

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**December 7, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jason Somero and Bert Hamill Selectmen, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator;  
Jennifer Minckler

**Also attending in audience:** Lou Alvarez, Emari Traffie from the Monadnock Ledger

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

**Review Warrant and State Form MS-636-** the Board of Selectman reviewed and discussed the Warrant and the Budget for 2022 in great detail. A Workshop to be scheduled for Saturday December 18, 2021 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Selectman Hamill reviewed the **Referendum Article for the Police Station** and there was further discussion between the Board of Selectman as to what should be removed or added to the referendum. Discussion also included the Town Office Building as an option. **Scenic Roads-** All scenic roads should be under the Conservation Commission. **Land Use Change Tax-** Jim mentioned that currently 100% of the income goes to the Conservation Commission, up to \$50,000.00 per year. This was voted on in the past by a Warrant Article. Bert advised that there is minimal land and wetlands for Conservation Commission to acquire.

**Fire Permit for Parks & Recreation-** The selectmen agreed to sign the permit for making S'mores over a fire pit

**Set-up schedule for final budget reviews and critical dates-** to be reviewed at the next meeting. Set up date to review personnel policy- Selectman Somero felt it has been handled poorly and needs to be rectified. The date to discuss the concerns of the Employee handbook with Department Heads and employees will be Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 5:00pm. Selectman Somero believes the biggest complaint was transferring sick time to PTO. The Board of Selectman discussed this topic and suggestion was made to retain policy as it is now.

#### **OLD NEW BUSINESS**

**Administrators Update:** Jim made the Board of Selectman aware of vacation time being Taken by Peter which is December 20, 21, 22 and December 27, 28, 29 and 30. Warwick Mills needs to pay taxes as well as the rent on the property. A meeting needs to be conducted with them to discuss

**Selectman Talbot Updates:**

**Selectman Somero Updates:**

**Selectman Hamill Updates-** Selectman Hamill suggested have a non-public meeting when Chairman Talbot is back to discuss the Zoning Board and Conservation Committee to appoint members. Also for the end of the meeting we need to continue discussion regarding Peter Goewey. Selectman Hamill questioned Lou Alvarez on the Tower timeframe. Lou Alvarez advised that the holdup was due to ownership of Old Peterborough Road. Jim advised that Old Peterborough Road is discontinued and ownership is to the center of the road. Vertex per lease has the right to access and maintain the road. Abutters cannot stop Vertex from access or maintenance of road. No approval from the Abutters is needed. Selectman Hamill is concerned about the existing Police pole that needs repairs. The Police Department does have the money for this. Discussion of the repeater battery with back up continued. The proposal includes solar recharger and the tower will have generator back-up. Antennae goes to the top of the tower to be installed by Vertex. Jason reviewed the proposal of \$35000.00 plus, which will be taken out of the Police budget.

**A MOTION** to adjourn was made by Selectman Somero, Selectman Bert Hamill seconded. All were in favor. Adjourn 8:17pm

**Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Minckler, Land Use Clerk**

**Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: Out due to illness

Jason Somero: 

Bert Hamill: 