BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2021

Regular Business 6:00 pm

*Selectmen & Staff Present: Russ Adams, Carole Robbins, Don Hutchins, Brian Keene, Scotty Kilbreth, Kristi Carrier, Carol Buzzell, Nicki Cook, Paul McKenna.*

*Others present: Kevin Belanger & wife, reporter Marianne Hutchinson, Steve & Lisa Wills & Diane Ray.*

1. Call meeting to order *Meeting called to order by Russ Adams at 18:05*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes *Diane Ray asked about replacing the picnic table at the public boat launch. Brian Keene thinks it will fit into the current budget. Diane Ray also reports that Spring Cleanup went well last weekend.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – May 13, May 27 & Town Meeting, June 10 *Donald Hutchins moved to accept the minutes from May 13, May 27, and the Town Meeting on June 10. Carole Robbins seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.*
5. Old Business
6. Paving -Town Office & Staples Hill *The estimate for the parking lot paving is $38,469. The estimate for the Staples Hill repair is $1,884. Carole Robbins made a motion to approve the work. Brian Keene seconded. Steve Wills asked whether the paving company that paved Staples Hill should be responsible for the repair. Donald Hutchins reports that the paving company is now out of business. Michelle Larrivee mentioned that since the paving was done that her property at 123 Staples Hill has had issues with washouts. There was some discussion with Paul McKenna from the highway department about the possibility of improving drainage. Paul reports that there is already a drainage ditch across the road from that property. Don Hutchins abstained. Motion carried.*
7. Signatures of Ordinances approved at Town Meeting *Ordinances passed at Town Meeting were signed by the selectman.*
8. Update on Spring Cleanup -*Carole Robbins reports that 5 to 6 bags of trash were brought to the transfer station.*
9. Meadowview cemetery damage- *Carol Buzzell reported that nothing has been heard from the cattle owner and that nothing has come back from the post office in regards to the certified letter that was sent to the cattle owner. Will add to the agenda for next meeting.*
10. Welcome to Canton signs-time/day to install *Russ Adams will call Maine DOT to see where signs can be placed. Don has materials at his business and volunteers are welcome to help build the stands.*
11. New Business
12. Historical Society-request to borrow items for Bicentennial event- *The Canton Historical Society would like to borrow the Boston Post Cane for the Founders Dinner on August 5th and the Train Painting and the Gustavus Hayford painting July 31st through August 9th to have on display for the Bicentennial Celebration. All agreed.*
13. Petition -Request for Special Town Meeting – Kevin Belanger -*Scotty Kilbreth asked if enough signatures had been received on the petition. Carol Buzzell replied that there had been. Scotty Kilbreth moved to hold a special town meeting. Don Hutchins seconded.*
14. Draft Marijuana Ordinance from Planning Board *Scotty Kilbreth would like to see more details in the ordinance. Diane Ray reports that the planning board can have a revised version by the July 22nd Selectman’s meeting. August 23rd will be deadline for special town meeting, so the ordinance is needed by then. Motion carried for special town meeting.*
15. Mowing town lots -*Don Hutchins said he had received some complaints about the mowing not being put out to bid last year. All agreed to put out to bid before next meeting.*
16. New appointments – Rec Dept & Planning Board - *Scotty Kilbreth made a motion to appoint Brad Sica Jr. to the Planning Board and Michelle Larrivee to the Recreation Department. Carole Robbins seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.*
17. Trees by post office -*Carole Robbins reports that the trees by the post office are looking sickly. She thinks it may possibly be brown tail moth damage. It was discussed and agreed on to see how the trees look next year to decide if something needs to be done. It was mentioned by Don Hutchins that if it is brown tail moth damage that there may be the possibility of a state grant due to the brown tail moth being an invasive species.*
18. Moving Veteran’s Monument -*The selectmen agreed to* *move the veteran’s memorial from its current location at the corner of Routes 140 and 108 to the boat launch.*
19. CMP- LED Conversion Municipal Street Light 15 year contract- *Brian Keene made a motion to have the street lights converted. Carole Robbins and Don Hutchins seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.*
20. Pine Grove stump removal -*Carole Robbins reported that DGD who was hired to cut the trees will pull the stumps and leave then then do some rough leveling at a cost of $2500 to $3000. There is enough money in the Pine Grove account to cover the cost. Brian Keene made a motion to have the stump removal done. Scotty seconded. Don Hutchins abstained. Motion carried.*
21. Abatements/Supplement *none*
22. Other business of Office Staff *Carol Buzzell reports that the ACO is on vacation until 6/28. The CEO is on vacation but will be on the agenda for the next meeting to talk about some problem properties. Carol will have the day off on 6/25, will be leaving early on 7/8, and will have the day off on 7/9. Carol is in the process of contacting committee members whose terms are ending to see if they want to recommit. The town office staff would like to close at 1 pm on June 30th to process end of year. Thirty day notices for real estate taxes will be going out next week and lien notices in July. The town office will be closed on Monday July 5th in observance of Independence Day. The website is still being finished up and will go live in the next two weeks. Town reports are still available.*

*Carol Buzzell thanked Don Hutchins for his service as a selectmen for many years and his dedication to various committees. He’ll be missed as a selectman but still will continue helping and serving the town as usual. Many thanks!*

1. Committee Reports -*Scotty Kilbreth-Sewer Department-Mowing and trimming is done but more work is needed. Transfer Station-Spring cleanup went well. There were a lot of mattresses, many of them from Pinnacle Health & Rehab. There was discussion on limiting the number of mattresses next year. Brian Keene-Highway Dept-Mowing and ditching is being done. Bicentennial Committee-They are getting loose ends tied up. Parks & Trails-They will be posting for volunteers to build to small bridges. Carole Robbins mentioned that BFD donated the lumber for the bridges. Diane Ray will have a gathering at her house this Saturday from 1-4 in her barn to build fairy houses for the trails. Don Hutchins-Fire Department-The fire department has been fairly quiet. Food Pantry-Don turned the floor over to Steve and Lisa Wills from the food pantry. They are considering stopping the drive-through and allowing people to come inside. During the pandemic they were helping around 60 families. Now they are down to 30-35 families. They gave out 68,000 pounds of food last year. The Good Shepard Foodbank is now dropping food off here so that someone does not have to go get it. They now have 15 to 20 volunteers. Hannaford & Walmart have been very generous!*

*Dom Lebel of Olivewood Energy asked to speak. He asked the board to consider writing a letter of support to be submitted with the application to the state for the solar project. There was some discussion among board members and it was decided that a letter could be written stating that Olivewood Energy has been good about providing information and answering questions.*

1. Executive Session – Employee reviews- *At 19:20 Brian Keene made a motion to go into executive session. Carole Robbins seconded. Motion passed. At 19:52 Scotty Kilbreth made a motion to come out of executive session. Carole Robbins seconded. Motion carried.*
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

# 83 Payroll $ 4,640.52

#84 A/P $ 107,187.41

#85 Payroll $3,996.68

#86 Payroll $25,001.51

#87 A/P $18,778.81

#88 Payroll $4,942.33

*Carole Robbins made a motion to accept and sign warrants. Don Hutchins seconded. No discussion.*

*Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Carole Robbins for Hillside Excavation to do repairs to Virgin Street up to $4,350 with fund from the Sewer Department. Brian Keene seconded. Motion passed. Russ Adams abstained.*

*A motion was made by Scotty Kilbreth to increase pay for eligible hourly employees by 2%. Carole Robbins seconded. Motion carried.*

1. Adjournment- *Scotty* *motioned to adjourn, Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at* *20:08.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Cook