BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

~~April 22, 2021~~ –Postponed to May 13, 2021

Regular Business 6:00 pm

Selectmen & Office Staff will meet at Town Office

Public invited to join meeting via Zoom

*Attendance: Russell Adams, Brian Keene, Don Hutchins, Paul McKenna, Robyn McClintock, Tom Peters, Nicki Cook, Carol Buzzell, Vernice Boyce, Marianne Hutchinson & Chris Dailey.*

1. Call meeting to order – *Russ called meeting to order at 6:11pm after technical difficulties.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes – *Chris Dailey asked for permission to name the street Black Fly Alley and needs a house number.* *Chris also questioned why the town is using the road crew to mow lawns and cemeteries. Dom Lebel from Olivewood Energy asked (virtually) if anyone had any questions for him. Diane Ray invited the selectmen to a TIF training on June 10 or 24. She also mentioned there’s a man hanging around the boat launch and showing up on several private properties. Some residents have given him food pantry info and offered to help him. It was suggested to tell him to move along.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – April 8, 2021 & May 5, 2021 – *Don motion to accept minutes, Brian second. Motion passed.*
5. Old Business
6. Citizen of the Year- *tabled until next meeting*
7. Wood from Whitney Brook Trail- *One person has showed interest in getting the wood. It will be moved to her home with an area log truck and she’ll cut it. There’s a small amount of wood at Staples Hill cemetery she can also have.*
8. Employee reviews- *Russ will check with all selectmen to see which date is best. May 24 or 26 starting at 5:00pm.*
9. Annual Town Warrant -*moved to end of meeting* -
10. New Business
11. Town Report- *Carol Buzzell is looking for historical pictures and information from Carole Robbins to include in the Annual Town Report. Carole R will be selling hard cover copies of this report for those interested in a commemorative edition.*
12. Volunteers from Opportunity Enterprise-Carole -*tabled until next meeting*
13. Letters from Board for places to clean-up-Carole -*tabled until next meeting*
14. Revision Energy (solar farm) – Michael Bartner -*via zoom Mr Bartner explained how the NEB program works and how much money it could save the municipality if we purchase power from them in a 20 year contract. No decision made.*
15. Water District plowing- *Carol B will send the Water District a bill for $500 for plowing this winter. Brian motioned to increase the plowing to $2,000 per mile. Don second motion. Paul McKenna will measure the distance for accuracy in billing. Motion passes.*
16. Abatements/Supplement- *Treasurer Vernice Boyce suggested to abate (2018,2020 & 2021) 3 years personal property taxes for Conopco Inc for $55.90. Don motioned, Brian second. Motion passed.*
17. Other business of Office Staff – *Carol Buzzell reported that the temporary CEO, Scott Mills has been busy with building & plumbing permits. John Lund owns property in Meadowview and would like a key to the gate. Don said to have Mr. Lund contact him to get into Meadowview when the gate is locked because we can not give him a key. Carol B met with Bill Stewart from Kofile. He gave an estimate for the preservation of the vital records books and explained which books were in dire need of restoration. Estimate of about $10,000 for 8 volumes. Don mentioned maybe these funds can be taken out of the wind tower monies. Carol B will get an estimate from NEDCC.*
18. Committee Reports-

\**Brian reported the Gala was much needed for townspeople and folks had a great time. Good food, dancing and fun. Parks & Trails; the park was mulched today. Highway; One ton has been sandblasted and painted. Keene Road & Dorey Road is graded. Paul is getting pricing for reclaim & stone dust. Lindley Road meeting determined that DOT will take care of the culvert because it’s in their right of way. TIF training for the board of selectmen will take place June 24th before the selectmen’s meeting at 5:00pm.*

*\*Russ read thank you letter from Bicentennial Committee and look forward to the August celebration. Robyn would like to paint the pumphouse building at the beginning of Bixby Road. All agreed.*

*\*Planning Board- President Tom Peters & member Robyn McClintock were present to review their budget with selectmen. Brian handed out an overview of the PB budget from 2018-2021 in what was budgeted and what was spent. Spending cuts were office supplies $250, mileage $100, trainings $700 & advertising $500. Total budget of $5,270.*

*\*Highway Foreman Paul McKenna reported the salt bid for MDOT is $59.20 per ton. Brian motioned to go ahead with MDOT salt again this year. Don second. Motion passed.*

*\*Playground Pirate ship will be delivered on Monday. The snowmobile club is interested in the old red shack by the ice rink at the ball field. Don made motion to have the snowmobile club remove the red shack. Brian second. Motion passes.*

*\*Discussed and made changes to the annual town warrant. Vernice typed changes and presented the corrected copy for selectmen signatures.*

1. Executive Session
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants: *Don motioned to accept the following warrants, Brian second. All in favor.*

# 71 Payroll $ 5,751.82

# 72 A/P $108,372.50

#73 Payroll $ 5,369.34

#74 A/P $ 9,811.65

#75 Payroll $ 6,118.34

#76 Payroll $ 4,867.39

#77 A/P $ 16,158.78

#78 Payroll $ 9,054.98

#79 A/P $106,122.29

1. Adjournment- *Don motioned to adjourn, Brian second. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:55pm.*

Respectfully submitted

Carol Buzzell