



SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Selectman Rich Zacher, Laurie Champy, Marilou MacLean, Ed Comeau, Steve Patriquin, Susan Marquee

- **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept the minutes from (03/23/2021) as drafted. Selectman Rick Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- **Public Comments 1:** Steve Patriquin; of Wentworth Road had concerns / questions on new Warrant Article of Zoning changes that include the road frontage requirements, non-buildable lots, the number of impacted properties and the Tax Revenue impact for such properties. A re-evaluation of the impact to properties is requested to be considered. Mr. Patriquin also has enquired if he would need Home Business Classification if he were to rent his home through Air B&B for a period of time.
- **Public Comments 2:** Susan Marquee; of Lyford Road has a concern that there may be NHDES Violations regarding Manure / Compost deposal and improper backfilling that has re-routed the natural water runoff into the 8-acre wetland surrounding the area. Mrs. Marquee plans on calling NHDES for an inspection. She has expressed her feeling of the current road side appearance after the long winter, as Lyford Road is a registered Historical Route. She has requested that some immediate attention be considered. Mrs. Marquee respectfully submitted to the Selectmen, documentation for supporting the concerns stated above.
- **Heritage:** Marilou MacLean reported that the plasterer, Peter Lord has been working for 5 weeks now and is just about done. In the preparations of the plastering an original window was discovered behind the old plaster where the flag was hung. The window was removed by a local Carpenter and set aside for the window restoration project scheduled to take place this year. Also, in the plastering process it was discovered that old Calcimine paint was present and had to be removed. It was evident that in that process the original stenciling was going to have to be removed as well. Craig Evans facilitated arrangements with a stencil specialist in Vermont. The stencils have been traced and they have been sent out to be made in a Mylar, Six-foot stencil. Marilou suggest a Motion be made to have Peter Lord do the paint primer coat as he is there set up with the staging and has come in under budget. Final paint color option will be discussed very soon. Selectman Zacher suggests getting the building professionally cleaned of dust and residue so that the Town House can be used for an upcoming Public Meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to have Peter Lord to do the paint primer for no more than \$10,000. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- **Treasurer:** Marilou MacLean requests to sign and reaffirm the Investment Policy that is due for annual renewal.
- ***MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to sign Investment Policy Reaffirmation, Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***
- **Planning Board:** Ed Comeau updates from the Public Meeting held on 4/12/2021. It was announced that the private event that was scheduled to be held this summer at the Moose Mountain Recreational Facility has been rescheduled to be held at Sunday River in Bethel, NH. Also, an exercise of Conditional Use Permit was practiced and the Zoning Ordinance was reviewed.
- **Road Agent:** Ed Nason noted that he has received a call back from one of two people that are interested in the Surplus Pine. One person has picked up roughly half the pile and he is waiting to hear from the second person. Mr. Nason also reports that most of the clearing for the first phase of Class V to Summer Camps has been done and a continuation of work is in progress. Most of the road signs for the Seasonal Weight Restrictions have been lifted except for on Walker Road, Cottle Hill Road, and Tibbets Hill Road, due to some softness and upcoming rain. He expects that the weight limits will be lifted on those roads within a week or so. Plans to start grading are roughly a week or so away, the order of which it is done will be based on condition. Lyford Road has been patched and a plugged culvert on Walker Road has been fixed.
- **Capital Projects:** Moose Mountain Bridge Project; Selectman Rick Surette reports that he is in contact with the Engineer, Peter Holden who drafted the original plans and they are working to get the Permit Applications and move forward.
- **Carry In:** Selectman Rich Zacher updates that Atlantic Broadband has submitted a Proposed Franchise Agreement to the Selectmen to bring Cable TV to areas of Brookfield N.H. Specifically, Rt. 109 from the Wolfeboro Town line to Cates Lane and side roads off of Rt. 109 in that area. He requests a Public Hearing to be held on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm, to review the Proposed Franchise Agreement and receive public comments.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to enter non-public session per RSA 91A:3, II (a). Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Roll Call: Selectman Robischeau, Yes. Selectman Zacher, Yes. Selectman Surette, Yes.

Non-public session entered at 7:13pm.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to come out of non-public session. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Roll Call: Selectman Robischeau, Yes. Selectman Zacher, Yes. Selectman Surette, Yes.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Selectmen met, discussed and will be appointing Cassandra Rodil as the new Administrative Assistant, replacing out going Administrative Assistant, Laurie Champy.

- **Mail/Bills:** Marilou MacLean read the bills on to the record.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to approve the bills as read by Marilou. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Correspondences: Selectman Zacher reports that the Eversource BTLA case is closed. Ron Fountain has shared concerns of the dead fall in the woods on Lyford and other areas. Due to Climate Change and recent weather events that the dead fall could be or have the potential for easily spreading forest fires if there should be one. He would like for the public to be aware of the concerning possibility especially with the drought. Please practice safe burning. NH Coop Vegetation Control has notified Brookfield that they will be spraying Herbicide on vegetation that is growing on poles and lines. The areas include North Wakefield Rd., Jenness Road and into Wakefield areas. Selectman Rich Zacher inquires with Road Agent Ed Nason about State Road Maintenance / Town maintenance and repair on Lyford Rd. Ed Nason confirms that Brookfield is required to plow the snow with the state DOT responsible for all maintenance. Any issues with ditching and culverts should be addressed with NHDOT as that is their responsibility.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept Warrant: 26.20; Smith Gravel Pit bills. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021, at 6:30pm in conjunction with a Public Meeting at the Town Office Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Rodil
Administrative Assistant