



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 24, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Gloria Dyer, Billy Neville, Nick Santangelo, John Moulton, Jim Campbell, Harry Reed, Chuck Troisi, Casey Tarbox
Jim McLaughlin arrived late

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fire & Rescue-** discussion on the Governor's mandate that all healthcare workers be vaccinated. Nick has attended multiple EMA meetings regarding the mandates, and this is still a very "fluid" situation. They will be following this closely. Fire has received a grant for \$29,710.46 😊!! This is for extraction equipment, spreaders, batteries, chargers. FEMA sent award letter and Nichole will forward to the Selectmen for decision on acceptance. Shelly made a motion to hold an "extra" Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 6:00pm. Ken seconded. No Discussion. Vote 2 in favor (Jim was absent at the time of voting). The discussion went back to the vaccination mandate. Shelly explained that she did not agree with a mandate and some bigger towns and unions are getting involved. Ken explained his concern is the well being of the town and if we will have staffing if the mandate affects fire as well as rescue. Billy explained that at this time the mandate does not affect volunteer fire departments, but fire could not help rescue unless vaccinated. Fire has 12 vaccinated out of 42 volunteers. Rescue has all license personnel vaccinated but not all drivers. Billy has been speaking with Representative Heidi Sampson regarding mandate and will continue to do so. Received quotes for the PM's (preventative maintenance) on the generator at the PSB. Board felt the price was a little high. Billy said that he would get a quote from the company who does his. Jim mentioned the price being more for commercial service versus personal.
- **Commitment-** Board sign commitment which was voted on the previous meeting to keep the mill rate at 11.38/thousand.
- **Cell coverage mapping data-** notice was received at the town office indicating Cell Coverage Mapping LLC out of Massachusetts will be running a wireless service survey in York County during the next few weeks (letter date 8/16/2021). The indicated results could be shared with the town in the fall after the survey is completed.
- **GA Maximums-** It is time to update the annual maximums for the GA program. A public hearing is required to accept new maximums. Ken made a motion to hold the GA public hearing on 9/7/2021 at 6:30. Shelly seconded. Nichole to run an ad and put on the website.
- **Salt & Sand Building-** Chris (engineer), Gloria, Arnold, Nichole, Shelly, and Ken all met at the Transfer Station to discuss the plans for the facility. Questions were answered and it was decided that widening the existing entrance to the transfer station and creating a barrier for the salt and sand building entrance. Chris will revise the design and send back to us for approval.
- **Quarterly Meeting Transfer Station Attendants-** attendants indicated that everything is going well. They requested signage to tell people to stay to the right. Board explained that with the unacceptable materials being dumped into

the burn pit the attendants will need to stand there and watch people unload. Jim Campbell asked about new shirts and vests as theirs are looking pretty worn. Board agreed that 3 shirts each year and 1 vest. Nichole to order. Jim McLaughlin mentioned getting the snowblowers out and testing them as that time of year is creepy up on us.

- **Quarterly meeting- Road Commissioner-** Casey explained that he is running low on funds and Lost Mile Road has more work to be done. He explained that if the funds from the paving account can be used for prep work to paving (i.e., digging up a section of the road and laying down new underlayment gravel) then he suggests that we do that with some of the funds that was going to be used to pave the 3rd portion of Libby Road (From Shady Nook Road to the Balch dam). Nichole to check with Leah to see if this is acceptable. Board asked if Casey could facilitate the paving when the PSB parking lot area is ripped up and repaved. Board asked Casey if he could dig out the concrete foundation and gravel the Town hall parking lot.

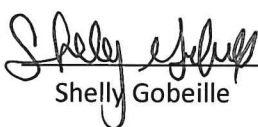
OLD BUSINESS

- **Salt & Sand Building-** It was explained that it needs to be 60 days' notice for an article to be placed on a ballot for referendum vote. The vote in November would mean the article needs to be submitted to Justine (Town Clerk) no later than 9/7/2021. Board received the updated plan from the engineering firm with the newly worked out entrance of expanding the existing transfer station entrance. Ken made a motion to approve the plan. Shelly seconded. Discussion: Shelly explained that the plan needs to be finalized and approved by the Board before sending it to the State (DEP) for their final approval. Gloria asked about getting the people informed. Shelly explained once the article is written they can hold informational meetings as well as the required public hearing. Jim disagrees with the entrance to the facility. Shelly expressed frustration in that it has taken the Board an extra 3 months dealing with the entrance and feels more research could have been done prior to the final plan coming to the board. Vote 2 in favor (Shelly, Ken) 1 opposed (Jim). Nichole to have warrant article drafted for the 31st. Nichole to post- that Board will be meeting to discuss warrant article and financing article. Board would like to investigate whether an explanation is allowed to be provided on the referendum ballot.
- **American Rescue Plan Act-** The first set of funds should be coming in on the last Friday and August. Nichole worked with 3rd party vendor through the state to ensure all account information is accurate. The remaining funds should be received in 2022.
- Nichole to look int caps for the metal chairs
- Gloria asked when Norm is going to be open to the public and not by appointment only.

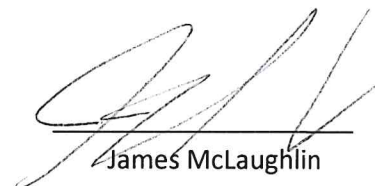
Looking to get involved.....

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

Meeting adjourns 7:36 pm (Ken made motion; Shelly seconded)


Shelly Gobeille


Kenneth Gates


James McLaughlin