

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 14. 2022

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>, Selectman Rich Zacher, Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette-Absent, Joanne Dolbear, Ed Comeau, Frank Frasier, Ed Gauthier, Peter Donnelly, Mark Stengel, Vince McKenna.

• Approval of Minutes: 5/10/2022, 5/24/2022 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept 5/10/2022 & 5/24/2022 public minutes as written. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

• **Public Comment 1:** Frank Frasier who recently retired from the Conservation Commission after many years of serving on, kindly asks the BOS if he can return and offer his experience and time as there is a vacancy still open.

The Selectmen thank him and are grateful for his return and extension time!

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to re-appoint Frank Frasier as a member to Conservation Commission for a three-year term expiring in 2025. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- Public Comment 2: Mark Stengel: Mr. Stengel has brought in a photograph of phone lines that have been torn up on Tucker Rd. where recent road grading had been done. Mr. Stengel has been in touch with service companies and has confirmed that the lines are inactive lines. Just the same Mr. Stengel feels that something needs to be done to cap them for safety reasons. The Selectmen thank him for the photo and information and agree that the situation needs to be remedied immediately. They will contact the road agent and have it covered ASAP.
- Public Comment 3: Ed Gauthier; Mr. Gauthier came in with a follow up he made with the Postmaster regarding the residential mail route change requested for Drew Farm. Mr. Gautier was able to speak directly to the Postmaster regarding the request. The Postmaster says that they have a route of "Line of Travel" and at this time they could not change it. Mr. Gauthier points out to the Selectmen that packages get delivered residentially in Drew Farm and that this may be a point of interest when challenging the "Line of Travel".

The Selectmen have written a letter to the Postmaster on the Drew Farm residents requests and support the request. The BOS agree to continue to follow up and request the change as it would be safer for the residents and the mailman/mailwoman.

- Planning Board: Meets June 20, 2022
- Treasurer: Joanne Dolbear; For submittal Mrs. Dolbear has submitted a new "Bad Check Policy" for BOS approval. The Policy will be posted on the website and in the Town Offices. Also, she has submitted a draft of the "Accounts Receivable Policy" for review. The Treasurer also suggests moving all Accounts from Meredith Savings Bank to Profile Bank where they offer a .75% interest rate and is closer to the office for services.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to approve the move/transfer of ALL Town Accounts from Meredith Savings Bank to Profile Bank. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- Heritage Commission: Meets June 22, 2022
- **JLMC:** Cassandra Rodil; JLMC will be meeting June 22, 2022. Employees are welcome to attend. Mrs. Rodil submits the annual "Employee Safety Policy" for updated signatures.
- **Timber Monitor:** Selectman Zacher; Read into record a "Gravel Tax Levy Warrant" for Map30-Lot3, that is overdue and subject per RSA to be collected at double the tax rate equaling a total bill of \$600.00.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to issue the Tax Warrant for Map30-Lot3 in the amount of \$600.00. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

• Three organizations have applied to the Road Agent posting. Interviews will be held shortly.

Correspondence:

A person traveling over the "Cotton Valley Rail Trail" crossing on Clark Rd. has emailed explaining that when crossed the tracks she broke a leaf spring on her automobile, costing her \$678.00 in repairs. She asks if there is anything that can be done to smooth them out for safer passage?

Frank Frasier who for many years has been involved with the "Cotton Valley Rail Trail" says that they applied for a Grant to help with the repair, it has been accepted and currently they are finishing the contracts with the State of NH and they are also working to schedule the paving company to do the project!

- A property investment company has sent a letter making an offer to buy the land locked property on Map21-Lot4, which currently is on the "Cotton Valley Rail Trail" and is set up with a picknick table for people on the trail to break at.
- o GWRSD would like to schedule a date to hold a School Board meeting in the Brookfield Town Office. They like to hold one a year locally to give residents the opportunity to meet their School Board members. Cassandra Rodil will schedule it promptly for a fall date.

New Business:

The question has come up as to if Brookfield plans on raising the price for Wakefield Transfer Station Sticker as Wakefield has increased theirs from \$5 to \$20 for a two-year sticker.

The Selectmen explain that that would need to be done at a Public Hearing. At this time more discussion will be needed to see if raising the price is purposeful.

• Bills / Mail: Joanne Dolbear read bills into record.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to approve and pay bills read into record by Joanne, Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Rodil Administrative Assistant