

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub. Guest: Eric & Bonny Bowmaster, John Waterbury, Sue Meservier, Jen Maheu, Cindy Tibbetts, and Elaine Bradbury.
- 2. Adjustments:** Add Leavitt Institute as 3-8
- 3. New Business:**
  - 3-1: American Legion – Veterans Fund:** Postponed.
  - 3-2: Little Wilson Pond Road – Sue Meservier:** Sue provided a handout which showed the damage on Little Wilson Pond Road and states it is unpassable. This road was discontinued as a town road in 1941 and became a private road. Concerns were brought up about getting Fire/Rescue vehicles down the road and wanted to know if the town could do anything to bring this road up to code. Unfortunately the town is not allowed by law to fix private roads. Some suggestions were to create a road association, bring the road up to code and then go to a town vote by Town Meeting warrant article and ask the voters to accept as a town road again.
  - 3-3: Road Posting Order:** Motion and second to approve the road posting sign as presented and leave the date of posting up to the Highway Managers discretion, unanimous vote.
  - 3-4: Town Report Bid:** Motion and second to award bid to the lowest bidder which was Snowman Group, unanimous vote.
  - 3-5: Town Meeting Warrant:** Board would like Article 49 to be clarified, and would like to review ordinances before acting on this.
  - 3-6: Next Meeting Date:** Due to the Town Manager and some of the board not being available for the next scheduled meeting, the next meeting will be scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 3-7: Transfer Station Upgrades:** Some significant work has been discussed to increase the capacity and improve traffic flow. The open-top bulky waste containers are being repaired. Have been advised to purchase two 24-foot containers for the household trash compactors, which would increase capacity by 20 percent. Motion and second to purchase the 24 foot containers, unanimous vote.
  - 3-8: Leavitt Institute Building:** Cindy Tibbetts, Jen Maheu and Elaine Bradbury have been applying for grants for renovations and programs at the Leavitt Institute Building, the building needs a new roof and renovations inside the building and they will continue to apply for grants but would like to have the board sign a letter that they can include with future grants stating that the town is not in a position to devote the funding necessary to make the repairs and renovations to the extent needed and desired. Motion and second to sign the letter, unanimous vote.
- 4. Old Business:**
  - 4-1: Century Boxes:** Would like to invite the Historical Society to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the century boxes and the opening of them.
  - 4-2: Natural History Club Building:** In 2021 it was voted on at Town Meeting that the Selectmen

were authorized to sell or destroy the structure and keep the lot. Motion and second to add an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to sell National History Building and the Land with the profits being designated to the Leavitt Institute and to include a restriction of no Mobile Home being placed on the land. 4 in favor and 1 opposed. **4-3: ARPA Funds/Electronic Message Sign:** Kurt Schaub has received two of the three quotes in hand for the purchase of an electronic sign for the Town Office. The sign can be mounted in place of the lower sign on our existing posts. Kurt Schaub has Derek Castonguay looking into whether CPM will permit power to come off the pole closets to it rather than digging up the parking lot. The signs cost will be approximately \$13,500, plus electrician. Motion and second to approve the purchase of the sign to the lowest bidder, unanimous vote. **4-4: Property Tax Foreclosure:** Kurt Schaub finally had a face to face contact with the owner of the property at 27 Jordan Lane, which had foreclosed for unpaid taxes. Making contact with the owner has been a challenge for several years as there was no forwarding address. The owner was informed on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> of the foreclosure and that the 30-day redemption period had expired. Motion and second to sell by sealed bid, unanimous vote. **4-5: Highway Department Fuel Tank:** A 1,000 gallon fuel tank has been ordered and delivered for the Highway Department and Kent Harrington, Highway Manager has been provided a log book for usage. It is anticipated the tank will be shared between Highway and the Fire Department and will pay for itself in savings within about six months. Discussion about the possibility of installing a 500 gallon fuel tank at the Fire Department, so that the Fire Department would not have to go to the Highway Garage, Kurt Youland will look into this. **4-6: Fuel Tax:** State and Federal refunds have been submitted and a total of \$10,917.00 is due back, this will be applied to reduce fuel expense instead of being used as general revenue.

5. **Regular Reports:** Board reviewed all reports, all looked good.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM