

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**May 18, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

Leo Enos, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman	Shane Beattie, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Alan Savage	Rob Christie
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

PUBLIC HEARING: Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies over \$10,000.00 – Municipal Aid from State of NH - \$83,712.00

Chairman Enos opened the public hearing to accept unanticipated monies over to \$10,000. Municipal Aid money received from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$83,712.00. Ben explained it is part of the CARES Act to assist with expenses incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic. He also explained that by June 1st he has to submit the grant agreement with a list of all expenses we have incurred due to the pandemic. The board will have to make motion to accept the money and authorize someone to review, approve and sign any and all paperwork associated with the grant.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to accept the money from the CARES Act and to authorize Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson to sign any and all documents associated with the grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson was present to report on the current COVID-19 pandemic. He mentioned the State is starting to open the economy. Campgrounds are starting to open and he has spoken to all the campground owners and they are going to do what they can to uphold the guidelines. Barber shops are opening and are being very responsible and restaurants open today and it seems they are working within the guidelines.

He reported there were 2 more cases in Coos County.

The COVID response team is continuing to meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Each week they evaluate the situation to see if there is still a need to keep meeting at that frequency.

The town office is talking about reopening effective June 1st with only 2 customers in the office at a time, one at each counter. Any customer at Charity's counter will leave out the side door and those at Lee Ann's counter will leave by the front door.

Ben stated, he is not sure how many people they are testing at the Armory. They had several appointments scheduled but many of them didn’t show up.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of May 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to accept the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Intent to Cut was signed for William McCarten property Tax Map R26, Lots 8 & 9. Lot size 91 acres. Acres to be cut 4 +/-.
- Timber Tax Warrant was signed for:
 - Weeks Lancaster Trust property Tax Map R26, Lot 001 for \$42.44
 - Stewart Revocable Living Trust Tax Map R18, Lot 032 for \$2,765.58
 - William McCarten Tax Map R26, Lots 8 & 9 for \$2,825.87.
- Land Use Change Tax signed for:
 - Janet Savage properties – Tax Map R15, Lot 052 for \$2,800; Tax Map R15, Lot 037 for \$450; Tax Map R15, Lot 038 for \$2,500.
 - Karen & Thomas Anderson property, Tax Map R15, Lot 053 for \$3,100.
 - Harry & Jan Stearns property, Tax Map R07, Lot 020 for \$5,250.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leo asked Ed if he would set up a calendar to record when things come up for bid (oil bids, hauling bids, assessing services, etc.). He would like things put on the calendar at least 60 days ahead of when the annual contracts come due so the Selectmen can be involved in the bidding process. Charity mentioned she already keeps those in her calendar and when they are coming due, she mentions it to Ed and he then directs her to send out the bid information and put an ad in the paper. Leo and Shane asked if before it goes out to bid, they would like it to come before the board. Ed said, that can be done.

INFORMATION:

- Notice to Municipalities received from NH Liquor Commission informing the Town that the Copper Pig Brewery LLC has made an application for a Brew Pub license under provisions RSA 178:21 for their establishment at 1 Middle Street.
- Sign Permit –
 - Richard Boyden, 135 Main Street, Tax Map P06, Lot 044 – Christ United Methodist Church

Leo asked if there was any requests or questions from the public and there was not.

Motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by Shane Beattie to go into non-public session regarding town employee issues. All in favor. Motion carried. Alan Savage expressed his concern with the board entering into non-public session illegally.

Motion was made by Selectman Leon Rideout and seconded by Selectman Shane Beattie to close the non-public session at 7:11 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Public Session at 7:11 p.m.

Shane asked about the expenditures for the water department, it is already at 62% expended and was wondering if it is normal for this time of year. Ed mentioned he would take a look and discuss with Timmy Bilodeau, the department supervisor.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Shane Beattie to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout

Shane Beattie