

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 2021
6:30pm via Cisco Webex Meetings**

Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; recording secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur, Ken Dykstra

- 1. Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Lou Brodeur made a motion to go into executive order at 6:30 to discuss new personnel salary. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 6:33pm. Lou Brodeur made a motion to hire Stephanie Kosoff as the Assessor with a yearly salary of \$65,000. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- 2. Approve Previous Minutes:** Austin Tanner made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of 2/25/21 as presented. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Discussion on Executive Orders/Annual Town Meeting:** Discussions are still being held on how to hold a town meeting. Virtual board and commission meetings will continue as is for now. Most executive orders are expected to end April 20th.
- 5. Discussion on Audio/Video Setup:** Rick is still getting options for a video setup for the CBGMC conference room. He will send the options and pricing when received.
- 6. Discussion on Earth Day:** Earth Day is April 22nd this year which is a Thursday. We were unable to hold Earth Day gatherings last year due to COVID. Mr. Ives asks for thoughts on this year. It would most likely be held the following Saturday, the 24th. This maybe opening day for little league. Rick Ives will look into it.
- 7. Discussion on Memorial Day Parade/Family Fun Day:** Rick has had several discussions and does not see how a crowd could be controlled at the parade or family fun day and meet COVID restrictions. There will be a service at the monuments on Memorial Day, something similar to Veteran's Day. Rick will also talk with the school.
- 8. Discussion on 2020-21 Financials:** Revenues are looking good. Current taxes are on target and over in supplement and prior. A tax sale is still planned for April.

ECS funds will be in on the last day of April. Mashentucket will be in at the end of March and June.

Transfer Station revenues were down during the winter months but will pick back up in the Spring.

Health Insurance costs will be up 10%, the impact will be on employees. We are looking at different carriers.

- 9. Discussion on Boards and Commissions Candidates:** Several residents have submitted applications to volunteer on a board or commission. Meetings are set up with them next Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 10. Discussion on Cemetery Maintenance:** Discussion was held to hire two college kids to help with the maintenance of the South Cemetery. Rick states he is not comfortable with two teenagers unsupervised using power equipment. Austin Tanner suggests hiring them and having one highway or recreation employee supervise them. Taking one employee to do this is better than 3 or 4 at a time. More jobs will be accomplished this way. Rick states he is willing to try it out and will put an ad out. Rick also states he will have to discuss this with the union.
- 11. Approve Bills:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to accept bill voucher #1190 dated 3/11/21 in the amount of \$130,516.81. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Rick will look into the Town Clerk - ordinance codification annual fee; Attorney bill of \$924 regarding swearing in of town officers; \$6,000 legal fees, pertaining to Jolley; Christmas tree lights are still on, Rick will have them shut off. Motion passed 3-0.
- 12. Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
- 13. Calls For Service:** No discussion
- 14. Other Business:** There will be some relief money coming to Towns, Brooklyn will receive approximately 1.9 million of that, \$400,000 is designated to the school. A portion of that would be used for summer camp.
- 15. Public Comment:** None
- 16. Adjourn:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary