

Selectboard Minutes
June 14, 2021.

Meeting held virtually through a video conference *

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

Public Present: Rich Melanson (BCTV), Terri Garland (Treasurer), Paul Fraser, Joel Bluming, Christopher Robbins

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

There were no late additions.

2. Approve the minutes from the May 24th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24th, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

3. Discussion/Decision on in-person/hybrid meetings starting June 28

The board would like to start doing hybrid meetings. Tom set up a computer in the conference room, the sound has an echo. Possibly some rugs would help with the sound. If that doesn't work, we would have to try something else. Greg would like to do another test in the town office before the next meeting. They will also try it with a microphone.

4. Update on application for installation of Rte 30 speed signs

Vtrans approved having one right near the Masonic Hall. They are waiting for approval for the one on the other end of town.

5. Discussion/Decision to purchase an additional speed sign

We have four of the speed signs. They can be moved around but there was discussion of getting a fifth sign,

Tom made a motion to purchase an additional sign, seconded by Jessica.

There is the potential of moving the signs around. We could use the money to hire the sheriff for additional hours instead of purchasing a new sign. We have put \$20,000 already into the speed signs.

Tom said he sees that they are working, people are slowing down.

Terri suggested shutting the signs off for a couple of weeks, it will still collect data but will not flash.

Tom withdrew his motion and we will get a couple of weeks of data and discuss again at the next meeting.

The signs will stay on for another week, and then it will be shut down for a week but will still collect data.

6. Update on progress to hire a Flood Zoning Administrator

We currently do not have a Flood Zone Administrator. Greg reached out to someone who does this in Londonderry but he might not have enough time. The position has been posted around town and on the website but it has not been put in the paper.

7. Gather feedback on draft proposal of revised Traffic Ordinance

Charlie listened to the last meeting, he has been working with the Planning Commission to get this done. Does the board want to list speed limits for all of the roads in the ordinance? Pikes Falls, Turkey Mountain, Depot Street and Cole Pond Road are the only ones with lower speed limits.

The other part is the enforcement. Jessica would like the board to allow civil fines and penalties.

8. Appoint East Jamaica Cemetery Sexton

Steve Gleason declined being cemetery sexton. Bruce Chapin was the former and would continue for another year.

Greg made a motion to appoint Bruce Chapin cemetery sexton in East Jamaica, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

9. Discussion ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Action)

We have 30 days to say we want the funds. The town will receive \$107, 619 with a payment this year and the second half next year. We need to appoint a point person for the funding process.

Tom made a motion to appoint Terri to take the lead for the ARPA funds, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

10. Update/Discussion on Deerfield Valley Communication Union District

Christopher Robbins said they will make a choice at Wednesday's meeting but he could only discuss in an executive session. Discussion tabled until executive session.

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

12. Review pay orders

13. Other public concerns

The wildflowers were planted and with all the rain, stuff has started coming up. Thank you to all who helped and thank you to Jacki for setting it all up.

Christmas day, we had a lot of rain. The new pavement on South Hill started to wash out. Keith had someone fix it, now it is settling, causing a rippling. Keith spoke with O'Brien paving and they will put another coat of pavement and hopefully it will help. The person elected to the school board at Town Meeting resigned, has someone replaced them? The school board will appoint someone for the position. Discussion on who appoints the school board member.

At 8:24 p.m. Greg made a motion to enter executive session because discussing the subject in public would violate confidentiality agreements. Seconded by Tom.

Tom made a motion to move into executive session, seconded by Jessica.
Greg moved to add Christopher Robbins in the discussion.

End executive session at 8:40 p.m.

No decision made.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall