

## MINUTES

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING TOWN HALL

March 1, 2021  
6:30 PM

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#### ATTENDEES:

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of February 16, 2021 Selectmen's meeting minutes. **Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies under \$10,000.00 - Ben explained the unanticipated money is from a grant from the North Country Health Consortium in the amount of \$4,765.00 to assist with the Town of Lancaster's regional response to the COVID19 pandemic. He mentioned, he would like to use it to pay the first responders that are assisting with the vaccination clinics. **Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the unanticipated money in the amount of \$4,765.00 from the North Country Health Consortium. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Ed mentioned the deadline for the request for proposals for the town's assessing services closed. It was advertised online with the Municipal Association and received one proposal from the town's current assessors, Northtown Associates. Leon asked if it was for a one-year period. Ed stated he would like to see the board accept the bid for services for 3 years. **Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the bid for a 3-year period at a base cost of 42,000 a year. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### INFORMATION:

- Building Permits –
  - WA Properties, LLC, 42 Portland Street – Interior renovations to existing apartments. No change to building footprint.
    - Building shall comply with all existing life/safety codes & regulations.
  - David & Nancy Sanborn, 34 Water Street – Removal of existing garage and construction of new 34' X 40' garage on slab within general footprint of previous structure.
  - Gary Baker, Mary Elizabeth Lane – Construct a 28' X 52', 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, single-family home on full foundation with a 24'X32', detached garage on slab.

- Brandon Boyd, 45 Buffalo Road – Construct a 1,200 square foot, 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom log home on full foundation.
- Matthew Wells, 7 Winter Street – Install a roof-mounted, 8.04kW PV solar array on single-family home for personal use.

Leon mentioned a local candidate for school board came to him and stated he was told he could not campaign at the transfer station. Leon mentioned it has always been allowed in the past. Ed mentioned the candidate also spoke with him and he cleared it up with the staff at the transfer station.

Leo mentioned the current board of selectmen can appoint a replacement member to the vacancy left by Kim Votta on the Conservation Commission. In researching Kim’s term, it was found that her term actually expires in 2023 not in 2021 as previously thought.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Eric Livingstone to the Conservation Commission to complete Kim Votta’s term. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ed introduced John Garrison and mentioned he moved to town in the last couple years and would like to attend meetings and learn more about the town.

Rob mentioned he submitted his abatement back on January 4, 2021 and Jason Call of Northtown Associates responded to his request which Rob now would like to submit to the board his reply to Jason’s response. The board will see that Jason receives the response.

Lucy stated the ski club issue has been resolved regarding paying Lori Comeau who provides first aid coverage at the ski tow.

Also, she is curious why the town forest is being cut right now. She understands that wood product prices are very low. Leo mentioned the conservation commission submitted the recommendation and they spent much time debating if it was the right time and also received advice from the town forester and other foresters. It was recommended they should cut now due to the condition of the trees. The foresters the Commission consulted highly recommended the cut occur now. Many trees are infested with insects as well. She feels the forest should be allow to take care of itself.

Lucy asked why Leo was running for budget committee as she has heard he doesn’t actually live in Lancaster. Leo explained to Lucy that he has 2 homes and Lancaster is where he claims his primary residence where he also has his business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

Charity M. Baker

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Leo Enos

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Leon Rideout

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Shane Beattie