



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

## Virtual Zoom Format

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Selectman Claude Patten, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Public Works Director Craig Clairmont, Residents of Tioga Drive George Woodruff and Jeff Phillips, Assistant Fire Chief Deborah Black, and Fire Chief Mike Newhall.

Chairman Mooney opened with the following statement: We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform and the public has access to listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-929-205-6099, meeting ID 867 1268 3717, password 034268 or by going to the Town's website at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org). Notice of today's public hearing was publicized in The Daily Sun, noticed on the Town's website, and posted at Town Hall and the Post Office, notice included instructions for accessing the meeting remotely.

Selectman Patten moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing**

Chairman Mooney opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with RSA 31:95-c to take public comment on changing the purpose of the Special Revenue Fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. TA Beaudin explained that this has been done for several years now to help offset the Fire Department budget. Chairman Mooney read the following article that will appear in the warrant:

**Article #4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the

first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2021 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2021 budgetary year **(A 2/3 Ballot Vote Required)**.

Training Expenses	\$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$30,000
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$20,000
Overtime	\$40,000
Telephone	\$2,000
Conferences & Dues	\$1,500
Office Expense	\$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$8,000
Fuel	\$8,000

With no public comment, Chairman Mooney closed the public hearing at 10:04 a.m.

#### **New Business**

Tioga Drive and Clark Street Discussion with residents George Woodruff and Jeff Phillips-Abenaki Water provided notice to the residents of Tioga Drive, Clark Street and others who are connected to the water system formally owned and operated by Tioga River Water/Gilford Well, that their rates would be increasing substantially. The residents are looking for any assistance the Town can offer relative to their water system and potentially connecting to the Town's sewer. The sewer currently is located in the South Road right of way. TA Beaudin had put them in touch with Donna Lane and the CDBG program to determine if there was an option for them to apply for grant funding. They were advised that they would need to form a Homeowner's Association in order to begin the process. The Public Utilities Commission has provided information to the property owners and there is a format for discussion at the commission level regarding the proposed rate increases. TA Beaudin added that the Town could facilitate a grant, but first they would need to become an association, then determine if Abenaki will allow them to retrain ownership of their water system. DES Drinking Water Trust Fund is also an option for funds. TA Beaudin offered to look into options available to help them out. There may be options to tap into the Town Sewer line, but the costs would need to be had by the 22 users in the community, with possibility to get assistance through various sources, but ultimately could be very costly.

HealthTrust Wellness Funds- This year Alicia as the Wellness Coordinator received a sum of \$500.00 from HealthTrust, need a motion to accept those funds. Selectman Patten motioned to accept the grant funds in accordance with RSA 31:95-b in the amount of \$500.00 from HealthTrust, seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.


Eversource- TA Beaudin has been advised by Eversource that we will qualify for \$10,608 in incentives for energy improvements that we are planning on installing in the new PD. Once all the improvements have been installed, we will receive a check from Eversource.


ERZ Update- - We received a letter stating that we were approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ERZ.

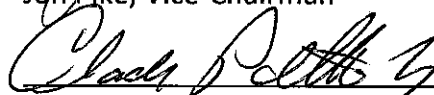
**Old Business**

Town Hall Re-Opening- Discussion was had in regard to re-opening up TH. We are seeing the number of Covid-19 cases continuing to decline. The Governor last week had issued an executive order issuing schools to move to more days with in-person learning. The Vaccine distribution has already begun, and so far, 160,000 residents in NH have been vaccinated. Selectman Pike expressed that we hold off reopening another 2-weeks. Next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> unless BPS wants to schedule a work session sometime next week to discuss the PD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

  
Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

  
Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman

  
Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman