

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 20, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Shawn Talbot Chairman; and Jason Somero Selectman
Bert Hamill, Susan Mallett

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 1:

Motion to go into non 91-A:3 II(a&b) by Selectman Talbot, seconded by Selectman Somero, all in favor.
Motion to come out of non-public was made by Selectman Talbot and seconded by Selectman Somero, all were in favor.

Bert Hamill has been appointed to be the interim Selectman to fill the rest of Selectman Veaser's term until the next election.

Planning Board Recommendations: The Planning board asked the BOS to review their recommendations regarding Kennybeck Court and CO's. All were in agreement and had no concerns.

Lou Alvarez/Prime Contact Cell Tower: Lou had previously turned this liaison offer down, but in light of recent changes, he would like to accept if it is still open. Lou gave updates on the status. (No contract yet, Frank Parisi is working on it. Lou would like a copy of the agreement for review to get up to speed. No Building permits have been submitted yet). Lou noted some 'dead' areas of broadband in New Ipswich exist, hopefully this will help. Further discussion on how to get equipment up there. Common Drive agreement is a possibility or re-lay the road out. Discussion on who pays for road, easement, etc. The Town has negotiated to put our repeater up there as well as a small path for the Town use so the road has to allow for the size and weight of a propane truck for the generator.

- Lou will update the board monthly for now, and increase as the project ramps up again.

Blueberry Road Condition: Blueberry Hills Homeowners submitted a letter noting bad condition of Blueberry Road. Bert confirms it's in bad shape. Need to confirm that the town owns the road, and if so BOS will add to the priority list for review and possible update. BOS should add road list to the deliberative session.

*Shawn to follow up with Lauri Rizzo (Homeowners association rep) and Peter Gowey.

SWRP Road Review: Discussion of the Road Review was had.

- Shawn to follow up with the SWRP regarding the road review program.

OLD NEW BUSINESS:

Cleaning Contract: Jason confirmed we contracted with All Pro, but they determined they could not ensure the same people would be working all the time. This is an issue because we need to background check them. A resident was interested in the position and would have the flexibility. Selectman Talbot made a Motion to terminate All Pro Cleaning contract, Selectman Somero seconded, all were in favor.

- Mr. Somero will write up a contract draft for Megan Somero employment.

Discussion of police department staffing: Bert feels the BOS needs to set a deadline for the hiring of the replacement Chief and officers. Selectman Talbot noted there is an acting Chief right now, and there are 2 candidates they are working to get training and in position quickly. Incentives and pay were reviewed as well.

Smithville Cemetery: Bert asked for a status.

- Sue to send the Dam report to the BOS for their awareness.

Town Employee Handbook: Discussion on what we have for handbook. Sue has approved draft and it needs to be formatted.

Old Town Hall: Discussed the status of the Old Town Hall. Reviewing options for the old town hall for septic and water supply. Parking has been approved at the church. Jason will be the voice for this project.

Building B: option to use this a possible police facility. There was a black mold issue, it was mitigated but then the system was shut down and it returned. Discussion on whether it could be fixed.

- The Board of Selectmen will do a walk thru on August 3 prior to the Selectman's meeting to determine the possibility of using this space.

Building on Greenville Rd: Lou believes it needs remediation for asbestos. Property can be sold with the stipulation that it needs remediation. This discussion included the status of town properties that will be auctioned off, and noted that this will be a task for the interim Administrator.

Next weeks agenda: *Liaison assignments, Mike Abel status update

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 2:

Motion to go into non 91-A:3 II(a&b) by Selectman Talbot seconded by Selectman Somero all in favor.

Motion to come out of non-public was made by Selectman Somero and seconded by Selectman Talbot, all were in favor.

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

Administrator replacement: Jim Coffey has accepted the interim Administrator position until a permanent replacement can be found

Board reviewed and signed documents, firework permits, timecards and payables

Motion to accept Bert Hamill as interim Selectmen was made by Selectmen Talbot, seconded by Selectmen Somero

Security: Shawn got a list of people with access from Monadnock Security, Debbie to go thru and create list of who should have them so that access can be cleaned up and also get Bert a fob for access.

- Shawn to contact Monadnock Security

Aug 3rd agenda: building 2 walk thru, paving schedule update and loader discussion with Peter.


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**



Shawn Talbot, Chairman



Jason Somero


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