

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 29, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Shawn Talbot Chairman; Jason Somero Selectman
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator

Chairman Talbot called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-public session: Motion to go into non 91-A:3 II(a) by Selectman Talbot, **second** by Selectman Somero, all in favor.

Return from non-public session: Selectman Talbot made a **motion** to seal the minutes of the non-public session, Selectman Veaser **seconded**, all in favor.

Some discussion regarding record retention and sealing of minutes and best practices going forward.

SELECTMAN VEESER: Mr. Veaser announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately.

RECREATIONAL USE OF THE LANDFILL: Scott shared some correspondence regarding the application and possible fees for use of the landfill. Jason to follow up with Peter on some requests from the club.

FINALIZE COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Scott has a clean copy of the contract to sign. Shawn asked why 10 year when it was 5 year agreement prior. The primary driver was if they are going to give us HD, it allows that to amortize over the longer period. It also allows us to live stream rather than upload after the meeting. More capabilities with features such as community bulletin boards will now be available to us.

Discussion regarding making sure franchise fee goes into the video committee. Mr. Butcher noted Selectmen have to decide whether it's volunteer or paid employees doing the committee. Selectman Somero noted in the 2013 warranted it was enacted, and amended after that. In 2018 the article did not pass (needed 2/3rds vote).

DISCUSS STATUS OF RIGHT TO KNOW REQUESTS: Scott and Shawn to sit and go thru the requests

MULTI-BUILDING HVAC RFQ: Mr Butcher is working on this document, but it is not completed due to other issues taking up his day. He will have this ready for next week.

OLD NEW BUSINESS:

Budget reports: Scott shared YTD expenditures with the board members to review where the spending is to date. A few expenditures higher than 50%, but nothing that stands out. Selectman Talbot would like to have a budget meeting, with the Budget Advisory Committee if possible.

670 Turnpike Road: There has been correspondence between lots of folks, at this point we are at mercy of the state. It doesn't appear that they want the driveway to be permanent, and if they did it is a state

road, so our road agent would not necessarily need to get involved. Also, it is a deeded shared driveway. Silt barriers were places and they did apply for intent to cut, and are likely to see an alteration of terrain at some point. John Schaumloffel requests the owners name so that he can report to the state. Scott Butcher will get that information to John.

SWRP: SWRP unsure of how much state and federal funding they would get due to COVID-19. So they have done some cost sharing with the towns, and ours would be \$14K. They are asking for a match of 20% which would cost us \$2800. Mr Butcher would like the Selectmen to review and discuss at a later date. It was felt that using this would help us prioritize in a non-biased fashion which roads need attention first. Shawn will discuss with Peter and Selectmen can address later.

Cleaning Service: The service we were looking at is not able to find employees to do this work in the area. Selectman Somero noted some residents were interested in doing this and felt possibly some benefit to having local folks do this work. John Schaumloffel suggested maybe someone from SAU because they would have had background and CORI checks done.

Town owned property: Selectman Somero asked if any update on the sale. Mr Butcher has considerable work to get deeds, and property files as well as other info to the auction house.

Fireworks: Selectman Somero noted there seemed to be some frustration with the fireworks permitting process. Selectman Talbot noted there needs to be some consistency to the process going forward. This should be discussed with others involved, specifically Chief Lund.

Mr Coffey (audience): had some questions about minutes and whether the Board had taken the RTK training.

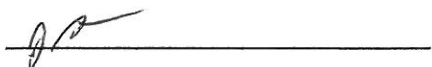
Motion to adjourn was made by Selectman Talbot, Selectman Somero **seconded**. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett, Land Admin

**Minutes approved by
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Shawn Talbot, Chairman

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Jason Somero