

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**December 21, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING: To accept a NH Department of Justice Grant in the amount of \$17,022.51 for the purchase of a portable ventilator to aid in critical care transportation. Leo opened the discussion up to the public. There was no discussion.

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the \$17,022.51 from NH Department of Justice Grant to purchase a portable ventilator. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leo stated the public hearing will remain open for the remainder of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the December 7 and 14, 2020 Selectmen's meeting minutes and the December 7, 2020 non-public meeting minutes. **Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the December 7 and 14, 2020 meeting minutes and the December 7, 2020 non-public meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Department Head update – Ed asked if Randy and Ted had anything to report. Randy said they did not.
- Intent to Cut was signed –
 - Brenda Stewart, Tax Map R15, Lot 034. Lot size 17.9.

There was discussion regarding street addressing at the end of Stebbins Hill Road and Buffalo Road and how it can cause confusion when responding to an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Abatements were signed –
 - Marianne Davio – 15 Cubb Street. Marianne approached the board back in August and asked if she purchased the property at 15 Cubb Street which was abandoned by the previous owner if they would forgive/abate the back taxes that were billed to the previous owner and she would pay the taxes moving forward from the purchase date. The board voted to abate the taxes once the sale was final at the August meeting. Ms. Davio purchased the property mid-August.

- Nancy Cloutier – 247 Rogers Campground Road. Nancy submitted a request for abatement of the property tax bill assessed to her property because her camper was registered with NHDMV. She provided copies of her MV registration.
- Ed asked Ben to speak to the letter received from the Coos County Commissioner’s office. Ben stated the letter discussed expanding boardband and forming the Coos Broadband Committee to explore ways to expand. COVID has made expanding broadband an important topic. Ben has been participated in the meetings regarding the formation of the committee. They are looking for each community to reach out to their internet providers and get a map of how far out their service covers in each town. The letter is looking for the town to appoint a representative on the committee and to commit to contacting the service providers.

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Ben to the committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Ed mentioned there were a few expenses that need to be encumbered for next year. \$121,000 for the ambulance that has been order and still has not arrived and \$26,000 which is the balance for the construction of the handicap ramp on the town hall.

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Shane to encumber \$121,000 which was approved to purchase ambulance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Shane to encumber up to \$26,000 which is the balance under the town hall renovation to complete the handicap ramp project. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Ed also stated the board needs to vote to rollover the overlay which was accounted for during the tax rate setting process to cover any abatements.

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Shane to rollover the overlay in the amount of \$60,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Ed received a letter from Kim Votta resigning from the Conservation Commission stating her other commitments have become too great for her to continue to devote the time needed to the commission.
- Ed let the board know that a Request for Proposals will be put out for next year’s assessing services per their request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rob Christie wanted to address the board regarding the Conservation fund. He would like to get a history and balance of what is in the Conservation Commission. Ed stated he read Rob’s last email and he wanted him to know that he forwarded the email to Town Counsel and further discussion should cease until they hear back from him. Rob mentioned he was hoping to discuss the matter at the meeting to hopefully avoid legal action.

Rob stated to the board that he has been pursuing this for 2 years and has had no luck getting the information out of the town office.

Rob asked who the Town's attorney was and the Leo stated it was Waystack Frizzell. Rob wanted the board to know that there may be a conflict of interest with Jon Frizzell as he is also does work for Rob.

Ed said he would update everyone when he hears back from Frizzell.

Shane gave an update on the backhoe. He received 2 quotes from Nortrax to fix the backhoe. \$30,000 for a new transmission, torque convertor and oil cooler or \$24,000 for rebuilt. He talked to the John Deere dealer and he was unable to get the final proposal. Alan Savage suggested finding out what the warranty would be for both. He recommended looking closely at the warranty and make sure not to purchase a warranty longer than they plan to keep the current unit.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout

Shane Beattie