

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES February 22, 2022

**<u>ATTENDANCE</u>**: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rich Zacher, Selectmen Rick Surette, Joanne Dolbear, Karen Servacek, Ed Comeau, Cassandra Rodil, Steven Patriquin, Mark Stengel, Peter Donnelly.

• Approval of Minutes: 2/8/2022

MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to accept 2/8/2022 minutes as written. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

• **Public Comment:** Steven Patriquin; Explains to the BOS that he is concerned that the Absentee Ballots are not yet available through the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen were not aware of the delay and will immediately inquire with the Town Clerk as it is her responsibility solely to handle the ballot process. Parties agree that Mr. Patriquin should return the following business day to meet in person the Town Clerk to promptly submit the ballot in person.

• **Public Comments**: Marc Stengel and Peter Donnelly; After reviewing the Warrant Articles and Proposed Budget they question the propose pay increase and the need for some employees and/or assistants. In addition, Mr. Donnelly also suggest better adverting for the Town Hearing. Lastly, Mr. Stengel asks if the Road Committee is still active?

The Selectmen explain that due to the growing town population the workload for employees has increased and they should be compensated for their time, and it can be beneficial to have an assistant. They also remind the public that some departments and procedures require an appointment, and they should take that into consideration if they have a need for service. Department information is available on the website. In addition, the Selectmen state that all required notices of the Town Meeting and Voting have been issued and as a courtesy curbside reminder the sandwich board will go out per usual. Lastly, Selectmen Robischeau confirms that the Road Committee is non active currently as there are no major road projects to cover that have not already been previously covered.

• **Planning Board:** Met on 2/14/2022 and swore in Kerry McMenamy as a new member. A Public Hearing will be held on 3/14/2022 for a Subdivision Application and an Abutters Notification.

• **Zoning Board of Adjustment**: Selectmen Robischeau; The ZBA still has openings and will be scheduling a meeting for after Town Election.

• **Road Agent**: Selectmen Robischeau; TEN Construction has been busy with road plowing and winter road maintenance. They continue to keep a steady flow of mixed sand and salt available and has also submitted a bill for contractual services provided.

• New Business: Selectmen Robischeau, Dr. William Marsh and Dr. Christopher Proulx met and discussed the open position for Health Officer and Dr. Proulx's interested in filling the vacancy. After reviewing it is clear that Dr. Proulx is certainly qualified to fill the vacancy and is eager to do so.

## MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motions to appoint Dr. Christopher Proulx as the new Health. Selectman Surette seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Selectmen agree to gather on 3/6/2022 at 3 PM to set up tables in the Town House for Voting Day, 3/8/2022, 1 PM – 6 PM.

The Warrant Assignment is complete and will be send to the Moderator.

• **Correspondence:** Selectman Zacher reads an email from a resident who thinks that there is an error in a TEN Construction bill from 2019-2020 pay period and would like for investigative actions and amendments.

The Selectmen agree that at this time they will not reopen the books for the matter as it is mute due to the time that has passed.

Susan Marque has offered her time as a volunteer to serve on the Conservation Commission.

## MOTION: Selectman Zacher motions to appoint Susan Marque as a member to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Robischeau seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Atlantic Broadband has announced that they have changed their name to "Breezeline".

• Bills / Mail: Joanne Dolbear read on to record bills.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motions to accept and pay bills as read on record by Joanne. Selectman Robischeau seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Rodil Administrative Assistant