

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**November 18, 2019  
6:30 PM**

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### ATTENDEES

David Stickney, Selectman	Leo Enos, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Alan Savage	Rob Christie
Don Williams	Charity Baker	

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman David Stickney.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to open the public hearing for Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies over \$10,000.00 to accept unanticipated municipal aid money from the State of NH in the amount of \$77,716.27. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to open the public hearing for Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies over \$10,000.00 to accept a USDA Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Lancaster Police Department patrol vehicles. Seconded by Selectman Enos. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Town Manager Samson said the unanticipated municipal aid monies was released in October by the State. It is the plan to use the monies to replace the D box at the sewer lagoons. The current one is in bad shape. The new D box would serve the 4 lagoons. It has never worked on more than 2 lagoons. They would also like to work on the outfalls. The concrete to the Connecticut river is deteriorated tremendously.
- Ed stated both hearings will remain open for duration of the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the November 4, 2019, November 13, 2019 public and non-public meeting minutes.

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to accept the November 4, 2019, November 13, 2019 public and non-public meeting minutes. Seconded by Selectman Enos. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Ed read an abatement request from Cubb Properties on their sewer charges due to the balance of usage caused by a water leak in the spring. There was discussion regarding the last abatement that they decided they would not grant any further abatements due to water leaks. Ed explained he believes this request was from the same leak. It happened around the reading time in the spring so some of the usage was on the spring bill & the leak was repaired after that.

**Selectman Enos made a motion to abate the sewer usage over and above average usage in a 3-year period with normal usage with the stipulation this will be the very last time an abatement will be granted. Seconded by Selectman Rideout. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- The warrant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue property tax bills was signed. Ed shared that the rate went down \$1.26 from last year.
- Andre Moncreiffe from the Carribean Spice Cafe is looking for funding from the Lancaster Loan fund to help keep the business open during the slow time of the year. He is looking for \$7,000. Leo asked that Ed request a copy of a business plan. Alan Savage mentioned in the past when others requested funds, they had some sort of collateral in case they defaulted. Leon asked that they also provide their financial report.

**INFORMATION:**

- Building Permit – Philip & Mary Lou Saxton, 17 Gore Road – construct a 12’ X 20’ single car garage on a slab
- Sign Permit – Weeks Medical Center, 173 Middle Street

There was no further business.

Leon asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the public hearing items. There were no comments/questions.

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to accept all monies discussed in the pubic hearings. Seconded by Selectman Enos. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to close the public hearing accepting the unanticipated municipal aid money from the State of NH. Seconded by Selectman Enos. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Selectman Rideout made a motion to close the public hearing accepting the USDA Community Facilities Grant. Seconded by Selectman Enos. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Selectman Enos made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Rideout. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

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Leon Rideout

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David Stickney

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Leo Enos