

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**March 15, 2021  
6:30 PM**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Leon Rideout, Selectman	Shane Beattie, Selectman	Troy Merner, Selectman
Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson	Charity Baker	Michael Nadeau
Alan Savage	Rob Christie	Other members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Leon Rideout.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Leon welcomed Troy Merner the newly elected Selectman to the board.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Rob Christie wanted to discuss with the board his abatement application that he submitted at the March 1, 2021 meeting. He stated his application was submitted timely and he has not received a response or has the board discussed the appeal in a meeting. It was explained that the assessors have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to respond. The board has submitted the application to Jason from Northtown Associates who will review it and give recommendations to the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Review and approval of the minutes for both the March 1, 2021 noon meeting to interview the in-house Town Manager candidate and the regular meeting of March 1, 2021. **Motion made by Shane and seconded by Leon to accept the both sets of minutes of March 1, 2021 meetings. Leon and Shane voted in favor. Troy abstained. Motion carried.**
- The board approved and signed a Veteran's Credit Application submitted by Matthew Wells of 7 Winter Street.

Alan Savage asked who the chairman will be with the new board. Leon stated, customarily the Selectmen whose term will be expiring next is the chairman and stated that it would be him.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The zoning board submitted their recommendations for reappointment. **Motion made by Troy and seconded by Shane to reappoint to the Zoning Board for 3-year terms Linda Ogle as an alternate and Steve Young and Les Hilton as regular members. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- The planning board submitted their recommendations for reappointment. Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson mentioned that Penny Noyes will also be stepping down due to medical concerns. A replacement for her seat will be sought from available alternates and brought to the board of selectmen at a later date. Leon asked that a letter be drafted and sent to Penny thanking her for her year of service to the board. **Motion made by Troy and seconded by Shane to reappoint to the Planning Board for 3-year terms Vickie Gibbs as an alternate member and Rusty Scott as a regular member. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ben asked if Rob had any appoints for the Conservation Commission at this time. Rob mentioned it was decided that they will discuss filling the vacancies at the next Commission meeting. Ben asked if Rob received the letter from Alan Carr seeking reappointment. He stated he did.

**Motion was made by Shane and seconded by Troy to reappoint Alan Carr to the Conservation Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ben also mentioned to Rob that Allan Ryder has submitted his resignation from the Commission. Rob mentioned he has not received that letter at this time.

Ben asked if the selectmen have given thought to what boards they will represent. Leon and Shane stated they would like to remain on the boards they have been on. Troy will step into the representative positions for the Conservation Commission and as the Planning Board alternate.

**INFORMATION:**

Ben reviewed with the board the letter from DRA regarding a language change to the assessing contract that was submitted.

The board received a letter from the NH Liquor Commission regarding the Dollar General submitting an application seeking a license to sell beer, wine and tobacco at their 13 Bridge Street location.

Notices from the Town of Littleton were received informing the board that a special exception and variance have been granted for the construction of a cell tower.

Leon mentioned there was a close vote at town meeting regarding streaming/recording meetings and he feels the board should take a look at what it will cost and best methods to use. Ben mentioned he spoke with Chad Fillion of Phlume Media at town meeting to discuss sitting down to go over different options.

Alan mentioned the board of selectmen held a meeting at noon on March 1 and they hired Ben as the Town Manager and it was not mentioned at the 6:30 meeting. He is curious why it was not mentioned at the regular meeting. Leon stated, the board felt it should have been announced after town meeting however the press was asking Ed questions about his retirement and he asked the board members if they were okay with him telling the press in his interview with them. Alan felt it was improper for them to select the Town Manager before the new board member was part of the decision. He feels it should have been treated like the other boards and not appointed until after the new board of selectmen meet in March.

Rob asked Leon if he had any guidance for Troy on how to manage being a State Representative and a Selectmen at the same time where Leon has been both before. Troy reviewed what his usual schedule is and how he will be able to participate with town operations. Leon mentioned, unless it was extremely important at the state level, he put the board of selectmen’s meeting first. Leon has mentioned that Troy has been a State Rep for 3 terms and will be able to handle it.

Rob mentioned a statement made by Skip Sansoucy in an article he wrote during the campaign that Troy will be very beneficial to assist with the Town of Carroll possibly withdrawing from the district. Troy discussed his involvement with the education committees in Concord. There was discussion regarding school attendance going down and how it is going effect our taxes due to the decrease in student count. There was much discussion regarding the school systems in Coos County and the student count going down but the budget continues to increase.

Alan asked what happened to the Charter School moving to the old Go Go Gas building. Troy mentioned the air tests inside the building failed so they were not able to utilize the building.

Rob brought up a court case involving Troy that was written about in the Democrat back in 2010 when Troy was running for office and asked if Troy wished to comment. Troy stated he had no comment.

Leo Enos wanted to remind the board and Ben they will need a new board rep for the Tuesday morning COVID response team meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

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