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Selectmen's Meeting Final Minutes
4:30 p.m. – Town Offices

Monday, April 25, 2022

Present: Chairman Albee, Selectman Pike, Selectman Murray. Staff Secretary: Jane Lemire

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albee called the Selectmen's meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Board of Selectmen Meeting Draft Minutes of April 11, 2022**
A motion to accept the minutes with an amendment was made by Selectman Pike and seconded by Selectman Murray. Amendment to Selectmen's Update, second to last sentence which reads "Loud but not loud." is to be omitted. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.
- **Board of Selectmen Non-Public Session Draft Minutes of April 11, 2022**
A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Selectman Murray and seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Police:** Meeting was postponed as police chief was out sick.
- **Fire:** Chief Adam Thompson presented his department's year-to-date update. He distributed a hard copy that reflected his comments as well as a comparison of call volume from 2022 and 2021, also year-to-date. Please see attachment for full presentation. Chief Thompson questioned the selectmen if the certificates his department receives for cyber security should be included in personnel records? Chairman Albee said that a copy should be forwarded to Cami Wakefield for inclusion into personnel files.
- **Conservation:** Chairman Stephen Scapicchio relayed that Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) requested the support of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) (as we have an easement on Ragged Island) in their bid to request a no rafting/anchoring zone by Ragged Island from the State. This support is for agreement only, not financial. Chairman Scapicchio showed a map of the said location. LRCT has been made aware that in recent years there has been multiple boaters who have gathered in this area and become loud and rowdy. TCC is in unanimous support of LRCT's bid. After some discussion, Chairman Scapicchio asked the Selectmen for their support.

A motion for the Town of Tuftonboro to support LRCT's bid to request a no rafting/anchoring zone by Ragged Island from the State of NH was made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Chairman Albee. Motion passed 2-1. Chairman Albee-yes; Selectman Pike-yes; Selectman Murray-no. A letter of support from the Town of Tuftonboro will be sent to LRCT.

Chairman Scapicchio also distributed the purchase and sales agreement for the 35-acres easement to be purchased from Ed and Linda Bean of Sodom Road. This 35-acres abuts the

Great Meadow project and will be paid for entirely through a grant. After the selectmen reviewed the document, they noticed a discrepancy as one section of the document allowed for intent to cut and yet in another portion it stated no trees are to be removed. This discrepancy needs to be clarified before the agreement is signed. Chairman Scapicchio will speak with Mr. and Mrs. Bean as to their intention and will proceed to have the agreement corrected.

Chairman Scapicchio was contacted by LRCT to see if the town could offer any help (such as equipment) in their quest to improve the Mount Pleasant area. The road needs to be graded, etc. The group discussed and although the selectmen support LRCT in fixing the road, the town is not able to help.

Chairman Scapicchio stated that his tenure on the commission expires in June 2022 and that he would like to continue for another three years. The selectmen agreed that he is doing a good job and he can continue for another three-year tenure.

Chairman Scapicchio stated that the Melvin River is having woody additions to support trout habitat. TCC is attempting to contact Mr. Jeff Boggs and Mr. Brown without luck. He asked if any of the selectmen may know these individuals. The selectmen did not, and Chairman Albee suggested he contact Jackie Rollins for contact information.

Chairman Albee asked Chairman Scapicchio if the closing was complete at the Lyon's property. Chairman Scapicchio said that due to additional liens and an incorrect discharge the closing had to be rescheduled. Chairman Scapicchio also stated that the attorney suggested we get title insurance at this property and the selectmen agreed.

A motion to authorize the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission to purchase title insurance on the Lyon property was made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

- **Bill Jolly:** Mr. Jolly, an insurance broker representative from Steadfast Benefits gave a presentation regarding additional employee benefits the town could offer. He stated that in this competitive market of hiring and retaining employees, it is as important to look at benefits as they can be as important, if not more so, than actual hourly pay in retaining and attracting employees. He pointed out an inexpensive insurance plan for employers that is of great benefit to employees. He gave the examples of "group term life insurance" and "accidental accident" plans; both of which he states have low monthly employer costs. He stated that it is cheaper to offer a benefit such as these compared to a monetary raise. The group had Q&A with Mr. Jolly. Chairman Albee relayed to Mr. Jolly to get back in touch with them in September, when budgets are being worked on.

SIGNATURE FILE

- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign letter informing CCBPC of the appointments of Robert Murray and Guy Pike; seconded by Chairman Albee. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign administrative abatement map 63-1-8-4; seconded by Chairman Albee. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Chairman Albee made a motion to sign administrative abatement map 55-1-6-13; seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Chairman Albee made a motion to sign administrative abatement map 25-2-1; seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.

- Selectman Murray made a motion to sign intent to cut map 16-2-21; seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign yield tax for map 54-1-49; seconded by Chairman Albee. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Chairman Albee made a motion to sign yield tax for map 16-2-21; seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign application for current use map 62-2-1 and 62-2-21; seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign tax collector's warrant current use map 64-2-4; seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.
- Chairman Albee made a motion to sign intent to cut map 46-1-001; seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking volunteers to help at Tuftonboro Old Home Days.
- Both the police chief and fire chief were forward the application for the SFRF Locality Equipment Matching Program. Applications are due June 3, 2022.
- The first of three proposals regarding a new telephone system were received from Lakes Region Computer who submitted a quote for a Nextiva telephone system.
- Camp Belknap is hosting an open house at their new dining hall on May 12, 2022 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., attendees to be determined.
- No response necessary to Robert Romire, as it was an unsolicited cold call.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Department of Revenue Administration 2021 Total Equalized Valuations;
- Notice of Decision ZBA – Pinault Revocable Trust;
- Carroll County Commissioner's Meeting Agenda;
- Carroll County Commissioner's Meeting Draft Minutes of April 21, 2022.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE

- Selectman Pike and Selectman Murray attended the Carroll County Broadband Communications meeting. They are in the early stages of putting together a committee to see what is in the best interest of Carroll County. Some area towns have already put together their own committees to seek out information. Selectman Murray stated it may take up to a year for the committee to be put together by Carroll County to start exploration; so, he suggests that Tuftonboro not wait and begin our own exploration. Chairman Albee stated there may be some infrastructure disbursement that may have blocked distribution by counties. The rules still are unclear, and towns/counties are all sharing information.
- Chairman Albee stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Co-op set up and will have Cami Wakefield do this when she returns to the office next week.
- Chairman Albee stated he had a conference call meeting with the police chief and the architects regarding the build of the new police station. A list of questions was submitted that they are

presently reviewing. They should be getting back to the selectmen this week with their response.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Selectman Murray attended the Parks & Recreation meeting and discussed our relationship with the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation department. Selectman Murray said Dennis Zilembo is attempting to see if a meeting between the two departments can be scheduled to refresh the relationship. Chairman Albee stated that Tuftonboro does not put any restrictions on Wolfeboro residents; however, our residents are banned from Albee Beach. Chairman Albee also discussed the new Wolfeboro ice rink and Wolfeboro's fundraising for it. If Tuftonboro were to make a contribution, what would be the benefit to Tuftonboro residents? The selectmen agree it would be a positive thing for the two departments to meet.

Selectman Murray stated that Dennis Zilembo asked about the ramp at 19 Mile Beach. Chairman Albee stated that Cami Wakefield will reach out to the contractor to ask if it can be repaired.

Chairman Albee suggested that Parks & Recreation elect a treasurer who can provide financial reports monthly; or at a minimum quarterly as it would be informative for the membership.

- Selectman Murray stated the Planning Board approved the Camp Belknap dining hall replacement.
- A town resident was in attendance at today's meeting at the suggestion of Mr. Bill Rollins who encouraged participation/observation by town residents now that the BOS are having some meetings later in the day at 4:30 p.m. He also stated that Consolidated Communications sells a phone line with everything the town would need. Selectman Murray responded that the Selectmen are working towards acquiring quotes from a minimum of three providers.
- Mr. Joseph Kowalski commented that there are two stop signs as you approach the intersection of Ledge Hill Road and Route 171 as well as the corner stop signs on both sides of the road, yet folks are still running through the intersection. In the past there was discussion on a round-about or a flashing light that should be looked at again.

Selectman Murray questioned if any motorists involved in an accident at the intersection of Ledge Hill Road and Route 171 have been cited? To which Chairman Albee answered we would have to ask the police chief.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Pike made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Murray. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Town of Tuftonboro Secretary
April 26, 2022*