



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 2, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Belmont Mill Tioga Meeting Room

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also, present were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectmen Claude Patten, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, Public Works Director Craig Clairmont, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Jackes, Building Inspector Russ Wheeler, Fire Chief Mike Newhall (via Zoom) and resident Michael Plummer.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Abatements, Exemptions & Credits

There were no abatements, exemptions or credits for signature this week.

### Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten moved the minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Jon Pike moved the minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Claude Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

#### Public Hearing Sewer Fund Transfer

Chairman Ruth Mooney opened the public hearing to discuss the transfer of \$100,000 from the sewer operating account to the Sewer System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve in accordance with RSA 35:7. TA Beaudin explained that there is \$892,638 in the sewer operating fund and she recommends the transfer of the \$100,000 to the Capital Reserve; these additional funds will facilitate the work that has been undertaken on the I/I study as well as a review of pump station maintenance needs. Chairman Mooney closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

Selectman Jon Pike moved to transfer \$100,000 from the sewer operating fund to the Sewer System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund held by the Trustees of Trust Funds; Selectman Claude Patten seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Intersection of Route 107 and Middle Route**

TA Beaudin explained that she had been visited by Edward Keiser who wished to speak to the Board regarding the intersection of Route 107 and Middle Route; Mr. Keiser was planning to attend the meeting. The Board felt it was important to move forward with the discussion despite Mr. Keiser not being present. Chief Lewandoski and Public Works Director Clairmont weighed in on the discussion. The Board of Selectmen requested that TA Beaudin prepare a letter to District 3 requesting that additional signage be placed before the intersection to alert the traveling public of the blind intersection. TA Beaudin will prepare and include signatures from the Police Chief and Public Works Director.

#### **Old Home Day Committee Request**

TA Beaudin reviewed a request from OHD Director Ricci McCant requesting that the Selectmen waive the vendor permit fees for Old Home Day and authorize the usual road closures for the day of the events. Road closures include Center Street, Main Street from the intersection with Depot, School Street, Mill Street and a portion of Fuller Street from the intersection with Nelson to Main. Closures would run from 8 am to 3 pm. The Board of Selectmen approved both requests unanimously.

#### **Fire Department – New Hires**

Fire Chief Newhall who was attending the meeting via Zoom reviewed his recommendation to hire Nathan Philips for the position of full-time day firefighter. Nathan is a paramedic, has a college degree and meets all of the requirements for full time hire. His starting pay is to be Grade 11 Step 1. Selectman Jon Pike moved to approve the hire of Nathan Philips; Selectman Claude Patten seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Newhall reported that he had received a notice of resignation from Firefighter Downs and that he would like to recommend Timothy Moar for the soon to be vacant position. Mr. Moar was part of the interview process earlier this spring. He comes to the department with a background in Law Enforcement and Fire, he also has a Bachelor's Degree in economics. He has the minimums to be a full-time firefighter and he would start at a Grade 9 Step 1. Selectman Jon Pike moved to approve the hire of Timothy Moar; Selectman Ruth Mooney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

#### **RFP Cleaning Services**

TA Beaudin reviewed the proposals for cleaning services for the Belmont Police Station and recommended that the Town contract with Twin Rivers Cleaning Services contingent upon successful background checks of the personnel. The Board of Selectmen concurred with her recommendation and TA Beaudin will notify Twin Rivers.

**Durrell Mountain Road** – TA Beaudin requested the matter be discussed in non-public

**Abatement Memos**

TA Beaudin reviewed the memo received from Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy regarding the outstanding taxes on 14 Highcrest Drive. The property owner, Mike Plummer was present at the meeting and chose to speak to his request for an abatement. Following Mr. Plummer's comments, the Board of Selectmen agreed to take the matter up further in non-public noting that the almost \$25,000 in interest was a substantial amount to consider. In a separate matter, TA Beaudin reviewed an abatement request submitted by Tax Collector DeRoy and TA Beaudin for outstanding interest on a property located on North Brook Road; the Board advised they would also discuss this request in non-public.

**Other Old Business**

TA Beaudin reported that she had received confirmation from Assistant Commissioner Cass that the Selectmen's letter requesting the parking spaces in front of the Hardware Store be removed had been received and that DOT will be placing the no parking signs as soon as the resurfacing project is complete on Main Street.

**Non-Public Session**

Chairman Ruth Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Ruth Mooney, Jon Pike and Claude Patten. Also, present were TA Beaudin, Police Chief Lewandoski, DPW Director Clairmont and Assistant Director Jackes.

Discussion followed regarding the Town's options under the current settlement agreement with the gravel pit owners at the end of Durrell Mountain Road. The Board agreed that the current course of action should be pursued once receipt of the updated road assessment is received. Concerns were noted about the condition of Leavitt Road as a result of the trucking coming off of Durrell Mountain Road. Police Chief Lewandoski, DPW Director Clairmont and Assistant Director Jackes left the meeting at this time.

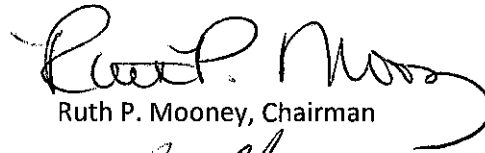
Discussion followed regarding the hardship abatement requests received. Selectman Ruth Mooney moved to abate \$8,000 for hardship from the taxes owed on 14 Highcrest, it was noted that the balance should be paid in 30 days; Selectman Jon Pike seconded the motion; the motion passed with 2 yea/1 nay (Selectman Patten).

Discussion followed regarding TA Beaudin and Tax Collector DeRoy's memo regarding the taxes on 21 North Brook; it was noted that the taxpayer has paid diligently on her payment schedule since 2017 and the recommendation is that the outstanding interest through the 2019 lien be abated. Selectman Pike moved to approve the requested abatement; seconded by Selectman Mooney; the motion passed 2 yea/1 nay (Selectman Patten).

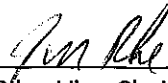
The non-public session ended at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

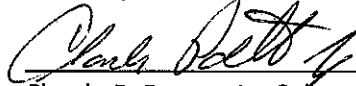
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Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman



Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman



Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman