

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**April 20, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

Leo Enos, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman	Shane Beattie, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Alan Savage	Michael Nadeau
Charity Baker	Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson	

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Leo Enos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS:

Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson was present to report on the current COVID-19 pandemic. He mentioned that the Governor opened up parts of New Hampshire's economy with a specific guide as to what business can open and with what restrictions. He still has some concerns, so he is going to meet with the Town's attorney to discuss what rights the town has to enforce the guidelines and if we can implement stricter guidelines in our town.

He is going to meet with the campground owners one on one to discuss what their plans are to meet the new guidelines set forth by the State. At this point, there is no guidance regarding enforcement at this point from the State level so it is going to be up to the town.

The COVID response team will be meeting Monday, Thursday and Friday the week of May 4th and then Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday each week after.

Ben stated, the Governor mentioned there would be some money available to municipalities above what is being offered from FEMA. He also stated police, fire/ems and first responders would be getting another \$300 a week for eight weeks.

The hospital will be discussing whether they are going to keep the tent or remove it.

There is a testing site at the National Guard Armory. At this time, they are only averaging two people a day. Only those with severe symptoms are being tested at the hospital due to their limited supply of tests. The armory site will be testing those that have been referred by their doctor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of April 20, 2020 Selectmen's meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to accept the April 20, 2020 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Northtown Associates' contract was up for renewal and a new contract needed to be signed. It was asked if it is going to be put out to bid. Leon mentioned the last time it was put out

no other assessor could come close to what we are paying. Ed mentioned we are already working under 2020 contract. Leo mentioned in January 2021, they will put it out to bid for the 2021 tax year. Ed stated there are benefits to having a consistent assessor.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to accept Northtown Associates’ assessing contract for 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Intent to Cut was signed for Janet Savage property Tax Map R02, Lot 068. Lot size 104.1 acres. Acreage to be cut 104.1 acres.
- Intents to Excavate were signed for Paul Crane Tax Map R13, Lots 066 & 068

NEW BUSINESS:

- Portland Pipeline asking that property be assessed for the same value as 2019, \$2,090,000. Their situation has not changed since last year. Shane recused himself as Beattie Enterprises is contracted by Portland Pipeline.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to accept the agreement with Portland Pipeline to assess the property at \$2,090,000 the same value used in 2019. Shane recused himself from the vote as Beattie Enterprises is a contracted business for Portland Pipeline. Leo and Leon voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to authorize Town Manager Ed Samson to sign the agreement with Portland Pipeline on behalf of Board of Selectmen. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Henrietta Howard-Moineau requested a reduction on her water and sewer bill due to a leak she discovered in her toilet resulting in much higher than average usage. The concern is allowing a reduction for one user will set a precedence and would have to for all.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to deny the request made by Henrietta Howard-Moineau. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Cubb Properties sent in a request for an abatement on sewer portion of the recent bill covering the time frame October 12, 2019 through April 17, 2020, they had a break in their water line. Leo recused himself as his business has been contracted to replace the line this spring. Ed explained that he could not speak on behalf of Cubb because he has recused himself and can’t put undue influence on the board. Leon stated it has been a reoccurring issue and last billing cycle it was voted by the board that abating would not be allowed again.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to deny the abatement request made by Cubb Properties. Leo recused himself from the vote as he is the hired contractor for Cubb. Leon and Shane voted in favor. Motion carried.

INFORMATION:

- Building permits –
 - Rachael Stuart & Kate Hartnett, 14 Governors Terrace – Renovate carriage house to include expanding 1st floor, construct a single-story addition to provide a full bathroom, construct a woodshed, replace driveway and regrade site for better drainage and install 2 roof-mounted solar PV arrays to power the home. Special condition – Woodshed is approved under the condition it receives an area variance for non-compliance with required setbacks in the Residential Zoning District.
 - Mark Keddy, 42 Bridge Street – Construct 12’ X 20’ wooden shed.
 - Joel White, 44 Achorn Hill Road – Install a 5.85kW solar PV array on roof of home to provide power for residence.

Ed mentioned he sent a letter to Jennifer Bean and her partner of Your Humble Abode asking what their intentions are now that their business has closed. He has not heard back from either of them.

The board reviewed the contracts of all those businesses with small business loans. Ed recommends any negative discussion about any of the loans that are in good standing be limited in public forum.

Shane asked if there should be some restructuring of the contract between Jennifer and her partner. Ed said in most cases there should be a lien put on the property, however they did not own the building. In this case, it was agreed they could repay weekly, monthly, annually or one lump sum so not sure there is any recourse until the time frame is up. Leo asked if we could discuss with the Town’s attorney Jon Frizzell to see if there’s anything that could be done to collect. It was mentioned that it plainly states they can pay in one lump sum.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen Date:_____

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout

Shane Beattie