

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
August 23, 2022
MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero and Lou Alvarez

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

5:05 Stowell Road Easement:

Mike Ploof-Fieldstone Land Consultants

Mr. Ploof described the dedication of Easement of land owned by Priscilla Casey Revocable Trust. Lot 10/8-1 is being subdivided from 10/8 and has a conditional approval. The existing Right of Way on this portion of Stowell Road is variable in width. They are offering an easement to the Town for the widening of the road if the Town chooses.

Shawn made a motion to accept the easement as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board, Jason seconded the motion and Lou abstained.

5:10 Fire Department discussion:

Meredith Lund-Fire Chief

Shawn asked if Meredith thought it would be worth renovating the existing outbuildings or get new buildings. Meredith replied since it looks like the Fire Department is going to be in that location for a while, both outbuildings would be utilized. The rear building isn't being used at the time because it is moldy, has a leak in the roof, etc. It would be beneficial to use the building. If both buildings are "fixable", it would be ideal for all of the department needs for trainings, meetings, etc.

Jason and Lou asked if both buildings were insulated, Meredith replied she would assume so but isn't positive.

Meredith mentioned there are no stairs on the back of the front building and the front of the rear building. She stated they had discussed installing an ADA compliant landing and ramp to the rear building. The steps are critical.

Shawn stated the buildings looked sturdy when the walk-through was done.

Meredith stated they have outgrown the Fire Station so if the classrooms are taken away, they would have nowhere to hold meetings and trainings. Shawn stated that answers the question of if the need is there for the other two buildings. The Board will work with Mark to get actual numbers for the repairs needed so we can add it to the Building Maintenance budget. Meredith added we should make sure the buildings are structurally sound before we do any repairs.

5:30 Old/New Business:

- Shawn stated we sent out invitations to State Rep candidates and have had approximately 4 responses so far. He asked what the Board thought of expanding the candidate invitations to everyone on the ballot and he has spoken to Bob Romeril (Moderator) and Dr. Martin (Superintendent of Schools) about using Mascenic for the candidates' night. Jason thought it would be fantastic.

Shawn also mentioned he spoke to Chief Abel to let him know the intentions.

- Jason gave final plans of the Police Department Renovation to Shawn and Lou. Jason stated it requires a walk-through to give a price so that will be mentioned in the bid request. The Chief would be happy to facilitate walk-throughs by appointment. Debbie will be asked to post requests for bids. Shawn

suggested having bids due on October 3rd so they can be looked at during the October 4th meeting. Jason said he would like to use the PD budget after conversations with Chief Abel.

Shawn made a motion to take a 10 minute break before going into non-public.

6:00 Non-Public Session RSA 91:A 3, II (c)-Accounting Clerk Interview

At 6:00 Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A 3, II (c), Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:09, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

At 7:10 Shawn made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A 3, II (I), Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:41, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:43 Non-Public Session RSA 91:A 3, II (I)-

At 8:43 Jason made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A 3, II (c), Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 8:26, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jason made a motion to seal the minutes. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 9:24 Shawn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lou and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: 

Jason Somero: 

Lou Alvarez: 