

Selectboard Minutes April 26, 2021

Meeting held virtually through a video conference *

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser, Andy Coyne and Jessica Pollack

Public Present: Galen Robinson (BCTV), Kate Ullman

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

No late additions.

2. Approve the minutes from the March 31st, April 12th and 21st Selectboard meetings

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31 Special Selectboard meeting, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12th Selectboard meeting, seconded by Jessica. Andy noted that they were invited to the meeting. Andy was there to represent Jamaica. Tom revised the motion to include the revisions Andy suggested. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 21st, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

3. Discussion Pikes Falls Music Festival

The organizers of the event approached the town clerk to see if an event can still be held. There would be two events July 29 and August 5. Tom is fine with outdoor events but skeptical of indoor events. Outdoor events would be easier to approve.

4. Update on Community Septic and financing options

Bryan was going to give an update but did not make it to the meeting.

5. Discussion and appointment of Pikes Falls Stewardship Committee

The issues at Hamilton Falls prompted discussion on Pikes Falls swimming hole as well. The management plan says that the board will appoint a committee who oversees the property. Robin Gibson, Greg Joly and Pat Meulemans said they would like to join. It was also mentioned that a couple homeowners in the area might want to join like Mike Disabato and John Mack.

Jessica made a motion that we approve the formation of the Pikes Falls Stewardship committee appointing Robin Gibson, Greg Joly, Pat Meulemans, Mike Disabato and John Mack, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

6. Update on Cannabis Regulation

The warning for the vote was missing a piece, the warning was not published. It is up to the board whether to ratify it. There is no set time period to do this but the best interest is to not leave it hanging out there. Greg would like the board to work with Fran Janick to work toward what is best for the town. The board will work toward rescinding the vote and warning the vote properly.

7. Open bids for cemetery mowing

Only one bid was received from D&K's property maintenance. The bid reflects that they get all the cemeteries. The total amount was \$5,510.

Tom made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Andy.

The clean up is mostly needed in the spring, to clean up broken branches and such. There would also be clean up in the Fall. All in favor.

8. Re-appointment of Forest Fire Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Warden

Jessica made a motion to reappoint Stewart Barker and Robert Stomski for Forest Fire Wardens through June 30,2026, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

9. Adoption of the Local Emergency Management Plan

The Local Emergency Management Plan is due before May 1st. The only changes are names. Pam Bernardo will no longer be with the school so she was replaced by Susan Clark and Greg Meulemans is now town health officer as chair of the board. The value of this is if we have a disaster, our costs are reduced if we have this plan adopted.

ICS- Incident Command System

Someone has to sign that is ICS, that is why Paul signed it twice. Paul recommends that the Selectboard take the ICS class.

Tom made a motion to accept the Local Emergency Management Plan as presented by Paul, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

10. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

11. Review pay orders

12. Other public concerns

Kate is a retired school teacher and would like to be more involved in town government.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.