

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2022**

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

Also in attendance was Ron Smith, Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, and Carl Bloomquist.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

The accounts payable and payroll manifests, and red folder including correspondence was reviewed.

Ron Smith of 173 Liberty Lane discussed hydraulic oil that was spilled along the perimeter of his property purportedly by the Highway Department. He addressed the issue with Road Agent Scott Brooks and is not satisfied with the lack of response from him. Scott responded that they did go out and clean up and went over everything with the property owner. Scott stated when he personally winged back with the grader with Lance following behind; the oil was in the snow and melted where the remnants are found now. Ernie will go take a look at the areas of concern tomorrow. Scott reviewed the discussion he had with the property owner and the areas where they hydraulic oil was found including along the inside of the driveway. Scott stated he did not blow any hydraulic lines, but there was a disabled vehicle that may have been the culprit, or a pail in the back of a truck that leaked, many other possibilities but he assured the Board he did not blow a hydraulic line. An attempt was made to clean it up by the Highway Department but Scott never went back out to check on it.

Ernie stated that an email received from Anne Cunningham regarding the status of STR's needs to be reviewed in non-public. Scott commented that a property on Huckins Road known as operating an STR consistently has 6 or more cars at the property.

An announcement was made that former Selectman Neal Boyle has passed away. Condolences will be sent from the Board.

Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Sessions held on July 25, 2022 and the Selectmen's Meeting and Non-Public Session held on August 8, 2022, with noted amendments. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Department Head Updates:

Highway Department – Road Agent Scott Brooks reported the crane broke down last week so they were unable to set the trusses for the salt shed as planned. All trusses were sent today after an 18-hour day. Box culverts, stream restoration, backfill, loam and seeding are all done. There are two areas where the road has to be cut down before gravel and hot top is put in. Project should be close to complete tomorrow. Paving is on schedule for 8/24 so Monday-Tuesday will be grading and prep for the asphalt then pave swale prep in areas to commence after sloping is done. The new Mack required a wiring harness and a new sensor replacement and if all is successful will be ready for pickup on Wednesday.

Melissa stated she was at the Loon Lake boat launch and received a request from Janet Meyers for some rocks to be placed at the boat launch. It has been approximately 4-years since it was last done. Scott responded he can take care of it after Labor Day.

Fire Department - Chief Rob Cunio reported 8 calls for medical aid, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 fire alarm and a smoke investigation. Inspection and service on all vehicles are in progress. Excess PPE has been offered from NH HSEM. Rob received a pallet-worth of supplies and drove to Concord to pick it up this morning. The new AEDs came in today and will be submitting the paperwork for the grant. This month's call volume is at 25 so far.

Public Input:

Carl Blomquist stated he contributes to police agencies as they solicit for support and questioned if our police have the appropriate protective vests. Les responded that they do and suggested he check with the police before donating because there are many scams. Les added that they have protective vests, tasers, and everything they need since they are often patrolling alone.

Carl also questioned if we are prepared to receive a busload of people from Texas as they are doing in New York. Les explained that we are not a sanctuary town. Melissa said there are several church and other organizations helping to sponsor people from Syria, Afghanistan, and other countries. Les said they will likely show up in Portland.

Ernie questioned if Jim Stone still resides in Freedom. Rob confirmed.

Old / New Business / Discussion:

Bid Opening – Propane and Heating Oil & Road Fuels: Les announced the opening of the bids received with as follows:

CN Brown	#2	\$3.859/gallon
	Diesel	\$3.909/gallon
	Gasoline	\$0.189 over rack

White Mountain Oil & Propane	
Propane	\$1.86/gallon fixed or locked margin at \$0.39 over wholesale

Les made a motion to award the propane to White Mountain Oil & Propane at the locked rate of \$1.86/gallon. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Ernie made a motion to award the fuel contract to CN Brown at the price of \$3.859/gallon for #2, \$3.909/gallon for diesel, and gasoline at \$0.189/gallon over rack. Les seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Melissa stated the pricing for CN Brown expires tomorrow at 10:00 AM and suggested they be contacted in the morning. She will let Ellen know. Ernie questioned which location uses the K-1 since no bid was received. Les responded that it is the Town Hall and Scott added that low-sulfur diesel can be used and may be cheaper.

Non-Public Session(s):

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:22 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), reputation and (e), legal. 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 7:31 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Ernie made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:33 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (l) for legal. Melissa 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 7:38 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:39 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for personnel. 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 7:53 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion continued:

Ernie suggested hiring Alan Fall to locate the pins to determine the property boundaries at the Transfer Station in order to factor in the entrance location to accommodate a new travel pattern.

Ernie also suggested narrowing down the applicants for interviews potentially next week.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Week ending 8/12/2022	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 8/10/2022	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions – 7/18/2022	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting & Non-Public Sessions – 7/25/2022	Approved

Correspondence:

Letter – NH DOT re: Highway Block Grant Aid Actual/Projections	Reviewed
Letter – NH DOT re: SB401 Payment Disbursement	Reviewed
Email – Anne Cunningham re: STR Status Update	Reviewed
Email – HealthTrust re: No anticipated return of contributions	Reviewed
Receipt – Tax Payment as Agreed	Reviewed
Receipt – NH DOT, SB401 Highway Allocation	Reviewed
Newsletter – Ossipee Lake Alliance re: Meena LLC Gas Station (8/9/2022)	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