



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 12, 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, Selectman Claude Patten, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Jim Hurst of Wolcott Construction. Present through Zoom was Katherine Davis Town Finance Director.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Abatements, Exemptions & Credits**

The appropriate abatements, exemptions, and credits were signed by all attending Board members.

### **Minutes**

Selectman Patten moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2021, as written; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing LFRF Funds**

Chairperson Ruth Mooney opened the Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-b to accept \$383,844.60 in funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program at 10:00 am. She noted that Town plans to use the funds to repair and reline Well #1.

### **Public Comment**

Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin explained that the Town had received a cost estimate from Barrie Miller Well and Pump Service, Inc. His first estimate is between \$469,000 to \$475,000. We have worked with him for a number of years on all our wells. We anticipate receiving our 1<sup>st</sup> payment from the state in the amount \$383,844 this month and our 2<sup>nd</sup> payment will be in July 2022 in the same amount. Barrie has not indicated when he will start the project, but our goal will be to cover the project using these funds.

TA Beaudin added that she had reached been in touch with GOFFER relative to sole sourcing the project in lieu of bidding, they had indicated that a strong case should be made as to why it would be in the Town's best interest. She is working on the letter right now. He did include the Davis-Bacon wage rates and American Iron & Steel metals to ensure compliance with federal guidelines. The State has used sole source providers in the past for their projects. If they require us to go out to bid, this may end up costing us more money.

There were no further public comments.

Chairman Mooney closed the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

Selectman Mooney motioned to accept the \$383,844.60 in funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund with the intention to use the funds to repair and reline well #1. Seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Joint RFP for Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling**

TA Beaudin discussed the proposal and indicated that each community would still continue to have all our own trash collection guidelines. The joint RFP would allow a vendor to buy containers and trucks in bulk and split the cost between the 2 communities this could potentially lower costs. All other services would remain separate.

Selectman Mooney asked if would we still be receiving the host agreement funds? TA Beaudin replied, yes, we will still receive those funds. Belmont's trash under that RFP will still go to Belmont, and Laconia will dispose to wherever they currently dispose of trash. Casella has been talking to other communities about the automated services as well, to get a feel if communities are interested in the change. Laconia's contract with Waste Management ends sooner than ours. They would be looking to have the new contract begin January 2023. They just want to get the vendors started on estimates to see if this is even feasible.

### **Old Business**

New Police Department Cleaning RFP- The RFP has been posted and noticed in the newspaper. The walk through has been scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> and bids are due July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Notice of Award on Plummer Hill Project- The award has been issued and signed and returned by Lyman; we do not yet have a project schedule.

PD Elevator- We received an email in regard to the elevator from Barrett Salta of Bonnette Page & Stone. TA Beaudin has written to Christopher Thurston at the NHDOL. We are looking for a temporary waiver on the install in the elevator. It needs a new component to meet 2019 code. These components are not available in any kind of timely manner throughout the state. We are reaching out and starting to get them to address the issue. If they do not grant a waiver this may hold us up on obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy.

Seavey Road Damage- DPW Craig Clairmont explained that over the weekend he had received a call about a contractor delivering an excavator and damaging the new pavement on Seavey Road. Craig contacted the Police Department to come out and take a look and they took a formal report down. Craig has contacted Wolcott Construction for a quote for repair. Finance Director Katherine Davis is reaching out to our insurance company. Selectman Mooney asked if it is not covered, can we go after the contractor or the person who delivered the truck? DPW Director explained that unfortunately this is an expensive repair. The estimate that we did receive to repair it is roughly \$10,000 and we believe those liable need to repair this. DPW Director Craig Clairmont will work with Wolcott to fix the issue. TA Beaudin asked Jim Hurst of Wolcott Construction who was present to send us an official estimate vs email quote and asked that Craig get a copy of the Police report and take and submit photos of the damage to Katherine for submittal to our insurance.

JJ Yolk Parking Lot- Selectman Pike discussed that a year ago or so, we had a big discussion with Mr. Brouillard the owner of Tap and the JJ Yolks parking lot at a Planning Board Meeting. The Tap has an agreement to use the lower lot for parking after 2:30 pm. The lot is not and has not drained properly. Selectman Pike is asking that on behalf of the Board we send a letter to the Planning Board requesting that they bring Mr. Brouillard back before the board to address this issue. It is a hazard. Selectman Pike sent TA Beaudin pictures from last Friday that show how much water pools up in the driveway and how hazardous this is. TA Beaudin indicated that we can send out a letter, but the Planning Board's agenda may have already been posted but will double check with them to see if it can be presented under other business.

Road Projects- DPW Director Craig Clairmont discussed that himself and former Assistant DPW Director Rick Segalini had gone over a plan of roads to be tended to. We have done a shim and overlay on Forest Drive, and we are in the process of doing a shim and overlay on Upper Parish Settlement and Bennington Drive. We did a shim and overlay on a portion of Seavey Road however we did not fix the section that needs underdrain work We will address the recent damage caused over the weekend. We had also discussed Solar Village. We discussed a bandage approach and doing something with Durrell Mountain Road. We still have Jamestown left to do. Jim Hurst of Wolcott Construction explained that there is significant damage being done by the trucking operation on Durrell Mountain Road. The disbursement of weight is the equivalent to 1,700 cars a day. You can see the pavement pushing out. Jim suggested we have the same Engineer company go back out and re assess the roadway. TA Beaudin added that unfortunately we have no further recourse to go back on as the judge made the final decision. We collect \$5,000 a year from them on the road for future road repairs. Jim added that a quick shim and overlay will still not hold up and will still cost \$100,000 plus to repair. Selectman Mooney commented that the road is far worse than what their specialist told us. We should be able to go back after them. TA Beaudin asked if they wanted her to reach out to Laura Spector-Morgan town attorney first and then reach out to Underwood Engineering? The Board agreed that was the best place to start. Selectman Pike also asked TA Beaudin to reach out to the residents to let them know what is going on.

DPW Director Craig Clairmont indicated that we have about 752 ft. on Solar Village that will need to be addressed before winter so we can get our plows through it. Jim Hurst took a look at Solar Village and to get us through the winter with a fine shim and overlay option one is about \$30,000 the other option is about \$40,000. We may not be able to use the material in the reclaim as it might still not be enough material. Selectman Pike asked Craig what he felt we should do. Craig and Jim both responded that something has to be done to temporarily fix the issues we do not really have a choice.

Mill and Pavilion Lighting- Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden informed TA Beaudin that the timers to turn on and off the lights are outdated and not working properly. Gove Electric is going to come out soon and update the timers. Quote was \$1,100 for the work.

Oil tanks- Irving Oil came out and looked at our oil tanks and indicated that they are older and rusting and need replacing. They will give us a quote on replacing the tanks in the Mill. Selectman Pike asked if Irving has to replace these? Or can we hire someone else? Spencer Brothers in town does this type of service we could contact them. TA Beaudin will reach out to get pricing on the removal. Target New England will give a quote on removing the wall that is needed to get the tank out.

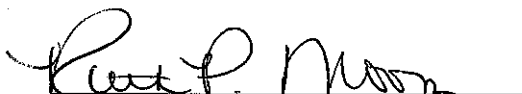
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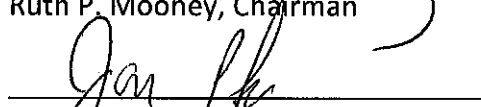
Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session at 11:08 a.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b); roll call was taken and those present, and voting were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten Jr., and Selectman Ruth Mooney. Also, present were TA Jeanne Beaudin, Asst. TA Alicia Jipson.

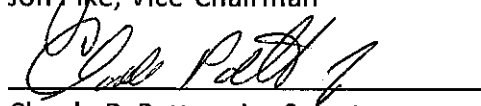
Interviews were conducted for the Part-time Code Enforcement Field Inspector. No final decisions were made. ATA Jipson will check references and get back to the Board on her findings for further discussion.

ATA Alicia Jipson was named as alternate for the Town of Belmont for the Winnepesaukee River Basin Advisory Board.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

  
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Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

  
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Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman

  
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Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman