

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

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Mike Baraw, Denise Daigle, Michael Strait, Becky Therrien Barry Sahagian, Bob Best, DeAnn Meunier, Dwight Brunnette, Mr and Mrs Harry Bell, Jason Willis, Steve Edgerley, Ann Edgerley CJ Thompson, Anne Page, Woodman Page, Wendy Matthews, Chris Donovan

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Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and introduced those present. Jerry read the ground rules for conducting the meeting.

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/4 and 2/25 meetings, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Steve Edgerley, the health officer, gave a report on the apartment buildings owned by Creative Real Estate. He has a meeting with the fire marshall on March 5th. Barry stated that he does not agree with the ground rules the board has adopted for the meetings.

Jason Willis, the fire chief, was here to ask if anyone had questions/concerns for him. Bob Best asked if Jason was aware of issues with faulty gear in other departments. Dwight had questions relative to spending of money that the fire department receives from the town. Jason explained this to everyone.

NEK broadband was discussed. Rick made a motion that the town joins NEK broadband, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote.

ATV yearly meeting and ordinance update- Jerry made a motion to accept the ordinance with minor changes, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. The board will place an ad in the paper explaining the need for a town sticker. The board signed the yearly agreement with the ATV club.

Water/Sewer/Solar panel report – Becky stated that the water committee met on February 17th to discuss the rate structure. The water board's recommendation to the selectboard is alternative #3 as proposed by Aldrich and Elliott, the EU based structure. Steve made a motion to accept the water board's recommendation, seconded by Rick. Some discussion followed. This passed on a voice vote. Mike stated that they fixed another leak on Lawson Road. Mike would like to fix this section of pipe as there are always issues with this section. The board authorized Mike to put this out to bid. Mike stated that HSA #1 is not pumping water. Mike is having Manosh come up to check this out ASAP. Mike stated that the school is having issues with their sewer line. Jerry stated that the solar panels appear to be in good working order.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated that the grader needs a new blade. The board authorized Mike to purchase this. The board authorized Mike to obtain bids for 2021 paving projects.

Upon the recommendation of Arlene Brown and Oscar Roberts, Steve made a motion to raise Nick Smith's pay to be the same as the other two listers, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Jerry made a motion to approve appointments for 2021 as read by Rick, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote. These appointments included Nick Smith as zoning administrator as Doug Lay resigned.

Steve made a motion to approve the purchasing policy as suggested by VLCT, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

The board signed orders and reviewed journal entries and bank statement.

Voted to adjourn at 7:25PM.