

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Denise Daigle, Jason Willis, Dwight Brunnette, Selina Hunter, Bob Best, Barry Sahagian, Noreen and Steve Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, CJ Thompson, Larry Percy, Dave Ghelli, Chris Donovan

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Rick called the meeting to order at 5:30PM, Jerry read the ground rules for the meeting and Denise named everyone on zoom and in person.

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/2 meeting, seconded by Steve and passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Barry talked about statutes and laws.

Regarding the ATV traffic on town roads petition – Steve made a motion for the board, or its representative, to meet with the club, or its representative, for the purpose of addressing the issues brought forth in said petition, seconded by Jerry. Some discussion followed. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dave Ghelli gave an update on NEK Broadband. Dave would like the board to give permission to locate OLT communications at the fire station. Jason Willis stated that Dave talked to him about this and Jason stated that his department was in favor of this and the fire department has no issues with this moving forward. Rick made a motion to allow whatever they need to be done to make this happen to occur, seconded by Jerry and passed on a voice vote.

Newport Town Fire Department was here to discuss dispatching and water issues in town. There are serious issues with the present dispatching service. Some discussion followed. Jason Willis clarified that when the department says that there water issues in town, they are not in any way referring to the town's present water system. They are looking for a water source totally independent of the town's present water system for their needs. He stated that the fire department has issues with water to fill their trucks to keep them going in the event of a fire in town. The board asked if the fire department had any ideas. Some discussion followed and the department will talk to land owners in town to see if a pond may be an option. They will keep the board informed. The fire department stated that they are applying for grants for some dry hydrants in town.

Road Commissioner report – Mike was not able to attend the meeting. The board signed the yearly highway certification report.

Water/Sewer/Solar Panel report – None to report.

The board signed orders, reviewed and approved the bank statements and journal entries, signed liquor licenses for Hillikers and Glovers.

Unfinished/new business – Denise stated that she would like the board to think about the 2022 town meeting – she talked to the secretary of state’s office and the governor is going to sign a bill allowing off the floor towns to switch to Australian ballot voting again this year, very similar to last year. This will be further discussed and decided at the January 19 meeting. The board asked Denise to see if the Sheriff, Jennifer Harlow, can attend the budget meeting on January 19th. Barry wondered why different board members run the monthly meetings.

Voted to adjourn at 7:00PM.