**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - Via Microsoft Teams**

**Selectboard Meeting**

Present at the meeting were: Joe Pollio, John Gregory, Stan Mack, Cathy Siano-Goodwin, and Sue Allen.

Also present: Suzanne Welch, Hardy and Nancy Merrill, Charles Bonin, Wendy Martin, Al Sands, Danny Taylor Highway Foreman, Kim Record Clerk/Treasurer and Bill Kearns Town Administrator.

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1. Call meeting to order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Adopt Agenda. The Chair corrected the date of next meeting to March 1, 2021 and with that correction Cathy-Siano-Goodwin moved, second Stan Mack to adopt the agenda as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve Minutes: February 1, 2021. John Gregory made several corrections, and Stan Mack had one typo to be corrected. It was then moved by John Gregory, second Cathy Siano-Goodwin to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Warrants. Were presented to Selectboard. All 5 had signed off on them.
5. Highway.

Bill Kearns presented the first two items

* Mileage Certificate -Town Map VTrans – Add LT-1788. With this certificate the Town asking VTrans Mapping to return a portion of BOL 23 1788, which delineates many roads in Town beginning at Rockingham with Anderson Road, to Burgess Cemetery, to Otis, to this section from Otis to Putnam Forest, then down Putnam Forest to Middletown Rd, to Main St, then out Rte. 121 E and so on. The VAST members, Ivor Stevens and Jamie Gregory are happy with this addition to the map. This section from Otis Rd to Putnam Forest we hope will be named LT 1788, as that is its origin, and VTrans personnel suggested we keep it, and will follow the original route, as can been seen on the LIDAR version of the maps. It passes close to the Ellsworth cabin in its historical route. If the Town wishes to realign it later, so be it. The Certificate needs to be adopted by motion and signed. John Gregory made the motion to approve the Certificate as presented and adopt it. Second Sue Allen. Motion passed unanimously. All SB members and the Clerk were asked to come to the Town Hall to sign the certificate.
* Overweight Permits: Carroll, Barrett, VELCO, Renaud, R.K. Miles. All of them had applied for fleet excess weight permits, had included their Cert of Insurance and the fee. Motion by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, second Stan Mack to approve the excess weight permits for each of them and to authorize Bill Kearns to execute the permits for the Town. Motion passed unanimously.

Danny Taylor stated:

* The new dump truck had a minor sensor issue which was fixed. It has now been used in two storms and works well.
* The pickup truck was not yet returned from the repair shop, as they were still having issues finding parts.
* Kim Record reminded Danny there are signs in the office for him.
* Danny stated, when asked, that the person who had damaged the signs on Fisher Hill Rd had worked as promised and Danny had communicated by email with the persons handling the case. There had been no reimbursement.
1. Clerk/Treasurer stated that all the ballots for Town Meeting Australian Ballot voting went out last Friday and the BCA member will start processing the ballots – not counting them – on Thursday of this week. The Taxes for the third quarter were due the 15th and are coming in well, with few late payments. There was a discussion about whether or not the Pre-Town meeting, while virtual, could also be held at the Brick Meeting House and allow for the presence of up to 25 persons plus the SB and Staff. Joe Pollio stated it would be a better setting for the virtual meeting. John Gregory and Stan Mack were against it because too dark, and hard to hear people with masks on. Would be better when no masks required. The idea of having actual meeting there was dropped.
2. Grants: HSU – anti-terrorism grants. Bill Kearns informed the Selectboard that he was preparing the Grafton application for a grant to fund the hardening of our cyber system as proposed by Dominion a few months ago, with the firewall and the moving of all the cyber hook ups and equipment from the basement to a secure place in the offices on the first floor. The deadline for filing is March 5, and the completed application would be brought to the SB at its meeting on March 1, 2021.
3. Porta Potty at MKT: remove? Discussion ensued. Windham Foundation maintenance crew wants it gone, because seldom used, if at all, and in the way of snow removal. MKT hos no objection to its removal, and favors it being gone. Discussion of where it could be relocated to. In the end it was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin to remove the porta potty and revisit the need for it in the spring. Second John Gregory. Motion passed 4-1 with Stan Mack voting no.
4. Other Business: The Chair recognized Al Sands, who was there to ask for approval of the purchase of the routed from synthetic materials sign for the entrance to the Village Park at a cost of $291.30 plus the purchase of three 6”x6”x8’ posts for the framing of the sign so that he could start on it now and have it ready for erection when the frost went out of the ground. He stated it was not on the agenda but had been discussed before and he would like to proceed with the work and furthermore there was use of the park by visitors for cross country skiing and by VAST and it would be good for the public to know it was the Village Park and things were happening there. After some discussion it was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, second Stan Mack to authorize the purchase of the sign and posts as described for an amount not to exceed $400.00. Motion passed unanimously. Al then wanted to know if the Town were going to plow the entry to the park and Danny said not until the surfacing was complete which would be after the logging. Al wanted to know if the letter had been written to the principal people who had decorated the Streetlights. Joe Pollio said it had not. (Actually, an email had been sent for the same purpose thanking them for their great job.) Finally, Al wanted to know whether or not Danny ever got his computer. Yes he had.
5. Date of Next Selectboard Meeting: March 1, 2021 @ 6 PM (Microsoft Teams). Pre-Town Meeting is Feb 22, 2021 at 6 PM via Microsoft Teams. Town meeting Australian Ballot voting at the Brick meeting House on March 2, 2021 from 9 am to 7 pm followed by Selectboard Organizational meeting after the vote count at the Brick Meeting House. Cathy Siano-Goodwin then thanked Stan for his service and asked all to join her which they did, and Joe Pollio asked that he stay with the Water Wastewater Committee.
6. Adjourn. Motion Stan Mack, second John Gregory to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.

 Respectfully submitted,

William G. Kearns, Town Administrator