

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022**

Chairman Les Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectmen Les Babb, Ernie Day, and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Also in attendance was Brian Taylor, Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, Kyle Clifton, Steve Gray, Alan Fall, JoJo Howlett, and an unidentified female.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

The accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed as well as the red folder containing correspondence.

Les stated he was at the Transfer Station this weekend and the containers were overflowing. Ellen added that Justin was in earlier and since Casella is now servicing out of Littleton rather than Scarborough, the pickups are irregular. The Transfer Station was reportedly busy this past weekend.

Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings and Non-Public Sessions held on June 27, 2022 and June 30, 2022. Melissa seconded. Les abstained from the meeting minutes of June 30, 2022 (absent). The motion passed.

A change order was received from Park Lane Construction for the amended price of \$453,000. Discussion on executing a contract to proceed with the project.

Department Head Updates:

Fire Department - Chief Rob Cunio reported 8 calls for medical aid, 1 motor vehicle accident, fire alarm, and a flooded basement. There are 8 active covid cases reported by the State, again, not accurate due to home testing that is not reported to the State. The meeting for the Town Forest trail renaming/mapping went well. The map needs to be finalized and the number of signs to be ordered to be determined. If it continues to be dry conditions with no rain, brush permits may be suspended. One smudge from fireworks was reported but was easily contained. Rob is pursuing a USDA grant to dredge the pond and hydrant on Watson Hill Road. There is potential for a 50% match but it will be fall before he knows more. He will continue to seek other possibilities for a 2023 project. Rob reported receiving 3 calls regarding fire extinguisher requirements related to short-term rentals. He is recommending new purchase with a copy of a receipt and an extinguisher with a metal stem which would be rechargeable. He is still working through the paperwork process to get the boat and trailer registered. The first document presented for signatures was incorrect and a corrected one has been provided for signatures. Fire danger alerts are being posted and any updates to brush permits will be made available on social media and the website. Rob further noted that fire extinguishers will require inspections at renewal.

Highway Department – Road Agent Scott Brooks reported the underdrain work started and was finished up in a day and a half. They ran into ledge early on. A tree requiring removal at the bottom of the hill was taken out today. The precast will be ready for delivery either on the 18th or 25th he is just waiting for confirmation to determine the road closure. Installation will be dependent on how

the water diversion at the brook goes. Ellen will post updates regarding the road closure as soon as the dates have been specified. Detour will be via Youngs Hill Road.

Town Office – Administrator Ellen White informed the Board that the inspection on the Masonic Lodge has been rescheduled for this Thursday. A roll-off container is scheduled to be delivered to the Ossipee Lake Road property later this week and Eversource will be disconnecting the electrical lines coming from the pole to the meter. Robert Oram was in today and is heading the Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for Saturday, August 6 at the Ossipee DPW Garage. He will be soliciting the event as it gets closer. The notice will be posted to the website. Ellen spoke with Max Bygraves today and he is looking to use the bandstand along with a few other musicians maybe an evening during the week. She referred him to speak with Mark McKinley but also wanted to inform the Board in case there is any opposition. The Board was in favor as long as it is not too late in the evening and as long as there are no noise complaints received from the neighbors. Les suggested the ballfield as an alternative location. Ellen is still waiting for one additional quote on the new phone system but it looks like it will be best to go with Spectrum who will be upgrading the ethernet connections and ensuring broadband speed for optimum connectivity. The proposals for the heating oils, propane and road fuels will be advertised this week. Fixed prices may be difficult to get in today's conditions. The request for proposals for transportation of solid wastes will be going out in late August for the contract expiring at the end of this year. As more trainings are starting to open back up, the office staff is taking advantage of them. Stacy is being cross-trained and will be taking an all-day assessing course on July 26.

Les questioned if the new Mack is ready? Scott responded that he just has to go to Troop E to pick up the registration.

Melissa questioned if a fee needs to be added for brush disposal at the Transfer Station since it is being hauled away at \$400 per load? She also reported an employee and resident were picking through the metal recycling this past weekend and this should not be happening. Ellen will speak with Justin. Ron Newbury or another FAC members presence is being requested to attend the next trail meeting in Justin's absence to assist with the finalization of the Town Forest trail naming.

Ernie questioned what is happening with the old Tahoe? Scott stated he can contact Ricker's to have it scrapped or whatever the Board would like to have done. Ernie suggested contacting them to see what Ricker's will give for a salvage value. Rob will be taking the door panel out to put in his Tahoe.

Les would like to move the meeting start time up to 7:00 PM allowing the Board from 6:30-7:00 to go through the manifests, mail, and correspondence, and to formulate any questions.

Public Input:

None presented.

Appointments:

Not applicable.

Old / New Business / Discussion:

Abandoned Cemeteries – Alan Fall stated the Cemetery Trustees developed the beginnings of their bylaws as they would pertain to old abandoned burying grounds. He created a list identifying the oldest name of those buried including location within the five cemeteries as part of the statutory requirement for public noticing. Alan would like to see all five cemeteries to be addressed in one public notice. Ernie would like to talk to town counsel on this process. He questions if the town will be obligated to expend funds to maintain them once they take them over. Alan responded that the town already is maintaining them and has been for fifty plus years. Ernie would like to table this topic and concentrate monies on public safety, police, fire and road conditions due to the uncertainty of the economy. Alan stated he is not sure it would obligate the town to any more monies than it is already appropriating toward cemeteries. Melissa questioned why these five cemeteries and not any of the others around town? Alan responded that these are the cemeteries that are already being maintained by the town but they are privately owned. Melissa also questioned the maintenance of records requirement and how that will be handled? Alan responded that Dotty Brooks has already done there are three criteria that need to be met for the cemetery trustees to determine further interment. They would be considered closed cemeteries. Ernie requested an opinion be obtained from legal. Melissa was in agreement. The public noticing requirements are for no less than 60-days but no more than 90-days of noticing for a public hearing to be held. Les stated he is in favor of proceeding but will vote after an opinion is received from legal counsel. This will remain an agenda topic for next week.

STR Enforcement – Ellen stated that the agenda topic was added for Anne Cunningham to provide an update on the violation letters that were issued. Anne provided a summary update by email which has been included in the red folder. There are a few applications ready to be reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting and others in progress.

Non-Public Session(s):

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:16 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for reputation. Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Les made a motion to reconvene public session at 8:14 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion continued:

Ernie discussed the request for title of the newly merged Zoning Officer/Building Inspector position. All were in agreement that it would be the two titles combined.

The Building Code Ordinance was presented for review as well as the list of codes adopted by the State of NH. This reference material is necessary in ensuring the Zoning Officer/Building Inspector is referencing the appropriate codes. Les stated that Paul Dorian

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Les made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Week ending 7/1/2022 & 7/8/2022	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 6/29/2022 & 7/3/2022	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting & Non-Public Sessions – 6/27/2022	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting & Non-Public Session – 6/30/2022	Approved
Letter – to NH DRA Commissioner Lindsey Stepp re:Request for Over-Expenditure	Approved
Intent to Cut – Robert Santner, Watson Hill Road (Map 13, Lots 14-1, 14-2, 14-3)	Approved
Employee Rate of Pay Acknowledgement	Approved
Employee Time Off Request	Approved
Agreement between the Town of Freedom and Susan A. Harris	Approved
Request for Abatement – Thomas & Sue Hagerty (Map 60, Lot 1-YFL01)	Approved
Request for Abatement – Barbara Beyer (Map 60, Lot 1-OYP113)	Approved
Request for Abatement – Douglas Halnon (Map 60, Lot 1-YMA08)	Approved
Timber Tax Levy – Robert King (Map 3, Lot 79-28)	Approved
Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Robert King (Map 3, Lot 79-28)	Approved
Timber Tax Levy – Caroline Marston (Map 9, Lot 18)	Approved
Timber Tax Levy – Kate Chase Wilkinson & Caroline Marston (Map 9, Lot 18-1)	Approved
Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed - Caroline Marston (Map 9, Lot 18)	Approved
Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Wilkinson/Marston (Map 9, Lot 18-1)	Approved

Correspondence:

Minutes – Conservation Commission Meeting – 6/21/2022	Reviewed
Change Order – Park Lane Construction re: Salt Storage Building	Reviewed
Report - 2019L01 Unpaid Receivables by Warrant	Reviewed
Report – Budget Status Report, June 2022	Reviewed
Flyer – Household Hazardous Waste Collection (2022)	Reviewed
Help Wanted Ad – Transfer Station Attendant, Per Diem	Reviewed
Publication – The Watershed News – Summer 2022	Reviewed
Publication – Ossipee Lake Alliance re: Meena, LLC – 6/28/2022	Reviewed
Publication – Ossipee Lake Alliance re: Meena, LLC – 7/5/2022	Reviewed
Email – David Smith, OLA re: Petition regarding Meena, LLC	Reviewed
Email – to Barry Keith re: Invitation to attend Selectmen’s Meeting	Reviewed
Email – Anne Cunningham re: Status of Response from STR Violation Letters	Reviewed
Email – Renee Wheaton re: Additional role with Gibson Center	Reviewed
Email – to Margaret Roffey re: Request for Extension	Reviewed
Email – Douglas Irwin re: Fireworks signage	Reviewed
Email – to bidders re: Results of proposals received for Salt Storage Shed	Reviewed
Email – to Park Lane Construction re: Change order request	Reviewed
Letter – Abutters Notification of STR Conditional Use Permit – 39 Old Portland	Reviewed
Notices of Decision – Various ZBA applications heard June 28, 2022	Reviewed
Receipt – Ricker Auto Salvage – Scrap Metal Recycling	Reviewed
Receipt – Tax Payment as Agreed	Reviewed
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Invitations to Bid – Propane Supply & Heating Oil & Road Fuels	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen N. White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio