

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**March 15, 2022**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Shawn Talbot, Chair; Jason Somero and Lou Alvarez  
Debbie Deaton, Town Administrator, Susan Mallett

**Open Meeting** in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00

#### **Reorganization of Board of Selectmen:**

Jason made a motion to nominate Shawn as chairman, seconded by Lou. Motion passes.

Jason and Shawn welcomed Lou to the Board.

The Board divided the liaison positions as follows:

Shawn: Planning Board, Parks and Rec, NITV, SVAS and Road Committee

Jason: Heritage Commission, Police Department, Cemetery

Lou: DPW, Fire Department, ZBA

Jason made a motion to nominate Walker Farrey, Marcus Rautiola, Lou Guarino and Nate Sikkila for the Road Committee. Shawn seconded the motion. All in favor. Road Committee members will be sworn in at the Road Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Shawn stated he won't be a voting member of the Road Committee but will report back to the Board of Selectmen. There are a few loose ends that need to be finished from last year and they will try to follow the recommendations of the SWRPC Road Survey that was done in the fall.

#### **Non-Public Session 1:**

At 5:10 pm Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), to discuss pay rates for officers. It was seconded by Jason, and passed unanimously. In attendance was Chief Abel.

At 5:30 pm Returned to public. Motion to seal by Shawn, Seconded by Bert, all in agreement.

#### **Old/New Business:**

##### **Town Administrator:**

Debbie mentioned there is a webinar being given by the US Treasury on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm on how to report the ARPA funds. Jason may also attend. Debbie, Susan and Jennifer will be attending a presentation by BS&A for Building Software on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. This is the same company we are looking at for the Accounting software. Debbie is updating the Primex Property & Liability policy in conjunction with the department heads. There will be a Non-Public meeting at the March 29<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting at 5:05pm for the review and renewal of the Warwick Mills Lease of Building 2. The ad for the Public Notice regarding Pole Licensing was in the Monadnock Ledger today for the meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Debbie also requested the Board continue working on the revision of email addresses for Town employees and Boards. The Board will discuss this in April.

##### **Selectmen:**

Jason mentioned the Green Center is scheduled to be open on April 2<sup>nd</sup> while the Rabies Clinic is being held and asked if this would be ok. Debbie replied many people will be waiting in line with their pets and could cause an issue. Jason and Lou suggested re-routing the traffic for the Green Center between Buildings 1 & 2. It was suggested cones be placed across the driveway near the DPW garage so no vehicles can go through the usual path to the Green Center. Jason mentioned a sign could be put up to direct Green Center traffic.

Jason also asked about selling the old police cruiser that is now used by the DPW. Lou will ask Peter Goewey if they make use of it or we should sell it.

Shawn mentioned the growth of the Town and how we should guide as far as emergency services go. He would like to schedule a "round-table" discussion on a Saturday at the Town Park. This might be an efficient way to get

opinions from residents on their vision for the Town over the next 10-20 years and would also help guide the Planning Board.

The Parks and Rec department would like to know if a business can name the ball field if they make a substantial donation (i.e. lighting & fence). Lou and Jason stated they would give it consideration and get back with their decision.

Shawn mentioned the possibility of using the old Salt Shed location as a Community Center. He would like to have the parking in front of the building and green space behind the building. There is an existing bathroom (toilet and sink) that would need to be updated. The interior would need to be rehabbed and the exterior power washed and painted. It could be a community effort to turn the building into this vision. It could be used for senior citizens as a place to get together, meetings, etc. The Library Grant could be used for funding as well as ARPA grant money and possibly donations from the public sector (time and materials).

**Non Public Session #2:**

At 6:10 pm, Shawn made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) to discuss the meeting on Wednesday with the attorney and DES regarding the Smithville cemetery. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. In attendance were Ollie Niemi, Andrew Morrill, Bernie Honeywell and Bill Seppala (in addition to the 3 Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

At 7:30, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Jason and passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes, the motion was seconded by Jason and passed unanimously.

At 7:30 pm Shawn made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jason, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deaton  
Town Administrator

**Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Shawn Talbot, Chairman:

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Jason Somero:

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Lou Alvarez:

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