

# Office of Board of Selectmen

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# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Monday, September 19, 2022, 10:05 a.m. Belmont Mill Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Alicia Jipson, Assessing Admin Colleen Akerman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden, Parks & Recreation Director Danielle St. Onge, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Planning Board Member Kevin Sturgeon, and Cemetery Trustee Sharon Ciampi. Via Zoom was Finance Director Katherine Davis and Library Director Eileen Gilbert.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **Minutes**

Selectman Claude Patten moved the minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2022 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Patten moved the minutes of the work session meeting held on September 15, 2022 as written; seconded by Chairman Ruth Mooney, and the motion passed unanimously. Selectman Pike abstained.

# **Public Hearing**

Selectman Mooney opened the public hearing for the acceptance of State Highway funds opened at 10:06 am.

There was no comment from the public.

Selectman Mooney closed the public hearing at 10:07 am.

Selectman Patten motioned in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, to accept \$165,767.11 from the State of New Hampshire's Special One-Time Highway payment, in accordance with Senate Bill 401; with the payment for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

# **New Business:**

New Hires at Police Department – This agenda item was moved to later in the meeting.

#### Land Use Clerk Position -

Chairman Mooney motioned to approve the hiring of Susan Pastor as the Land Use Clerk. The motion was seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

# TC/TC Tax Deeding -

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy reported on three properties up for tax deeding. The first property owner has been referred to Welfare/General Assistance Director Donna Cilley to see if there are any funds available for assistance. TC/TC DeRoy is looking for a 30-day extension on this property. She is also looking for a 30-day extension for a second property, as the owner is in the process of refinancing her mortgage. The third property is ready for tax deeding. The Police Department assisted in getting the owner to sign for the necessary documents. This will be a deeding eviction. Over \$25,000 is owed and nothing has been paid since 2019.

Chairman Mooney made a motion to approve the two 30-day extensions and to proceed with the deeding eviction for the third property. Selectman Patten seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

# Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator -

Fire Department Lieutenant Tom Murphy is stepping down after many years in this position. The position was advertised and Building & Grounds employee Kyle Dodge and DPW employee Bradley Jameson will both work together on this event. They were both able to attend the wrap-up meeting last week. DPW Director Craig Clairmont asked for confirmation on holding the event at the Town's Highway Garage. The Board confirmed their decision was the move the event from the Fire Department to the Highway Garage for safety reasons. There will be some advertising to let people know about the location change.

# **Old Business**

# Sargent Park Cameras Update -

TA Alicia Jipson was finally able to reach the company about the installation that was supposed to happen in June or July. The cameras have been out of stock. The company has a \$4,700 deposit from the Town for the work. The season is ending and there are a few options on how to proceed: move forward with the installation now, keep the contract and install in the spring, or have the deposit refunded to the Town and start the process over again. Fire Chief Mike Newhall recommended installing the cameras sooner rather than later. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the installation now.

#### **New Business:**

New Hires at Police Department – Garrett Patten and Luis Arias –

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve the hiring of Garrett Patten and Luis Arias to serve on the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date will be Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman