

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**March 28, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero and Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)

**6:00 Open Meeting** in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6:02 Public Hearing-Pole License Renewal:**

Shawn stated we will conduct a hearing on a petition to universally amend the pole and conduit licenses and other agreements to allow for the use of the Town's rights-of-way as required by the New Hampshire law. Debbie stated the amendments are in the public good because they would change the licenses and agreements to comply with the requirements of New Hampshire law by referencing the statutory scheme which authorizes the Town to tax entities with poles and conduit in the public rights-of-way and others using the rights-of-way.

Properly assessing property taxes against all entities using the public rights-of-way is required under law. RSA 72:23, I (b) requires that all leases or other agreements for the use or occupation of real property owned by the Town "shall provide for the payment of property no later than the due date". The petition to the Board of Selectmen is to universally amend the licenses and other agreements it has issued for poles or conduits in the public right-of-way to include these requirements and the requirement for the licensee to notify the Town of additional attachments on the pole or conduit to conform to the law.

Shawn asked if anyone else would like to speak. There was no response. Shawn stated if no one else wishes to speak, the hearing is now officially closed. Jason made a motion to grant the Petition to Amend Pole Licenses and the Agreements to use the public rights-of-way. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**6:08 Old/New Business:**

- Shawn stated he had a request from a resident asking if a home business serving food was supposed to pay Rooms and Meals tax. Debbie will look into this to find out.
- Shawn mentioned Glen Shaw had inquired again about the landlocked property owned by the Town. The property has a Conservation Easement and his attorney said depending on the type of easement, it can be removed.

At 6:25, Jason made a motion to adjourn. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton  
Town Administrator

**Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Somero: \_\_\_\_\_

Lou Alvarez: \_\_\_\_\_

