

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021
6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order by Kurt Youland at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angello Terreri, Nathan Guptill. Guest: Jason Arsenault
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add TAA as part of 6-2A.
3. **Highway Manager's Report: 3-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed monthly report no action taken. **3-2: Dump Body Cylinder:** The dump body cylinder on the black Sterling pit truck began spewing hydraulic fluid and on consult with Viking Cives, was not worth the cost to repair. Replacements were priced out. Viking could not provide a delivery estimate, H.P. Fairfield quoted \$3,360 plus freight, and Stiman Steel in Augusta had one in stock for \$2,200. The replacement was purchased from Stiman Steel.
4. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Board reviewed report no action needed.
5. **Fire Chief – Trucks:** Information provided on a truck the department would like to purchase, current balance in the Fire Department Reserve is \$226,980. **5-1: Discussion with Chief Nathan Guptill:** Board would like to know the hours on the truck and they would like Nathan to negotiate the price of the truck as well not to offer asking price. The board has asked Nathan to ask for copies of the maintenance records and after receiving records to call the person who has done the maintenance work to see what they have to say about the condition of the truck. **5-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to authorize Nathan to look at the truck and to discuss an offer not to exceed \$283,980 with \$226,980 from Reserve Fund, \$27,000 from Covid Relief Money and \$30,000 from Generator Fund. Will need to get authorization to purchase from Board pending an inspection of the truck, 4 in favor 1 opposed. Nathan also requested permission to purchase another set of Extrication tools, the board requesting three quotes and will revisit.
6. **Town Manager's Report: 6-1: FY 2022 Budget:** Expecting Budget Committee will hold its organizational meeting the week of January 10th. This will allow ample time for budgets to be refined. The Board suggested not having Budget Committee and Selectmen meet until both have gone over budget separately. **6-2: BQMC Project:** Randy Langley is expected to turn in his refined proposal later. The initial proposal also included all of the insulation needed to achieve an R-60, once he looked it over in person, he realized can cut back on the amount of new insulation that will need to be added. Randy is also proposing to use 24 gauge metal for both the roofing and siding. **6-2A: TAA:** Angello Terreri stepped down from the Board for this discussion. TAA needs new basketball hoops the portable ones for BQMC and wanted to ask permission to store the hoops in the Fire Station. The Fire Chief does not like the idea of having someone entering the Fire Station to get the hoops when needed. Angello Terreri assured the Fire Chief that it would only be one individual but Chief still not comfortable

allowing this. **6-3: Foreclosure Status:** Still have 12 real estate tax accounts with balances due by December 30th. **6-4: Hartford Fire Contract:** Hartford cannot locate the original Fire Service contract sent to them. Kurt Schaub, will have a copy for the board to sign if get their signed copy back. **6-5: Planning Board:** Planning Board approved a building expansion for Scott's Recreation. The proposed 5,250 square foot addition will add three bays to rear of the southern one of the two original buildings on the east side of Route 4. The Board also reviewed a new medical marijuana grow operation to be located in the former Leo's building on Route 4, just south of Harlow Hill Road. **6-6: Workers Compensation:** We are looking at a substantial increase in the cost of our Workers Compensation insurance in the coming year. The increase is because our experience rating took a hit from a single incident that took place early in 2020, coupled with additional wages associated with having paid firefighters in the station on weekdays. **6-7: Adult Use Marijuana Stores:** Per the terms of our new Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Ordinance, six months' notice was provided on July 1st to the existing five Medical Marijuana retail stores, advising them that the application period for them to convert to an Adult Use license will begin on January 1st. An additional notice was sent earlier this week with a deadline of January 14th to submit an application in they intend to convert, and to let the town know if they do not so the town can be certain all five have made their selection. **6-8: Informational Report:** The Town Office will close early on Wednesday, December 22nd for a staff function. The office will be closed on Friday, December 24th and on Friday December 31st. The Transfer Station will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st. It will be open as make up days on Monday December 27th and January 3rd.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM