

Select Board Minutes  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:** Shawn Carroll, Tina Crowley Colwell, Gloria Dyer, Andrea Silva

Absent: Jim

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign warrant and payroll

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Shawn Carroll from JP Carroll. Shelly asked what the benefits to going with gas instead of oil like we currently use. Shawn explained that gas is cleaner burning and generally cheaper. The life of a propane tank is quite a bit longer than that of an oil tank. No chimney repairs/replacement is needed since you can have pvc venting. Shelly asked if Shawn could get a price for an oil system. Shawn will put together a quote. He indicated the price on the quote will still be honored but he will have to put an expiration on the quote for the price of the tank. Board will address when they have the other quote.
- Tina Crowley-Colwell came in to discuss Covid Relief funds (CRF) and the Fund (undesignated fund) balance. She explained that Newfield's increase for school budget this year is at the "low year". They were able to use money received from the State from the Covid Relief Fund to help with offsetting some costs. Tina mentioned that Representative Heidi Sampson posted something on Facebook about Newfield getting around \$160K from CRF. Tina asked about offsetting taxes using our fund balance like the school does- every year the school has been taking \$2M and their balance is getting low. Shelly mentioned the fund balance of a little over \$1M but we also have the cost of the sand and salt facility coming soon. School Board meeting tomorrow night via zoom at 7:00pm.
- Deputy Clerk Position. Christine has asked for her job back. Nichole mentioned that no applications or resumes have been received yet. Shelly made a motion to allow Christine to take her job back. Ken seconded. Discussion: this will save the town the money and time it costs in training someone new. The Board had not received a formal written resignation letter yet. Vote 2 in favor.
- Open plow bids. Received 1 bid from Casey Tarbox. Shelly made a motion to accept the bid from Casey Tarbox for \$5380/mile with a 2.75% increase each year thereafter. Ken seconded. No Discussion. Vote 2 in favor.
- Fee schedule- Board is planning on working on at the next workshop on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Transfer Station will start having 3 people on the weekends starting May 8<sup>th</sup>. After Memorial Day three people will work all shifts.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Recycling Center Guidelines. Kenny wrote something up and handed out. Board will work on at workshop next Tuesday.
- Lights at Transfer Station. Nichole contacted Dame Electric who installed the lights at the Transfer Station. You are not able to change the bulb as it is a all-in-one unit. They did say that you could angle the light or even tint it with window tint.
- Assessing- Nichole has a pile of cards for unpermitted structures. Once the assessor is complete, she will make copies and give to Norm for violation notices and double bills to be mailed out.

- Sign appointment papers-some were signed on 3/23/2021 and were missing a signature.
  - ✓ Dan Phelan- Planning Board Member
  - ✓ Nichole Hubbard-Administrative Assistant
  - ✓ Amanda Parker-Finance Committee
  - ✓ Jeremy Burbank- Finance Committee
  - ✓ Joanne Bond- Trustee Ethan Stone scholarship fund
  - ✓ Marion Bryant- Trustee Charles Hicks scholarship fund
- Mailbox- Kenny reach out to Eric-who has not returned his call
- Plow ad for Municipal Facilities plow contract- Due back by June 1<sup>st</sup> by 3:00pm.
- Shelly mentioned the idea of hiring a grant writer. Many of the other towns do it and you can appropriate \$5,000 to hire one and they will usually write 3-4 grants. Shelly made a motion to have on the ballot for June the grant writer for up to \$5,000 and the loan for the salt and sand building (Nichole is still waiting on figures)
- Derek is doing the cleanups and beaches. There is a tree at Poverty Pond he would take down for a couple hundred. Nichole mentioned that if the tree is within the 50' right of way we pay a road commissioner to take care of those problems. Ken will look and get in touch with Casey if that is the case.
- Selective Cutting at transfer station. The land was cleared where the facility is going, and the rest of the acreage is being select cut.

**Workshops every other Tuesday that the Selectmen's meeting is not held- will be used to**

1. Work on Town Policies
2. Work on Employee Evaluation Process and Forms

Next Workshop Tuesday, 5/11/2021 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall

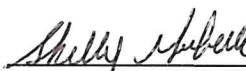
**Looking to get involved.....**

Looking for (1) Planning Board Member (Alternate), (1) Appeals Board Member, (2) Appeals Board Alternates, (1) Representative to SRCC and (1) Representative to SMRPDC

**CANCELLED-----EXECUTIVE SESSION-----CANCELLED**

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Matters

Meeting adjourns 7:32 pm (Ken made motion; Shelly seconded)

  
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 Kenneth Gates

  
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