

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION ONLY**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**September 19, 2022  
6:30 PM**

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**ATTENDEES:**

Selectman Shane Beattie

Town Manager Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson  
Department Heads      Members of the Public

Charity Baker  
Phlume Media

Michael Nadeau

Selectman Shane Beattie reported there was not going to be a quorum in attendance so any of the items that need to be voted on will be discussed and voted on at the meeting that was noticed for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Ben asked the department heads to continue with their reports and he will review any other information that does not require a vote from the board.

**Water/Sewer Supervisor Timmy Bilodeau** reported they are waiting on final couple sections of manholes and sewer line on Main Street to be completed. Next week is the annual sewer line cleaning. The company working on the SCADA system is still plugging away at it. There is some sort of water leak on the north end of town, they are currently trying to find it. He believes there may be a leak at the fairgrounds. They will be cutting brush at the treatment plant. Water meters will be done in the next couple of weeks and the new truck is now in use. Once the leaves drop, they will be cleaning out the intake and shutting off fountains.

Ben mentioned they are looking into keeping the older truck from the water department in service for several purposes, one would be for the person that mows the town lawns, etc.

Ben mentioned he and a couple of the guys from the water department are taking a water operator course.

He also reported that once the new highway truck is put in service, he is going to put a bid out for all vehicles that need to be disposed of.

**Fire Chief Randy Flynn** reported they responded to 172 calls for the month of August, 70 911 calls and 102 transfers. He mentioned the department is sponsoring 6 people in the EMR class that is running through November. It is inspection time for all the vehicles and they have some that need minor work done.

Ben mentioned that the Police Chief Tim Charbonneau was not able to attend.

**Recreation Director Eli Vincent** reported they have entered the school phase of the year and are adapting to the change in bus schedules. They have had low to mid 20 participating in Safe Haven daily. There have been a lot of signups for soccer. The pool is being shut down. They have the replacement lighting for the ball field that will need to be installed. They are getting ready window painting and the Halloween carnival which is planned for the 21st. The Mother/Son Movie Night is scheduled in November.

Randy mentioned Homecoming is this week and the parade is scheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m. and will go from Aubuchon to Canal Street.

**Librarian Barbara Robarts** reported that she has also been adapting to the bus schedules and trying to figure out how to get kids to the library. The upgrade on the lights should be taking place before winter. Control technologies will be making changes to their climate control.

**Transfer Station Supervisor Brian Patnoe** mentioned the NRRA received a grant and Lancaster will be partnering with them. It has to do with construction and debris in the North Country. Lancaster will be hosting 3 or 4 summits with other transfer stations and also have a small pilot program for C&D reuse. This will hopefully get the data needed to get a C&D recycling facility in the North Country. He reported Eversource is coming to cut trees behind main building. The market prices are dropping quick. The drop in cardboard has resulted in an \$800 a month loss in revenue.

Ben mentioned Brian has submitted a letter of resignation to the Town. He is moving onto something that better suits his needs at this time. His last is September 30<sup>th</sup> however he will stay on to work Saturdays in October and maybe into November as needed. Ben stated, it is a great loss for the Town. Also, Bill Brown has a planned retirement at the end of the year. Shane thanked Brian for his time and he will be missed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Holton Island – Ben mentioned he spoke with Donald Muise and he is more than happy to donate the land to the Town. Ben's is going to discuss with the Town's attorney Jon Frizzell to see what the next steps will be. Conservation Commission Chair Rachel Stuart mentioned the Commission had a discussion regarding the island and they are very interested in developing the property for conservation purposes.

Fuel bids – Will be opened at the September 20, 2022 meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Park Street sidewalk – Ben reported recently a person fell and injured themselves on the Park Street sidewalk. Tim Brown has looked at it and the only way to repair it would be to dig it out and pave it until it can be replaced.

NHMA Voting Delegate – Robin is requesting the board vote her in as the Town's delegate at the NHMA Legislative Conference. The board will discuss and vote at the September 20, 2022 meeting.

Appoint Heidi Chester as the Conservation Commission clerk will be discussed and voted on at the September 20, 2022 meeting.

#### **INFORMATION:**

Ben mentioned an employee luncheon/cookout will be held September 30, 2022 outside the fire station.

Session ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity Baker