BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2021

Regular Business 6:00 pm

*Selectmen & Staff Present: Carole Robbins, Brian Keene, Scotty Kilbreth, Kristi Carrier, Nicki Cook, Paul McKenna*

*Others present: Anne Chamberlin, Liz Rothrock, Phyllis Ouellette, Jody Brown, Ellen Wainwright, Karen Staples, Dominic Lebel, reporter Marianne Hutchinson, Diane Ray, Michelle Larrivee*

1. Call meeting to order *18:02*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes *Dom Lebel of Olivewood Energy updated that application has been filed with the state for the solar project. He answered questions.*

*Diane Ray has picnic table options and prices for the boat launch. Carole will follow up.*

1. Acceptance of Minutes – June 24, 2021 *Brian made a motion to accept minutes from the June 24 meeting. Scotty 2nd. Discussion: Scotty would like the minutes amended to include the pay increases for staff and to include that the funds for Virgin Street are from the Sewer Department. Motion carried to accept the minutes with these changes.*
2. Old Business
3. Mowing bids opening *Two bids came in for mowing. T-Lakes Lawncare bid $70/hour. Boondocks Farm bid $40/hour. Scotty made a motion to accept the bid from Boondocks Farm. Brian seconded. Motion carried.*
4. Meadow view cemetery damage
5. Draft Marijuana Ordinance update *Diane Ray has latest draft from the planning board. The planning board has been working on retail medicinal. Diane explained that they could include other aspects of marijuana regulation in the ordinance if wanted or it could be addressed later.*

*Sign updates- Brian Keene reports that Dig Safe has been contacted and he is waiting on a response. The DOT has specified minimum distance placement of signs. Minimum of 18 feet from road edge on Route 108 and 10 feet on Route 140. Diane Ray is ready to help with install and will talk to Don Hutchins about building the flower boxes for them.*

*Update on boat ramp-Paul and Brian met with the electrician yesterday about the lighting installation. They have set a deadline of August 1st. Work will start on Monday.*

*Playground equipment update- Carole has contacted Dave Bowen about cost of installation of new playground equipment.*

1. New Business
2. Liquor License -Lilac Mixology & Catering *Brian made a motion to sign the catering permit for Lilac Mixology and Catering. Scotty seconded. Motion passed.*
3. Staff & Committee members appointments *Brian made a motion to approve the appointments for staff and committee members. Scotty seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (list attached)*

*Karen Staples from Senator Susan Collins office read a congressional record from Senator Collins written for Canton’s Bicentennial.*

*There will be a workshop on July 14th at 5:00 pm to work on personnel policy and job descriptions. Nicki will send out an email to the selectman about this.*

*Scotty would like to have a conversation with Olivewood Energy and the tax assessor and possibly the town’s lawyer. Jody Brown asked if this was something the budget committee should be involved in. Scotty feels that the tax assessor and lawyer would be best. Diane asked what the planning board’s role is concerning the solar energy project? There are no ordinances to be written. Their role is the same as with other commercial projects. Scotty will write something up for lawyer concerning solar. Michelle Larrivee asked if Olivewood Energy had reached out to the town to ask to put solar in. Carole and Brian explained that the project is taking place on private land and that a deal had been worked out between the landowner and the energy company before the town was contacted and that the town’s role was to create a tax value. Michelle asked about the purpose of the project and if there were benefits to the town. Brian said that Olivewood said that more power will go into the grid and that there is the possibility of local electricity rates decreasing, but there has been nothing in writing saying that rates for the town or county will decrease and no numbers have been given. Brian and Scotty said benefit to town is tax money.*

1. Abatements/Supplement *none*
2. Other business of Office Staff *Town office update- Reminders for 30 Day Notices have gone out and payments have been trickling in. 30 Day Notices will go out the week of July 19th. Sewer bills have been mailed. The website is still being tweaked and is not live yet. Paul Binette was in the office today updating tax information.*
3. Committee Reports *Phyllis reports that the* *Bicentennial Committee is now meeting every Monday. The are getting everything wrapped up and are almost done. They are keeping Facebook updated daily. They will be contacting various local newsletters and newspapers. Brochures will be printed and placed in surrounding towns.*

*Brian reports that the Parks and Trails Committee will be bridge building this weekend, weather permitting. The Highway Department is working on Jewett Hill and the access road to the sewer at end of Virgin St.*

 *Scotty reports that the Planning Board is working on the marijuana ordinance and that all is good at the transfer station.*

*Carole reports that the Cemetery Committee has started the posts at Pine Grove.*

*Brian reports that the Fire Department had a call for a brushfire yesterday.*

1. Executive Session – Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. ss. 405(6)(A) *Carole made a motion to move to executive session. Scotty seconded. Motion carried at 19:21.*
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

 #89 Payroll $ 6,752.78

# 90 Payroll (run2) $ 2,926.17

#91 A/P $72,120.93

# 1 Payroll $ 4,761.70

*Brian made a motion to accept and sign warrants. Scotty seconded. Motion carried.*

1. Adjournment *Brian made a motion to adjourn. Scotty seconded. Motion carried to adjourn meeting at 20:20.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki L. Cook

2021/2022 Appointments

Town Clerk – Carol Buzzell

Tax Collector – Carol Buzzell

GA Administrator – Carol Buzzell

Registrar of Voters – Carol Buzzell

Deputy Treasurer – Carol Buzzell

Treasurer – Vernice Boyce

Deputy Clerk – Nicki Cook

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Deputy Tax Collector – Nicki Cook

Animal Control Officer – Richard Burton

Code Enforcement Officer- G. Scott Mills

Budget Committee – Donna Hebert, Richard Ray, Robyn McClintock, Brian Jordan

Cemetery Sexton – Larry Wright

Comprehensive Plan Committee members – Diane Ray, Jackie Kilbreth, Cindy Wardwell, Sara Moore, Robyn McClintock

Health Officer – Donna Hebert

Parks & Trails Committee- Carolyn Gray, Robyn McClintock, Becky McDonald, Sara Moore, Jolene Adley, Skylar Killingsworth

Planning Board – Bradley Sica Jr

Recreation Committee – Rene Spear, Kim Bernard, Michelle Larrivee