

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Lisa Bennett and Kurt Schaub. Guest: Abby Terreri
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments
3. **Highway Manager's Report:** Board reviewed, report all good.
4. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Board reviewed, report all good.
5. **Town Manager's Report:**
 - 5-1: **Town Vehicle Mileage Report:** Kevin Nichols requested a discussion on this as it could help diffuse concerns that vehicles may be overused during a time of high fuel prices. It could also be a useful tool in planning vehicle purchases. After some discussion of whether or not to implement mileage log sheets it was decided not to implement at this time.
 - 5-2: **LD-290 – Senior Citizen Property Tax Freeze:** LD 290 was passed by legislature and became law in May and provides a mechanism by which eligible senior citizens may apply by December 1st of each year, to have their property taxes frozen at the same amount as the prior year. Towns would apply to the state for reimbursement of any tax revenue lost as the result of the freeze. At this time the Town Office has not been provided with a copy of the application form. We are encouraging residents to check back with us when they receive their tax bills in September.
 - 5-3: **Transfer Station Staffing:** Kurt Schaub would like to discuss adding a third employee at the Transfer Station on Tuesday's and Friday's, already have three on Saturdays. There has been a third person assist Pam with catching up/cleaning up, while assisting with regular operations for several months and it's working very well. The volume of materials we are handling is growing. Kurt Schaub believes it can work in the existing budget, provided we don't add weekday substitutes when a regular employee has a day off. Motion and second to approve adding third person, unanimous.
 - 5-4: **New Hire:** Extended an offer to someone who accepted but later called to withdraw their acceptance as their current employer offered them a deal they couldn't refuse. Have offered the position to candidate Jennifer Legere-Lauze and she has accepted and will be starting on August 1st.
 - 5-5: **North Turner Community Center:** The windows in this building, which is used as the Clothing Center, have gotten very tender with age and need to be replaced. Kurt Schaub will be meeting with Bev Leavitt, representing the North Turner Presbyterian Church, which operates the Clothing Center. Will revisit after Kurt meets with Bev.
 - 5-6: **Bear Pond Site Visit:** Bear Pond Improvement Associations requested to utilize a portion of the beach property for limited boat launching/removal, before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. The Board will do a site visit on Monday the 25th at 4:15pm.
 - 5-7: **Gilbert Right-of-Way Request:** The board will walk the property in the fall and then it would need to go the voters at

the annual Town Meeting. **5-8: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting:** The Town of Greene will host the next Tri-Town Selectmen meeting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 17th. **5-9: Town Office Flood Update:** Kurt Schaub still waiting on the final report from the adjuster which will dictate the extent of the repairs insurance will cover. The Board asked Kurt Schaub to get some quotes for the repairs.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
7. **Executive Session – Personnel – Fire Department Staffing – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A):** **7-1:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 7:45pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 8:45pm. **7-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to appoint Lisa Bennett as Public Safety Director, effective immediately. Motion, second and unanimous vote to open an application period for Deputy Fire Chief, beginning immediately and closing on Monday, July 25, with interviews to be held on July 26. Mr. Schaub will prepare a Pay Order for action during the August 1 meeting.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM