

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

June 8, 2022

MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez and Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)
Alan Doyle, Jim Coffey, Ralph Somero

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

5:05 Old/New Business:

- Shawn reviewed the DPW request for the purchase of a Ford F550 Dump Truck and a Cat 440 Backhoe. Shawn made a motion to approve the purchase of the F550 with a maximum value of \$130, 625. After some discussion, Shawn withdrew his motion and encouraged the Board members to speak to Peter about any questions they have. The Board will review the request again on June 14th.
- Debbie informed the Board the 2013 Ford Explorer had been sold on Municibid for \$5,200 and was picked up today.
- Debbie read an email from auctioneer Jay St. Jean regarding the auction of the land on Highbridge Road. The purchaser backed out of the sale and Mr. St. Jean contacted the second highest bidder who stated he was no longer interested in the property. Mr. St. Jean stated, in his experience, it would be better to auction the property at a later date than to call other bidders on the property. The Selectmen agreed and will add it to the next auction.
- Shawn stated a letter had been received from the Governor's office regarding school safety in the wake of the recent shootings. The letter stated funds were available for schools last year. Shawn will be speaking with Dr. Martin and will ask if Mascenic received any of these funds.
- Jason asked if anyone had a chance to look at the Hillsdale College link. Shawn and Lou both stated they had and have no problem with Jason arranging for them to do a lecture.
- Debbie informed the Board the proposal for the repair of the blinking light at Temple Road had been submitted to the insurance company of the person that hit it during an accident on April 22, 2022.
- Debbie briefed the Board on the Landfill Cap test results that were performed in December, 2021. The PFAS level was 13 nanograms per liter and the limit is 12. The Town will be supplying potable water for the 6 condominiums that draw off the well that was tested, until the well can be remediated. Alan Doyle suggested the water should be retested to ensure the first test was correct before we spend money remediating something that might not need to be remediated. Debbie replied it is being retested by a different company prior to any remediation. She is working with Monadnock Environmental Consultants for this process. Debbie also mentioned she has been in contact with the DES regarding this issue. There are some grant funds available for PFAS remediation but the funds are running out quickly. Now that we have received the quote for the remediation, she can apply for the grant funds. Letters have been sent to each of the residents informing them of the test results and asking them to call Debbie to arrange the delivery of potable water.
- Debbie told the Board SchoolCare Health Insurance came in on Thursday and did a presentation for all of the employees. The premiums are more expensive but the out-of-pocket for the employees is much less. All employees agreed they would much rather have this plan than the one they currently have. They also understand there will be a higher premium deducted from their pay. The approximate increase in cost will be \$204 per single employee per month and \$408 per 2 person plan per month (approximately \$10,000 from August through December). Shawn asked Debbie to see if she can find a funding source to cover this amount for the remainder of the year.
- The Board discussed the potential of new software from BS&A for accounting. Shawn would like Debbie to get some feedback from other towns.
- Lou said there should be a sign for Thayer Road on Turnpike Road because it is very hard to see. Shawn said he will take a ride by but Lou should call the DOT to see if this is a possibility.

5:20 Ralph Somero

Mr. Somero stated he had a conversation with Pat O'Malley, who lives in town and would be willing to look at the mold situation in Building 2 at no charge. He said as long as the building is dry, he may be able to use a spray to get rid of any mold. Ralph will contact Pat and Jason will schedule a walk-through of Building 2. Debbie will contact Warwick Mills to give them reasonable notice of the walk-through.

Mr. Somero also mentioned Bruce Aho has been maintaining the Town Clock at the church and feels he should be paid. He stated he used to maintain it and received \$100 per year. Debbie will check with Roger about that. Jason mentioned it would be nice if the clock face could be rehabbed.

Jim Coffey:

Mr. Coffey stated the residents of Wilson Hill Road would like to see it paved this year. Shawn told Jim it wasn't on the list of recommendations from the Road Committee and invited Jim to the next meeting which is on September 13th at 3:00pm. The Committee will be discussing the projects for 2023. Jim thinks they should meet sooner than that to discuss the progress on projects being done this year. He also suggested it would be helpful even if the ends of the road were paved for now. Shawn said that may be a possibility because there will be some funds remaining from the Highway Block grant. He will let the Road Committee know and see what they say.

7:10 Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (b):

Shawn made a motion to go into a non-public session. The motion was seconded by Jason. At 7:55, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. It was seconded by Lou and passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8:00 Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (c):


Jason made a motion to go into a non-public session. The motion was seconded by Shawn. At 8:30, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. It was seconded by Lou and passed unanimously. Jason made a motion to seal the minutes. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:40pm 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: 

Jason Somero: 

Lou Alvarez: 