

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2023

6:30 P.M.

- 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: Cody Douglas, George Richardson, Dawn Havner, Joel & Edith Ellis, Jim & Jennifer Talbot, Madison McLean, Jeff Gondeck and many family members for the Boston Cane recipient Lynette Bradford.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Planning Board as 5-3
- 3. New Business: 3-2: Boston Post Cane Presentation:** The cane was presented to Lynette Bradford, by the Selectmen along with flowers. Lynette is the towns 39 recipient of the Boston Post Cane. When asked what her secret was to making it to 95 she said, God has supplied all her needs and that she has lived by the Golden Rule. **3-3: Century Boxes:** Nothing new to present at this meeting. **3-4: Jim Talbot – Natural History Club Building:** Jim stated that he has spoken to many people who all feel that the building should remain and not be taken down. Jim has asked permission to use the land in front of the building to have a Farmer’s Market. Madison McLean who lives on Upper Street has run a Farmer’s Market in Cumberland and gave so insight on how this would work. Vendors fill out an application and pay a fee, which would go towards expense such as electricity, portable restrooms, etc. On May 13<sup>th</sup> the group has a work day planned to clean up the grounds. Board asked about insurance liability and Madison stated that all the vendors would need to have their own insurance. Other concerns were how the lawn would not be damaged, which would be visited later. Other concerns were what the plans for the use of the building are. Jim stated that they would like to be able to let people walk through the building and to keep trash cans in. Motion and second to enter into a one year trial phase with the understanding that if issues will be adjusted as necessary. Unanimous vote, board asked Town Manager, Kurt Schaub to draft a user agreement for both the board and the Farmer’s Market group to sign. The Board will go tour the building on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. **3-1: Organizational Meeting:** Motion and second to keep all officers and liaisons the same as last year, to adopt Roberts Rules of Order, adopt the municipal officers manual, authorize the chairman to set the agenda, accept the tax receipting policy, disbursement review/weekly payroll authorization/state fee payment and the policy for contacting the town attorney as written, unanimous vote.
- 4. Old Business: 4-1: Paving and Construction:** Kurt Youland, Kent Harrington and Kurt Schaub got together and reviewed the list of roads that need to be completed during this year’s budget, and Kent’s list of roads he believes are most eligible for work in the coming year. Merrill’s Mills Road is proposed to be moved entirely into FY 2024, which

will allow Conant, Airport and Pearl Street to be moved from next year into this year. The FY 2023 work will be done under the contract that was bid last year. Related to the contract is whether you'd be interested in continuing it for another year. This was done several years ago when pricing was stagnant. In this year, fuel and asphalt prices are down, but labor and aggregate costs are up. Spencer is willing to continue pricing through the end of the 2023 season if you agree. Motion and second to extend contract with Spencer for paving, unanimous. **4-2: George Richardson – Automobile Recycling:** George Richardson would like to discuss his request for authorization to conduct certain automobile recycling activities at Richardson Enterprises, 2043 Auburn Road. Motion and second to allow conduct automobile recycling activities at Richardson Enterprises, unanimous vote. Board asked Town Manager, Kurt Schaub to draft up a consent agreement to give permission with certain terms to current ownership, to allow automobile recycling with the understanding if ownership changes this agreement would become null and void. Will review at agreement at the next meeting.

- 5. Regular Reports: 5-1: Fire/Rescue Department (postponed to May 15<sup>th</sup>) 5-2: Town Manager:** Board reviewed financial statements and the rundown of the Town Meeting approved budgets. We have a signed contract with Seth Langlin for the mowing contract, he has been provided with TAA contact information and is expected to begin work shortly. Marked for dig safe for the electronic sign, will trench for power line when electrician provides date. Public forum scheduled for May 10 at 6:00pm to discuss adjustments made to draft of the comprehensive plan, prior to sending to state for review. **5-3: Planning Board:** There is a vacancy on the Planning Board, Kurt Schaub will start the application process to try and get the vacancy filled.
- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 7. Executive Session – Legal:** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:45pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:02pm, unanimous vote.
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:02pm, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM