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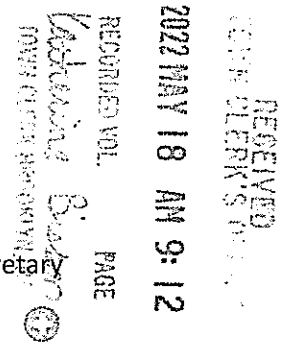
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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2022
6:30pm via Zoom and in person
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur



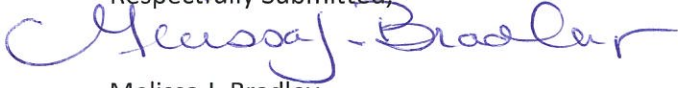
1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/28/22 as presented. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. J. Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/5/22 as presented. A. Tanner seconded the motion. L. Brodeur was absent for this meeting. Motion passed 2-1 abstain (L. Brodeur)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - **WPCA:** A. Tanner made a motion to appoint Sara Deshaies as a regular member to WPCA with a term expiring 9/25/2026. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **BEMHS:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint John Haeferle as an alternate member to Homeland Security with a term expiring 1/1/2024. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on Financials:** A. Tanner states he believes the general government budget will have approximately \$100,000 to turn back from this current budget.
6. **Discussion on Budget:** A plotter for the Land Use department was not put it, it will be added. Tentative dates for the budget hearing and annual town meeting, pending the schools availability; May 26th – Hearing; June 14th – Town Meeting.

- 7. Discussion on Town Meeting 5/16/22:** The Town Meeting scheduled for Monday at 7:00pm in the school auditorium is to approve the transfer of unused funds from two separate capital projects completed at the school to one new project; boiler replacement.
- 8. Discussion on Possible Land Sale: Z. Credit:** A. Tanner sent letters to abutting landowners and one neighbor replied he is not in favor of the sale. Z. Credit has removed trees from the property owned by the Town and installed a driveway pad for his camper. After further discussion, J. Voccio made a motion to recommend placing a public notice making the property for sale in a local paper. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 9. Discussion on Salem Village Tax Abatement:** As discussed previously, Salem Village assessment went up 19.5%; Riverbend behind Johnny's Pizza only went up 16.3%. Salem Village has requested an abatement. J. Voccio does not want to set a precedent lowering their assessment and wants to be certain this is not to absorb the theft; insurance would cover those costs. It is understood they can not raise the rent in this housing complex and is a justifiable reason. L. Brodeur made a motion to reduce the assessment on Salem Village back to the amount of the 2019 assessment, \$70,923.40. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 10. Update on Salary Study:** A. Tanner met with Preston and is willing to work together. This will absorb some of the cost of the study. Preston is going to use Randi Frank for the job descriptions but A. Tanner states we will do ours ourselves, waiting on proposal.

The employee handbook will also be updated.
- 11. Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1497 dated 5/12/22 in the amount of \$99,179.08. J. Voccio seconded the motion. The town attorney bill was questioned but seems to be in order. A. Tanner will double check. The bill from WilliWaste regarding bulky waste from Earth Day has not been received yet. Motion passed 3-0.
- 12. Other Business:** The Town Hall has been rescheduled to begin painting on June 7th.
The window replacement at NDDH will begin June 1st.
The Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day will resume this year. It will be held Monday, May 30th beginning with the parade at 9am and followed by Family Fun Day.
L. Brodeur mentions a lot has gone up for sale on Tatnic Hill Extension. A decision regarding the road will need to be discussed.
J. Voccio questions if the Town has submitted ARPA projects? A. Tanner states he is working on them.
- 13. Public Comment:** S. Brodeur questions if any bushes have been found for the perimeter of the Community Center? A. Tanner states he can not find the bush discussed but was referred to a sterile barberry bush. S. Brodeur will check with her grandson who works in the business.

- 14. Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary