

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
9:00 am – Tuftonboro Town House**

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

The official video of this meeting can be found on the Town of Tuftonboro's YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCUmJqZvFTS23RMEFSDQzmw>.

Present: Selectman Bill Marcussen, Selectman Chip Albee, and Administrative Secretary Cathy Pounder.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Selectman Marcussen called the Selectmen's meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am and lead the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**MINUTES**

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve the BOS 2.22.2021 meeting minutes as presented. Selectmen Marcussen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve the 2.22.2021 nonpublic minutes as presented. Selectmen Marcussen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Randy Owen, property owner of 1 Farm Island in Tuftonboro, met with the Selectmen to express concerns with a MOU the Selectmen approved for Camp Belknap. Mr. Owen believes the Selectmen are not following local law and are not obeying a Stay order at Camp Belknap. Mr. Owen, the Selectmen and Mr. Don McWhirter discussed the MOU and court documents. The Selectmen stand by their signing of the MOU, as this is a temporary action to allow Camp Belknap to continue their operation while practicing social distances for campers and staff during the pandemic. The tents and RVs are temporary, not an expansion and are not considered permanent structures.

**SIGNATURE FILE**

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign the appointment of Marc Weimer to the Parks and Rec department. Selectman Marcussen seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign the two Verizon Wireless land leases previously voted on. Selectman Marcussen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Kowalski asked how long the lease was for. The Selectmen answered him the lease is for 25 years which includes 5-year term extensions. The second question was are the lease monies the Town is receiving going to offset the tax revenue if Tuftonboro were to sell the property to get it back on the tax roll. The property is the fire station and the highway garage property and they would never be sold to the public. The rates are around \$25,000 a year which is more funds than the tax roll would produce. Mr. Kowalski asked when will the towers be operational for the Fire Department to use. The Selectmen stated when they pull a building permit, they will find that out.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign a supplemental intent to Cut for Op # 20-455-10T Tax Maps 3-1-1 & 3-1-2 Christopher Wyles. Selectman Marcussen seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign the HealthTrust – FSA to extent the spending of 2020 flex plan funds for employees until the end of 2021 due to COVID. Selectman Marcussen seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign the employment agreement for Chris Ruel, Transfer Station Supervisor.

Selectman Marcussen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

A letter was received from Troop 165 informing the Selectmen that Matt Finneron has received the rank of Eagle Scout by completing a community service project, the reclamation of the Tuftonboro Central Trail System.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

None

The Selectmen discussed questions from the architect for the Police Station, the grant writer being available again and assessing procedures. Houses in town are sell for more than assessed value. The Selectmen discussed a chart showing what the Town would have received if the State were giving 40% of the meals and room tax revenue instead of 22% for the past 10 years. The Town received \$1,267,899 in the past 10 years but would have received \$2,170,037, a difference of \$902,138, if Tuftonboro was receiving the whole 40%.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

An update was received on the location of the Mutual Aid off road, snow machine, incident training. This training was held on Feb. 25, 2021. At the last meeting they stated the training equipment would enter at the Route 171 trail access but before the training, it was changed to the Transfer Station due to the amount of equipment being used. The training went well.

Notice of the Town of Tuftonboro Board of Adjustment Public Hearing March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 7pm.

Coalition Communities 2.0 – Notice of Organizational Meeting March 3, at 9:00 am

Executive Councilor District 1 Meeting Wrap Up

Gilford Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing for a cell tower.

### **SELECTMEN'S UPDATE**

Selectman Albee went to the Transfer Station this weekend to speak with Chris Ruel and spoke with Guy Pike this week about his email. Selectman Albee also reviewed court documents to prepare to meet with Mr. Owen. He will continue to review them to make sure all requirements are met. Selectman Marcussen is attending an Ag meeting Tuesday afternoon. It is a zoom meeting. Selectman Marcussen is reminding all Boards that if they want to continue to meet virtually, that is fine but make sure you abide by all requirements. Such requirements include the opportunity for the public to be able to call in and participate. Any time you have votes, it must be done with roll call and be recorded as roll call. Selectman Albee stated they will revisit the remote meeting later this year. Sometime this year we should go back to live meets. The Selectmen stated Town Meeting is an important historical function and needs to continue to be live. Planning Board has a meeting on Thursday.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Kowalski asked if Farm Island would be brought up at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday. Selectman Marcussen did not believe so. Mr. Kowalski asked if a notice could be sent to Glen Cordelli, Karol Crawford and Dr. Marsh to invite them to a Selectmen's Meeting to update the Town on what is going on.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 10:52 am, Selectman Albee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Marcussen. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Pounder  
Administrative Secretary