BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2021

Regular Business 6:00 pm

Canton Town Office

Public also invited to join meeting via Zoom

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*Selectmen present: Russell Adams, Carole Robbins, Brian Keene, Kristi Carrier & Scotty Kilbreth*

*Staff Present: Carol Buzzell, Nicki Girard & Vernice Boyce*

*Others present: Reporter Marianne Hutchinson, Phyllis & Rene Ouellette, Jason Vaughan, Anne Chamberlin & Loretta Blancato. Diane Ray & Liz Rothrock attended via zoom.*

1. Call meeting to order – *Meeting called to order by Russell at 6:06pm*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes -*Diane Ray stated that Green Lantern is on the agenda tonight if interested they can put together more detailed info.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – October 14, 2021- *Scotty motioned to accept minutes with correction to change the watershed project cost to $5,500. Carole Robbins second. All in favor.*
5. Old Business
6. Draft Audit- *Vernice gave a summary of the draft audit* *performed by RHR Smith & Company and gave suggestions for next years budget. Kristi asked if there was a way to compare the last five years. Vernice will look into it. Brian Keene motioned to accept the draft audit; Carole Robbins seconded. All in favor.*
7. Fund Balance Policy-Vernice *-Kristi suggested to do more research before adopting a Fund Balance Policy.*
8. American Rescue Plan Act-funds & questionnaire-*Carol Buzzell reported that the town will receive a total of $115,966.14 in funds in which half has already been received. The last half will be received next year.*
9. CEO report- unsafe properties *– a written update was received by the CEO Scott Mills and he’ll continue to monitor Hayford Court and report any changes.*
10. Town Office outdoor sign-*Kristi reported that NeoKraft is coming next week to give us an estimate.*
11. Mud in playground- Kristi- *needs mulch in some areas*
12. quote to install Welcome to Canton Signs-*Diane Ray was not able to get a quote.*
13. New Business
14. 2021 Spirit of America Award recipients- *Russell read the letter from the Spirit of America Foundation. Carol Buzzell thanked the committee for their hard work over several years of planning and for putting together such an amazing fun & historical bicentennial celebration.*
15. Net Energy Billing Proposal*- More details are requested from the board. The selectmen will put together a list of questions and concerns for a Net Energy representative to answer at the next selectmen’s meeting.*
16. Scheduling November meetings- *Due to Veteran’s Day holiday and the town office being closed the next selectmen’s meeting is Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00pm. December 9th will be the only board of Selectmen meeting in December due to Christmas.*
17. Form for Users of Buyout Property- *Brian will research to see if he has an old form.*

*Other: Municipal Quit Claim Deed was submitted to release a lien from 2012. Scotty motioned to accept and sign the deed, Carole Robbins seconded. All in favor.*

1. Abatements/Supplement- *none*
2. Other business of Office Staff – *Carol Buzzell reminded all that the town office will be closed Thursday November 11th for Veteran’s Day and November 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving. Referendum elections are Tuesday November 2nd and the office will stay open for business. Lots of tax monies coming in. The first half of 2022 tax bills are due November 4th. We want to congratulate our cleaning lady, Kate Tuell for the recent birth of her beautiful baby girl, Evergreen Angela Mitchell.*
3. Committee Reports-

*Kristi- nothing to report.*

*Carole Robbins received an estimate from Red Oak to remove 4 trees and haul away the wood at the Simmons Cemetery for $3,000. Brian made motion to accept estimate, Carole seconded. All in favor. Invoice to be paid from cemetery reserve account.*

*Brian reported that the big truck is still waiting to be repaired and will cost approximately $14,000. Highway department is busy cutting trees on Jewett Hill. Plans to rent Dave Bowen’s excavator to pile salt and sand then Paul will order winter salt. Parks & Trails haunted walk was a hit and he thanked the committee and the Middle School Drama club for helping. Budget committee should start meeting in December.*

*Scotty reported that the Planning Board has a public hearing November 4th  at 6:00pm for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store Commercial Application. Fire Chief Jason Vaughan reported that the tanker failed the annual pump test. Need to replace it within a year or two. Currently there’s $85,000 in reserve. Cost of a new fire truck is about $275,000. Medcare contacted Scotty to see if one of the board members or resident might be interested in serving as director and a representative from Canton . Scotty spoke with Dave Madison and everything is going good at the sewer department. Brian suggested to have Dave make a list of repairs necessary that the ARPA funds could be used for. Possibility to clean the pond, update generator, pumps or influent meter.*

*Russell reported that the pump station on Virgin Street has been graded and ditched. Russell submitted a packet of trip tickets, load slips and a corrected invoice of $3,000 from DGD Trucking for cutting trees and stumping the cemetery lot on Route 108. The invoice should be paid from the revenue from the Alden Hill woodlot. Russell reminded everyone that the selectmen meetings are no longer going to be viewed or recorded in zoom unless a selectman is not able to attend the meeting in person.*

1. Executive Session -*none*
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

#23 A/P $23,572.76

#27 Payroll $ 4,923.04

#28 A/P $ 17,852.89

#29 Payroll $ 4,860.47

Carole Robbins motioned to accept warrants, Scotty seconded. All in favor.

1. Adjournment – Carole Robbins motioned to adjourn, Brian Keene seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Buzzell