

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 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, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nick Merry. Absent: Warren Hood. Guest: Heidi & Evan Peer, and Alyssa Angell.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Comp Plan as 6-9, Transfer Station as 6-10 and an Executive Session as 8A.
- 3. Heidi Peer – Route 4/Fern Street Intersection:** Fern street resident Heidi Peer voiced her concerns about the intersection Route4/Fern Street. She feels that the south bound traffic is entering the turning lane too early, and that traffic is using the exit only lane at Rusty Lantern as an enter lane. She is concerned of accidents happening at this intersection. The Board will notify MDOT of the concerns but unfortunately the board does not have a jurisdiction over this intersection as it is a State road. Kurt Schaub will speak to the owners of the Rusty Lantern about the possibility of making the enter and exit signage more visible.
- 4. Medical Marijuana Retail Store License Renewal – Blazing Jane:** Board reviewed application, there has been no issues or complaints and the background check and inspection were all good. Opened Public Hearing; no comments from the Public, closed Public Hearing. Motion and second to approve license renewal, unanimous vote.
- 5. Public Safety Reports:** Rescue calls for December were 103 calls, total calls up from last year by 185 calls. The new lights have been installed in the rescue bays. For the month of December there were 50 calls, bringing the total from last year up by 167 calls. New comby tool is in service and has already been put to use. Capt. Jason Arsenault has resigned from the Fire Dept. Nick would like to propose purchasing an Air Bag System to lift cars. Chief Bennett feels that it is an important equipment and should be purchased using the Machinery & Equipment line. The Board would like to re visit this purchase at the end of the budget season to see where the budget is at.
- 6. Town Manager’s Report:**
6-1: Financial Statements: The most recent Revenue and Expense reports were provided to the board for review.
6-2: Veteran/Century Fund: The balance in this account is \$116,806.39. Interpretation is that half was to be designated for the Leavitt Institute for furtherance/enlargement of its work. The other half would be “for educational purposes”, unless town voted, by 2/3 majority, to use funds to reduce debt. If Leavitt Institute no longer exists and, presumably if the town has no debt, the funds may be combined and used “for educational purposes”.
6-3: Budget: Kurt Schaub will be having the inaugural meeting with the Budget Committee on January 10th. Board may want to consider an appointment or two to the Committee as only one of three eligible members ran for reelection in the spring.

Motion and second to appoint Ron Blake to one of the vacancies, unanimous vote.

6-4: North Parish Road Sidewalk: There really isn't a sidewalk plan other than what's included on the overall project plan for the new bridge. However the DOT does define the sidewalk, curbing and underdrain that is universally used statewide. We are looking at about 600 feet to be constructed. **6-5: Storm Damage:** The December 23-24 wind and rain event may have been severe enough to qualify for FEMA funding of repairs. Our crews dealt with many trees down, along with multiple washouts. Our initial estimate for damage is \$19,614.00 which includes overtime, equipment and material costs. **6-6: Tax Foreclosures:** The deadline to pay was December 31st. Any that are unpaid can still redeem their properties by paying all that is owed, not just 2021 taxes by the end of January. **6-7: Manager Vacation:** Town Manager would like to request the first week of March off. Motion and second to approve managers vacation, unanimous vote. **6-8: Informational Report: Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Town Manager sent out a memo to the current members; 3 said they would participate again, 2 said they would like to stay on the sidelines and 1 declined. Susan Shaw would like to be involved. Motion and second to appoint Steve Maheu to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, unanimous vote. **6-9: Transfer Station:** Kevin Nichols spoke to staff at Transfer Station about why the transfer station seems to keep closing and they said that the units do not meet the town's needs bins are too small and compacter is too slow. Kurt Youland and Steve Maheu will visit the transfer station on Saturday to observe some of the issues. **6-10: Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A 405(6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 8:30pm, unanimous vote (following action on Consent Agenda (below)). Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 9:45pm, unanimous vote.

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

8. Adjournment: Motion and second to adjourn at 9:45pm, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM