

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: David Lage Chairman; John Veaser & Shawn Talbot Selectmen
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator

The meeting opened at 6:00.

OLD / NEW Business

- Reminder voting is on March 9th
- David asked that BOS review warrant articles
- Candidates night Feb 23 at 6:10 pm
- There are 4 accounts we are not using, but are being charged a fee. Carlene wanted the blessing to close them to save money. Shawn was curious to see a list of them just out of curiosity.
- David brought up the warrant article to rename the 250th anniversary to another name last year, he recalls that the balance sheet from Trustees had a balance of \$9.46, and wondered where the money went. Scott noted the balance got rolled into the General Fund, there were warrant articles to move it to the General Fund.
- Salt shed update, Scott noted the foundation dimensions are to be figured out with Peter. Contract signed off, paperwork issues to tighten up the contract in the works as well.
- Scott also brought up discontinuing paying the ballot clerk. There were issues with time cards coming in late and that is what spurred this suggestion. Scott and Bob R. discussed this and both feel there should be a better process to get cards in the night of the election.
- Scott sent out a response to the Planning Board for the Selectmen to review regarding hiring an employee as a consultant.
- Driveway regulations were discussed.
- Proposal from Rick Donovan regarding the permit fees. Scott asked if the BOS would like him to go research what other towns are charging for fees and are we on par with them. Scott would like to have this done by April timeframe.
- Also it was asked if we can group items to make fees easier to understand at the Transfer Station. Scales were brought up, pros and cons were discussed.
- Web site was discussed as well. Time to clean it up and reorganize things and make it more visually appealing and easier to find things.
- System Award Management needs to be addressed to make sure we are eligible to get the grants. Need to update contacts as well.
- Cell Tower contract is still in negotiations and updates. They still have not applied for the building permit and need agreement with private road owners to access the site. Noted that with working and school being home based this is becoming a concern with the residents.
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Discussion on 2021 Road paving projects:

David noted if top coat on Collins Rd not applied in 2021 there will be money left over, Malthouse could be re-pulverized and paved with a binder.

John wanted to be sure we did things in the order prioritized, noted Peter added Porter Hill, base and top, John questioned why not Playground as it gets more traffic, and why base and top and not just base. Suggested Playground and Laurel get the base first.

Shawn asked if we want to put in order again. This is what they decided:

1-Hubbard Pond Rd, 2-Collins Rd, 3-Stowell Rd, 4-Mountain, 5-Malthouse, 6- Playground and Laurel

David suggested maybe putting them in clusters based on where they are.

John suggested also consider widening road while working on road for parking near Playground.

David mentioned Peter felt Mason Rd should be addressed too.

Deliberative Session De-Brief:

Scott wanted to touch base with the BOS to see how they felt. It was disappointing that the attendance was low both in person and online. News reported incorrect amounts, John noted specifically Police Salaries were reported incorrectly. School budget was brought up as well.

Chairman Veaser MOTIONED to adjourn, Selectman Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett, Land Admin

Minutes approved by
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David S. Lage, Chairman



John Veaser



Shawn Talbot