

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Added Ken Gilbert in reference to his request for a right away to his land. Ken wanted to set up a time for the board to go look at his land and his request for a right of way. The board will go look at the land at 5:00pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 3. 2022-23 General Assistance Maximums: 3-1: Review New Amounts:** Annual review and adoption of GA assistance amounts for the 12 month period that starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. The overall maximums increased about five percent, food is up 13 percent, housing by 12 percent, and electricity by about 40 percent. Heating fuel is allocated by quantity.  
**3-2: Public Hearing:** Opened Public Hearing, no comments from Public, closed Public Hearing. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve amounts as presented, unanimous vote.
- 4. Highway Manager's Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed report, no action needed. **4-2: Paving Plan:** Paving is to begin early October. **4-3: Action as Warranted:** No action needed.
- 5. Code Enforcement Officer's Report: 5-1: Regular Monthly Report:** August was a busy month.
- 6. Town Manager's Report: 6-1: Financial Reports:** Taxes have been committed and budgets entered into the system, the latest revenue and expense reports were provided to the board. **6-2: Heating Fuel Bid Draft:** The draft bid notice was provided to the board, motion and second to put out to bid as presented. **6-3: Speeding/Traffic Calming Devices and Costs:** There have been a number of complaints about speeding throughout town. The Sheriff's Department can't be everywhere, there are other ways of encouraging drivers to observe the speed limit. One of the most common ways is by road striping, another is radar feedback signs and a third is signs bordered by LEDs. Ballpark figure for striping County Road and Skilling's Corner is about \$2,200.00; Harlow hill would run about \$1,460.00 and Lower Street would be about \$2,300.00 from where it narrows after the High School to Route 4. As for radar feedback signs, there are several options available depending on whether they can be wired or solar powered, with solar being the more expensive option. The most basic units run about \$3,300.00 and the more sophisticated units are about \$6,600.00. Speed limit and warning signs that have solar powered LED lighting around their outside edges run about \$1,800.00. Board will revisit during the budget process. **6-4: News Coverage in Sun-Journal:** It has been some time since a reporter attended Selectmen meetings, when the current

reporter was assigned to Turner, she acknowledged that she probably wouldn't be able to cover many meetings due to other assignments which results with the current reporter calling the Town Manager the day after the meeting, but it is hard for the current reporter to gain a reasonable understanding on many of the matters, which results in stories that are lacking in critical information. The blame is not on the current reporter, her assignments and priorities are directed by the paper. The outcome, however is that our residents often are not aware of important matters affecting the town. Town Manager sent the reporter an email, with a cc to her editor and hopefully will result in improved coverage. **6-5: Tax Bills:** Tax bills were mailed on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. **6-6: Hartford Fire/Rescue Contract:** Contract presented to Board for emergency services for 2022-2025, motion and second to approve as presented, unanimous vote.

**7. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous vote.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM