

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**February 1, 2021
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS: Alan Savage mentioned he reviewed the minutes that requested unsealed at the last board meeting. The minutes were dated May 4th & 18th, 2009. He states they are inaccurate and they don't state anything that happened. He reviewed what occurred at the meetings. He also mentioned he submitted a letter to the board prior to this meeting which he wanted read into the minutes, however, none of the members or Alan had a copy of the letter with them. Leon stated he would bring the letter to the Town Clerk to file with the minutes.

Alan expressed his concern with the board closing the non-public session and entering back into public session and having further public discussions after the public was dismissed prior to the non-public session. Leon also stated that discussions should not have happened after coming out non-public session.

Alan truly feels it is improperly done. He asked who takes the minutes in the non-public sessions. It was stated the same person that takes the regular meeting minutes. Alan stated the regular minute taker was asked to leave and Ed took the minutes at the May 4th & 18th, 2009 meetings and then Sandra Doolan, the clerk, was brought back into the meeting for the other discussion that occurred. He again expressed, that should not be occurring.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of January 19, 2021 Selectmen's meeting minutes. **Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Intent to Cut was signed for Allan & Scott Forbes. Tax Map R07, Lot 040. 15 acres of 31 to be cut.
- Repurchase deed for 56 Portland Street was signed.
- Leon asked if appointment recommendations were received from the Conservation Commission. Leo stated the commission is meeting February 8th and they will review the letters of interest and have a recommendation for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Town Election & Business meeting – Charity mentioned that Governor’s Emergency Order #83 bridges the gap between now and when Senate Bill 2 regarding postponing town elections and town business meetings is voted on. The order allows municipalities to postpone the elections and/or the business meeting to another date. As voted on at the last meeting, the Town of Lancaster will be holding their election for town officers and School officers and budget on the usual day - Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Polls will be open for ballot voting from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day and the business meeting where the voters come together to vote on the warrant articles for the town budget will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Elementary School to allow for proper social distancing. The advantage of the emergency order is we will not have to open the business meeting on Tuesday evening to postpone it to Saturday. We can simply advertise the meeting has changed.

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