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**Selectmen's Meeting Final Minutes  
9:00am – Town Offices**

**Monday, February 13, 2023**

Present: Chairman Albee, Selectman Pike, Selectman Murray, Jack Parsons, Jim Bean, and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Albee called the BOS meeting to order at approximately 4:30pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve the 2.6.2023 BOS meeting draft minutes as written, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Jack Parsons presented the following update: 4 Building Permits and 75 Inspections. Jack picked up some new led lights for the upstairs at the Town Office building. Jack also informed Selectmen that the Administrative Assistant office will be getting new carpet in her office on 2.21.2023. The carpet is what was left over from last year.

Jim Bean presented the attached monthly update.

Chairman Albee asked Jim when the roads would be posted and Jim said that he would reach out to Wolfeboro and Ossipee, talk to the road agents to coordinate together. Selectman Murray asked why we need to post the roads at all. Jim explained that the roads get soft on the edges in particular and if you ride the edge with a big truck chances are you're going to break the edge of the road. Still Selectman Murray questions why we post them as he thinks it is a detriment to the local economy. Chairman Albee tried to explain that if the State roads, Ossipee roads, and Moultonborough roads are posted and we don't post our roads then who is driving on them. Selectman Murray reiterated that he will not support posting roads if it comes to a vote. Selectman Pike made a motion that the Road Agent be authorized to contact other towns and devise a date when he will post the roads and report back to Selectmen either physically or verbally when this has been done, Chairman Albee seconded the motion for discussion, Jim added to keep in mind that if it a cold morning and he gets a call, he has the ability to authorize permission, so just because the road is posted he is not trying to stop anyone from making a living and he works with people. Chairman Albee called for a vote, motion carried 2-1. Chairman Albee added to Selectman Murray that he never wants to have him not support a significant road budget because posting of roads is one of the contributors. Selectman Murray said he understood.

Selectman Pike did mention to Jim that our road limit signs are almost unreadable and that he has seen some with big numbers on them and that he has had to stop and read some of ours and when we order them again possibly get something a little bigger. Chairman added that maybe Jim could do an inventory of what we might need for signs and also guard rails and in 2023 getting a price on doing the guard rails for the town and make a warrant article for 2024. Chairman Albee put a plug in that if Ossipee, our neighboring town to the east can have wooden guard rails then he doesn't know why Tuftonboro can't have any. Try to get some numbers together for steel ones and wood to make some of them wood.

Selectman Murray has had a couple of people ask him about sand. Are people allowed to take a couple of buckets of sand from the town garage? The answer is yes, not a truck load and no salt, but a couple of 5-gallon buckets at a time of sand.

### **SIGNATURE FILE**

Chairman Albee made a motion to sign an Application for Current Use for Map 71-2-2, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albee made a motion to sign an Application for Current Use for Map 70-1-8, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to sign the Annual Milfoil Committee Grant application, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Chairman Albee brought up that the Chief of Police, after last weeks meeting, asked that all meetings related to him be held as a public meeting per RSA 91-A. Selectmen, after some discussion made the decision to run that request from the Chief by our attorneys. Chairman Albee made a motion to bring this up for discussion after the attorney gets back to us at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from Tyler Phillips- Grant opportunity -

Email from Chief Thompson

Letter from NHEC – Herbicide Treatment opt out.

Wetlands Permit – Map 14-4-5

Wetlands Permit – 50-1-2

### **SELECTMEN'S UPDATE**

Selectman Pike suggested that we send out a memo to all of the department heads that any employment opportunities postings etc. be approved by the Selectmen and then posted by the Selectmen's office verses them doing it themselves. Selectman Pike would also like to see performance reviews come through the Selectmen as since he has been here, he has not seen a performance review or personnel report so that when they come to Selectmen at budget season and want to do a step increase Selectmen will have something to base this increase on. He has received complaints from some employees that they have not been evaluated and he thinks that they deserved to be. Chairman Albee mentioned that he would applaud Selectman Pike if he would make that a major feature of his Chairmanship coming up. Perhaps get through this election first and then give everyone a date to get their evaluations in and go from there.

Selectman Murray mentioned at the Parks and Rec meeting last night there were a couple of concerns. One about a tree down at Central Park and how that is going to be managed. The other concern was following up on the trail access where the cell tower is and is there anything in the cell tower agreement that says that they will still allow access to the trail there. Jack Parsons stepped in and said that they relocated the trail and cleared it and mulched it. It goes around the gate and up around the cell tower. It was on the agreement to relocate it. Selectman Murray also noted that Dennis of parks and rec thought that they should ask the moderator at town meeting to introduce the punt pass and kick kids and have them lead the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Albee noted that the Warrant Articles are all set, the Budget is all set, and he finished the letter from Selectmen for the 2022 annual report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 9:47am Chairman Albee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted, Cami Wakefield, Administrative Secretary

## **SELECTMEN UPDATE**

**2/13/23**

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

- Since November 16<sup>th</sup> we have been out plowing and or treating roads 30 times. Some of the times just in the higher elevations and a few of the days were just using the wing to push the snowbanks back to make room for future snow.
- In between plowing and treating, we have been refilling the sand bin, cleaning off the bridges and opening water outlets, and filling in potholes
- The town truck has gone down numerous times this season with blown hoses and sand issues caused from the rusted-out body. I have reached out to Advantage Truck Group several times for updates. As of last week, they were expecting delivery any day, then it would be sent to Viking to be outfitted with plows and the sander dump body.

Jim Bean

Road Agent