

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Mike Baraw, Denise Daigle, Ernest Choquette, Barry and Jayne Sahagian, Bob Best, Chris Donovan, Dwight Brunnette, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Steve Edgerley, Jason Willis, Jason Booth, Becky Therrien, Dennis DeLaBruere, Bob Fitts, Michael Mainer, Christine Haliquist, Woodman Page, Evan Carlson, Michael Strait, CJ Thompson, Wendy Matthews

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Steve called the meeting to order and introduced those present. Jerry read the ground rules for conducting the meeting.

Rick made a motion to approve minutes of 1/7, 1/14, 1/19, 1/26 meetings, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Barry discussed the constitution and open meeting laws.

Jason Willis from the fire department was here to see if anyone had any questions/concerns for him relative to the fire department.

Water/sewer/Solar panel report – Jason Booth and Michael Mainer of A & E explained the different rate structures they have for our water system. Some discussion followed. The water board will meet and present their recommendation to the select board.

Several people were here to present and explain what NEK Broadband is trying to accomplish. They would like the Town of Newport selectboard sign on to be members of this organization. Some discussion followed. Steve made a motion to table this discussion until the March 2021 board meeting, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

ATV issues/concerns – Dwight Brunnette has concerns with ATV's on town roads in particular Poginy Hill Road. Mr and Mrs. Bell have issues with ATV's on class 4 roads. They feel that the town does not maintain class 4 roads and the burden of this falls on owners of property on these roads. Some discussion followed. The board stated that they will take the citizens testimony/concerns under advisement.

Road Commissioner report – the board signed the yearly certificate of highway mileage paperwork for the state. Mike stated all is good in the road department

The board signed orders, signed liquor licenses for Hilliker's and Glover's, signed the tax map contract with CAI for 2021, reviewed and approved the journal entries and bank statement.

Unfinished/new business – Steve Edgerley stated that he is still trying to get results relative to Creative minds buildings in the town. He stated he is not giving up yet.

Voted to adjourn at 7:30PM.