at the transfer station which caused an extra two pulls from Archie’s.*

*Brian – reported the Highway Department purchased a camera for the back of the truck and it worked so well they purchased another one for the one ton truck. The salt delivered this time was lumpy. Looking at an expensive fix next year of the large culvert on Campbell Road.*

*Carole – Wreaths Across America ceremony at Hillside Cemetery went well. If the office is going to be closed unexpectedly, it will be posted on Facebook. A resident had asked if the town is having Spring Clean-up this year.*

*Don – Fire Department had a water rescue training. The food pantry had an overabundance of cabbage and kale which helped lots of folks. A concerned citizen put a message on facebook that an elderly citizen was in need. The good neighbors of Canton got together, helped and made a difference. A very caring community we live in!*

*Russ – reported that there’s not much going on in the Rec Department. Budget committee will be starting their meetings soon. Steve Gettle has sent at least one check for the Alden Hill wood lot and should be done in 3 weeks.*

1. Executive Session -Personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) *- Don made motion to go into executive session after a 5 minute break. Carole second. All in favor. Came out of executive session at 8:25 pm. No action taken.*
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

#37 A/P $ 15,374.45

#38 Payroll $ 4,405.05

#39 Payroll $ 6,612.38

#40 Payroll $ 5,295.91

#41 Payroll $ 4,152.32

#42 A/P $101,996.28

#43 Payroll $ 4,893.78

#44 A/P $ 17,920.97

#45 Payroll $ 4,451.87

#46 A/P $ 59,417.20

#47 Payroll $ 7,609.90

#48 A/P $ 96,593.85

#49 Payroll $ 4,002.83

*Don made a motion to accept the above warrants, Carole second. Vote was 4 yes, 1 opposed.*

1. Adjournment: Carole motioned to adjourn, Brian second. All in favor. Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Buzzell

Town Clerk