



SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rich Zacher, Cassandra Rodil, Ed Comeau, Nadine Heinen and Brookfield Residents.

- **Public Hearing:** Called to order at 6:30 for Public Input on the acceptance of the Proposed Franchise Agreement with Atlantic Broadband (ABB), to provide cable service to the proposed area of Brookfield. Guest Speaker Nadine Heinen ABB Regional Director for the NE Region, and Selectman Zacher fielded all great questions from the public encompassing the service options and how it is provided. Answers to such questions and general information of interest are as followed;

A Franchise Agreement is a legal contract between a franchisor and a franchisee to do business with each other under specified terms. ABB has done an assessment of local areas, and is offered their availability to provide Cable services to a proposed area of Brookfield as an extension from the Wolfeboro NH area. With a 10-year Franchise Agreement with Brookfield, NH. The “make ready” of equipment will be provided at no cost to the town. It is a fiber optic-based service receiving signal from its nearest hub located in Belmont, NH. Not a 5G service. ABB is offering Cable, Internet, and Home Phone. Subscribers will have the choice of one or all services. Services are a cloud base platform called PLUME and is similar to TIVO offering on-demand services, parental and guest services and logins. Local channel PBS is out of Durham, NH and WMUR news will be available as well as standard cable channels and pay channel options. Once service is brought to the area it will open the opportunity to bring the other areas such as Tumbledown Dick road services in the future. Written information on price packaging and services are available to view on the Atlantic Broadband website. Use Wolfeboro, NH as your search area, Brookfield options are the same as Wolfeboro, NH.

After open discussion and questions, Selectman Zacher asked if there was any public input on the agreement details. There was strong public input accepting the agreement. No comments on non-acceptance were received.

With a public show of hands recommending acceptance of the Agreement, a Motion is made as followed.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept the Proposed Franchise Agreement as Drafted with ABB and to move forward with services. Selectman Zacher, Selectman seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- **Public Comments 1:** Diane Smith Thanks Selectmen Zacher for his hard work and diligence to bringing a solution to the lack of well needed services to those without it!

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rich Zacher, Cassandra Rodil, Ed Comeau.

Approval of Minutes: 4/27/21

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept the April 27, 2021 minutes as written. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- **Tax Collector:** Diana Peckham; request the approval of an Abatement for Map 18 lot 21-b for the interest and penalty associated with back taxes now that all tax levies have been paid.
- **Planning Board:** Ed Comeau; Reports that they have reviewed Article VI for Zoning and they are working on the revision of the Master Plan. Also working on the Personal Wireless Service Facility ordinance. They are considering working on a Conditional Use Permit for events.
- **Cemetery Trustee:** Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 5/12/21
- **Heritage Commission:** Reports that they will be reconvening in June of 2021, date will be announced on our website.
- **Administrative:** Cassandra Rodil; Noted that there was a concern of the condition of the USA and State of NH flag. After Selectman Zacher lowered them for a closer inspection it was clear replacements to the flags and clips should be made. The order will be made as soon as possible!
- **Action Item:** In addition, there is a need for some additional storage for the filing and storage for the map project that Craig Evans and Cassandra Rodil are working on. The storage needs to be dry and convenient for access. A suggestion has been made; to use some of the space in the closet of the public area in the Town Hall for such need. However there needs to be some guidance on where and how the current decorations should be stored. Selectmen agree some things should be moved around to accommodate the need for additional map storage space.
- **Road Committee:** Scheduled to meet on 5/18/21 at 5 pm.
- **Tax Assessor:** Bob Nielsen will be changing his Office Hours and will be present two days a week! New dates and times will be announced on our Town web-site.

- **Mail/Bills:** Selectman Robischeau read on to the record.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to approve bills as read. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for May 25, at 6:30pm in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Rodil
Administrative Assistant