

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

6:00PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting** was called to order at 6:00pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub and Nick Merry.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
3. **New Business: 3-1: Medical Marijuana Cultivation Area License: Daniel Jackson – Holy Smokes, LLC:** This is the cultivation facility located at 57 Conant Road. Mr. Jackson licensed the facility previously under the name Fire Pharms, but is abandoning that LLC, so relicensing is required under the new organization both with us and the Office of Cannabis Policy. Opened Public Hearing no comments, closed Public Hearing. Inspection was good, motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-2: Pole Permit – Pearl Road:** This is for a series of new poles that will be installed, presumably in conjunction with the solar project presently under way. Kent Harrington has checked it out and is satisfied with the proposed placement. Motion and second to approve pole permit, unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business: 4-1: Leavitt Institute: The** Leavitt Institute Committee met last week to discuss budget, projects and maintenance plans. Received the final invoice from Atlantic Roofing, which included an extra charge for the lift, which never got called into Matthews to let them know that the lift was no longer needed. The board has asked Kurt Schaub to talk to Atlantic Roofing about splitting the cost of this extra charge as it was a miscommunication between parties. **4-2: Transfer Station: Kurt Schaub** caught up with Tim Madden, the contact for the Bradford family, about acquiring additional land between the Transfer Station and the nearby brook, to facilitate the contemplated expansion. Tim did speak with the other family members, and they were willing to sell it to the town. At this time, just need to make an offer. The board will meet at the transfer station on Monday the 27th to look at land before making an offer. **4-3: Boofy Quimby Hall –** Bev Leavitt asked if the town would like the Food Pantry to help with the cost of the new heating unit in their space. Kurt Schaub didn't believe that it would be necessary given that the Pantry generally need all they have in funds to obtain the food they distribute.
5. **Regular Reports: 5-1: Highway Manager: 5-1a: Regular Report:** No report. **5-1b: Paving/Construction 2025:** Kent Harrington has provided me with a list of roads he believes will be good for repaving this year, including Poplar Hill Road. Board okay with the list provided. **5-2: Code Enforcement Officer:** All looked good. **5-3: Town**

Manager: 5-3a: Riverlands State Park Trail Meeting: In response to the letter sent a few months ago about the state of the trails within the Riverlands Park, the Bureau of Parks and Public Lands is planning a meeting that will also involve the town, plus local ATV and Snowmobile clubs, to discuss their improvement plans, which will be held on February 5th at 3:00pm at the Town Office. **53-b: Budget Review/Budget Committee Schedule:** The draft budget and budget schedule was presented to the board. **5-3c: Public Works Garage Well: Goodwin's** wound up drilling a total of 1,200 feet and landed at a point where we are getting 1 gallon a minute. It's not a lot, but it recovered overnight to about 26 feet below ground level. The plan is to install a pump down to the 500-foot level which should meet most of our needs. **5-3d: New Employees: Have** hired a new Transfer Station Attendant and a new Deputy Clerk for the Office. Would like to request the new Deputy Clerk's flex pay in March instead of April for insurance coverage purposes. Motion and second to approve starting Flex pay in March verses April, unanimous vote.

- 6. Consent Agenda: Motion** and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 7. Executive Session – Personnel – Fire Chief – pursuant to 1 M R S A Section 405 (6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:00pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:00pm, unanimous vote.
- 8. Adjourn:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:00pm, unanimous vote. The Selectmen continued to meet, in workshop, to review departmental budgets until 9:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC**