BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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, and Kristi Carrier in person, Scotty Kilbreth via Zoom.*

*Staff Present: Nicki Girard*

*Others present: Diane Ray, Robyn McClintock, Reporter Marianne Hutchinson in person. Michelle Larivee Via Zoom*

1. Call meeting to order-*Meeting called to order by Russell at 18:04*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes *Diane Ray asked if it is okay to get a price for an install on signs from a contractor. She will try to get prices before next Board of Selectmen meeting. Diane Ray also announced that the Comprehensive Planning Board will be meeting November 6at the Historical Society and that there will be a public hearing for the marijuana business application. Robyn McClintock announced that the Haunted Trail Walk will take place on the 23rd only due to lack of volunteers. Trick or Trunk will be on the 29th and the Scarecrow Contest will still happen as scheduled.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – 9/23/2021-*Carole made a motion to accept minutes with a change of wording from door to window in reference to the repair at the transfer station. Brian seconded. Roll call vote. Scotty-yes, Brian-yes, Carole-yes, Russell-yes, Kristi-abstain.*
5. Old Business
6. Sign Retail Marijuana Ordinance-*Brian made a motion to sign the Retail Marijuana Ordinance that was passed at the election. Carole seconded. Roll call vote. Scotty-yes, Brian-yes, Carole-yes, Kristi-yes, Russell-yes.*
7. CEO update of unsafe properties- *CEO not present. Nicki reports that Seth Warren of Freedom LLC, the property owner of 14 Hayford Court called to say that the tenants of that property have been given a 30 Day Notice to Vacate the property which will then be cleaned up and put up for sale and that James Bishop the owner of 13 Hayford Court has called to say that he will come into the office to pay the back taxes on that property. Russell reports that CEO Scott Mills has been in contact with Mr. Bishop and that he plans on cleaning up the property.*
8. Framing of Retyped Original Warrant estimate- Carole Robbins- *Carole received estimate for framing of a retyped version of the original warrant for around $75. Cost depends on how closely the match the frame already on the original warrant. Brian made a motion to allow up to $100 to frame the retyped original warrant. Kristi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Scotty-yes, Kristi-yes, Carole-yes, Brian-yes, Russell-yes.*
9. Town Office outdoor sign- Kristi- *Kristi reports that Neocraft Signs of Lewiston quoted $8000 minimum for digital sign under existing town office sign and $12000 to $15000 for a sign similar to the one that Jay has. This does not include the installation of power to the sign. Brian suggested trying to possibly work the sign and installation into the budget. Russ suggested putting it on the next town meeting warrant to use community benefit fund. Kristi will continue communication with Neocraft and will have them come out to the sight to give an actual estimate.*
10. Mud in playground areas- Kristi- *Kristi mentioned that there is mud under the swings and slide and around the pirate ship. She suggests putting down woodchips. Brian will try to get material donated.*
11. New Business
12. Watershed Protection Project – Phase II- *Diane Ray spoke on this cost sharing agreement. Concerning the intersection at Dearborn Rd and Staples Hill Rd. She said that Paul got estimates and the cost was $5,500. The town’s share is half. The grant covers half. Russ asked about time frame. Diane replied that it is a two year grant and that it could happen next year. Brian made a motion to fix the intersection. Carol seconded. Roll call vote. Scotty-yes, Kristi-yes, Carole-yes, Brian-yes, Russell-yes. Cost sharing agreement signed.*
13. Budget Committee appointment for Jody Brown- *Brian made a motion to appoint Jody Brown to the Budget committee with the appointment to expire on June 30, 2022. Carole seconded. Roll call vote. Scotty-yes, Kristi-yes, Carole-yes, Brian-yes, Russell-yes. Appointment signed.*
14. Abatements/Supplement- *None*
15. Other business of Office Staff – *Nicki had elections training on Wednesday. Absentee ballots are available. The deadline for request is Thursday October 28th. After that an applicant for an absentee ballot will need to fill out a special circumstances affidavit. The election is November 2nd. The new lighthouse license plates will be available on Monday the 18th. Kyes insurance got back to us and okayed the Halloween Trail Walk and Trick or Trunk. The Crier went out on October 1st.*
16. Committee Reports- *Scotty reports that the fire department had training last week and has their business meeting next week. The planning board has a new member that is getting trained. Brad Sica is reviewing other towns marijuana ordinances. Kristi reports the old shed at the playground needs to be removed and says there is nothing to report from the recreation committee. Carole has nothing to report. Brian reports that the budget committee should start in December and will hopefully get officers elected. The highway department truck is still in the garage and they have a weed whacker that has issues. Russ reports that Paul helped fix the exit gate at the transfer station and that they are working on finding a new remote for the garage door opener. Lightbulbs need changing at the transfer station which has 20 foot ceilings.*
17. Executive Session -*none*
18. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

 # 22 Payroll $ 5,094.13

# 23 A/P $ 23,572.76

#24 Payroll $ 8,313.59

#25 A/P $110,600.47

#26 Payroll $4,244.78

*Brian made a motion to approve Warrant #’s 22, 24, 25, 26, leaving out #23 for a correction. Carol seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor.*

1. Adjournment- *Carole made a motion to adjourn meeting. Brian seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 18:47.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Lynn Girard