

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022
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, Angello Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Nathan Guptill, and Lisa Bennett. Guest: Nate & Pete Pilsbury, Sharon Bremener, Harlan Richardson, Glen Shelley and Casey Doige.
- 2. Adjustment to the Agenda:** No adjustments
- 3. Historical Society – Replica Restoration:** Hope is to have the replica's done by April. Estimated delivery of the building to house the replicas is April 15th.
- 4. Rescue Department Report:** Total calls for February were 92, bringing total calls for the year to 210. Held AEMT & Paramedic Protocol training in February. The new Power Load has been ordered and will be installed in Unit 2, total cost with installation was \$26,222. Lisa would like to see about changing for Fire only the possibility of working a 50 hour work week, but would not become overtime until after 53 hours, many departments around the State operate as a 50 hour work week. Would help fill gaps in the scheduling. The Board asked Kurt Schaub to look into updating this change in the Personal Policy.
- 5. Fire Department Report: 5-1: Regular Monthly Report:** During the month of February the department had 34 calls bringing the total calls for the year to 52. New truck in service and has actually responded to 4 calls. Took everything from the two oldest trucks and installed on the new truck. **5-2: ISO Rating:** Kurt Schaub made some inquiries as to Turner's ISO rating, which is a tool used by insurance companies to determine fire insurance premiums. At present, Turner has an ISO Rating of 9. A rating of 9 means that the town has a fire department. To improve to an 8B rating, the ISO is going to look at the number of firefighters, communications, adequate station facilities, operational records, and the capability to deliver an uninterrupted flow of 200 gallons per minute for 20 minutes, beginning within 5 minutes of the first arriving engine. According to Dave Botchler "adequate" station facilities means insured structures must be within 10 miles of a station. To improve to a rating of 8, the flow requirement increases to 250 gallons per minute for two hours, among other things.
- 6. Town Manager's Report: 6-1: Financial Statements:** The most current revenue and expense reports were provided to the board for review. **6-2: FY 2023 Budget Adjustment:** Selectmen Kurt Youland is concerned that the proposed budget may not be adequate, particularly in areas that involve fuel, given recent world events. An increase in Contingency may be the best way to accommodate this, as many individual budget lines are affected. Proposing an increase in the Contingency request from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Motion and second to approve the increase in the Contingency

request, unanimous vote. **6-3: Town Meeting Warrant:** The draft Warrant for Town Meeting was provided to the Board. It was prepared using budget recommendations approved to date. There are two items that merit some additional discussion. The first Article 37, which requests an appropriation from Undesignated Fund Balance to the Revaluation Reserve. An article should have appeared on the Warrant last year to designate \$36,000 from the sale of two tax-acquired properties for the Revaluation Reserve. Since the article was not voted on, the funds lapsed to Fund Balance. This will clear a due to/due from between the Reserve and General Fund. The second is the absence of the annual vote on whether or not to exceed the LD-1 limit. In a revaluation year the calculation becomes meaningless given the increase in taxable assessed values. **6-4: Highway Department Manager Retirement/Search:** Highway Department Manager Leland Searles has given notice that he will retire, effective April 1st. The job description presently in use for that position was provided for review. Board asked Town Manager, Kurt Schaub to advertise with a closing date of March 18th. **6-5: Adult-Use Marijuana Store Licensing:** The ordinance defines the process to be used to allow medical marijuana stores to convert to adult-use operations. In the first round, those that were eligible to convert were licensed and operating at the time the ordinance became effective. The ordinance then moves on to offer remaining licenses to those that are not yet permitted/licensed. The term permit/license runs throughout the ordinance as though the terms are interchangeable, yet they are not. Permitting takes place with the Planning Board, and Licensing is through the Board of Selectmen. The recommendation is to recognize the difference in the terms and open the process to those that have already been permitted before opening the process to those who have not yet been approved by the Planning Board. Motion and second to open an application period from March 14th to March 18th for applicants who were permitted but not yet licensed, unanimous vote. **6-6: Road Posting:** Motion and second to approve Road Postings as presented, unanimous vote. **6-7: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting:** The meeting, which was due to be held in Greene, has been cancelled. Greene's board is using their available time to meet with prospective Town Managers. **6-8: Confirmation of Vote – Fire Department Cascade System:** In order to assure validity of the Fire Department's request to purchase a used Cascade System for refilling air tanks. The \$10,000 cost is to be taken from the department's Reserve Account. Motion and second to approve purchase with the funds coming from the Reserve Account, unanimous vote.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, 3 approved 2 abstained as they were absent from last meeting.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM