

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**November 16, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

Leo Enos, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman	Shane Beattie, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Randy Flynn, Fire Chief	Ted Joubert, Asst. Chief
Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson	Alan Savage	Rob Christie
Michael Nadeau	Charity Baker	

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the November 2, 2020 Selectmen's meeting minutes. **Motion made by Shane and seconded by Leo to accept the November 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Leo abstained. Leo and Shane voted in favor. Motion carried.**
- Signing of various paperwork –
 - Intent to Cut was signed – Stephen Kenison, Tax Map R11, Lot 032. Lot size 55 acres. Acres to be cut 55.

INFORMATION:

- Building Permits –
 - Anthony Goceliak, 102 Wesson Road – Construct a 24' X 30', 2-car garage on slab.
 - Approved under the condition an area variance for non-compliant setbacks in the Agricultural Zoning District is received. Area variance received 10/28/2020 w/NO Conditions.
 - Barbara Peaslee-Smith, 304 Pleasant Valley Road – Construct a 20' X 35', 3-sided pole barn with 10' X 10' entry and dirt floor to be used as stall space for horses.
 - John Tolman, 275 North Road – Install a 4.95 kW roof-mounted solar PV array on existing home.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Decision –
 - Anthony Goceliak, 102 Wesson Road – Area Variance approved.
 - Austin Cassidy, 40 Buffalo Road – Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements approved.

It was mentioned that the Board and the Budget Committee have requested a meeting to be noticed for November 23, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the 2021 Fire/EMS budget.

Ed shared the information he obtained from the Town's attorney regarding the Conservation Commission having the authority to hire the forester/logger for the cut in the Town Forest. It is the attorney's opinion that the authority has to be given to the Commission by the Board of

Selectmen to make the decision to hire the forester/logger and to oversee the cut. Ed does not believe that authority has been assigned. Rob feels the authority has been given to the Commission for past cuts according to the 2004-2007 annual reports. Ed and the Board are concerned with the value of the cut. He is not saying it shouldn’t be cut but there are concerns of value because the market is low. There was discussion on who has the authority to hire the forester/logger.

Rob stated the future of the market is unknown. The recommendation of the foresters on the Commission and the forester they hired say they should go ahead and cut it. Ed requested that the Chair of the Commission come before the Board and present what the Commission’s recommendation is.

Ed stated it is not completely clear to the attorney that the authority has not been formally given to the Commission. He feels that research needs to be done to see if the authority has been officially assigned to the Commission.

Leo asked if the Board wanted Allan Ryder, Chairman of the Conservation Commission to come in and discuss the recommendation of the timber cut of the town forest. The board agreed. Allan will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Rob mentioned the town reports for 2004-2013 indicated there was a Capital Reserve Timber Fund and there was money in it over several years, then depleted each year and then was gone. Ed believes that money was used on the town’s perambulation.

Rob asked if the board would like to have him communicate to Allan about coming to the next Selectmen’s meeting. He mentioned they would be meeting Wednesday night to vote and recommend to the Board of Selectmen the acceptance of the bid. Ed mentioned there is no record that the commission has ever been given the authority to vote to accept the bid.

Shane stated the Commission should table further decisions and vote on the bid until Allan comes to the next Board meeting with his official thoughts and recommendations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout

Shane Beattie