

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**January 3, 2022
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

Leon Rideout, Selectman Shane Beattie, Selectman Troy Merner, Selectman
Charity Baker Michael Nadeau Department Heads Members of the public
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Leon Rideout.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

Water/Sewer Supervisor Timmy Bilodeau reported they are plugging away at the new SCADA system. It is coming along slowly. They repaired a water leak on Railroad Street and are working on inside maintenance during the cold season.

Highway Foreman Tim Brown reported plowing is taking up most of their time. They assisted the water department in repairing the water leak on Railroad Street.

Land Use Coordinator Robin Irving reported the planning board has a heavy agenda for their next meeting. They will be hearing 3 cases.

She distributed copies of the updated building permit application. It will now be known as a Land Use Permit application which is more appropriate where the Town does not have an official building inspector. She mentioned she has reviewed the changes to the application with the fire department, assessor and the transfer station. A permit will also be required for demolition to assist with tracking disposal at the transfer station. The transfer station has been losing \$15,000 in demolition each year and they only want to accept housing demo from Lancaster residents, so the Town needs to have a building permit to accompany the origin and waste form. Robin also pointed out the increase in application fees along with an after the fact penalty.

She asked the board to review and make a decision to approve at the next meeting.

Shane wanted to clarify, if he is to tear down a structure in town he will need to complete the land use permit application and will he still be able to transport the demolition directly to the landfill and not to the transfer station. Transfer Station Supervisor Brian Patnoe stated it doesn't have to be brought to the transfer station and Robin stated the Land Use permit would be required.

Robin mentioned she is also working on an application for Water System Sustainability Grant Program. It has three components. One is basically an extension of original asset management plan which we will be asking for an extension of some of the mapping and some equipment. The equipment she is looking to purchase is the Trimble handheld GIS and ask for some contract work to do some of the mapping. She mentioned one of the recommendations in plan is a rate study and she would like to keep the board and the budget committee involved when discussing the rates.

The second component is a planning and feasibility grant which includes a capital investment plan/business plan for the Town.

The third component is establishing another way for water to come from the source to the Town in case of failure from the water plant. She has been talking with Ben and Tim about connecting to the Northumberland system on Route 3. She is looking to do a feasibility study to tie into Northumberland.

Leon mentioned he remembers at one point in time there was talk about tying into Northumberland. Timmy explained the situations that held up doing that. He did say it may be worthwhile to look into whether it is feasible.

Rob Christie asked if there are rules about transferring from one water shed to another. Robin mentioned she is not sure of the rules but believes it can be worked with. A commission will have to be developed.

Transfer Station Supervisor Brian Patnoe reported DES is going to be stricter on closed landfills which he is still learning about it. He is also looking at the Transfer Station’s permit and there are some things he would like to change. He is working on updating. One thing he noticed is we take Dalton’s recyclables and he doesn’t believe we are permitted for that and believes DES is aware of it and will be watching us closely.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the December 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Shane and seconded by Troy to accept the December 20, 2021 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Leon mentioned the board received a letter of resignation from Herb Richardson from the budget committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Alan Savage expressed he is dismayed that the Town is looking to have a permit required for demolishing a structure. He doesn’t believe people should have to come to the Town to tear down a building.

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

Respectfully submitted, Board of Selectmen Date: _____

Charity M Baker

Leon Rideout

Shane Beattie

Troy Merner