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**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2021
6:30pm via Cisco Webex Meetings**

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2021 MAY 19 PM 5:05
Melissa Brodeur
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Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Stephanie Levin, Ken Dykstra, Sandy Brodeur, Melissa Perkins-Banas, Justin Phaiah and Mae Lyons

- 1. Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2. Approve Minutes:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/29/21 & 5/3/21 as presented. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Discussion on 2020-21 Financials:** Paradise Road construction was put into roads and bridges but is being submitted to LOCIP and will reimburse that account. School is looking to give back \$100,000. Tax revenue is much higher than expected. The \$453,000 earmarked to balance the budget will not be needed. Town will be returning \$185,000 and when LOCIP reimburses for the road, that will be another \$180,000.
- 5. Discussion & Action on 2021-22 Budget:** Mr. Ives worked some numbers with the budget today, taking the second Trooper out, a position out and \$25,000 off highway department. The school solar project is coming in \$400,000 less which will go back to the bond. Discussion was held of using \$45,000 for maintenance, it is \$9,000 a year and paid for through the State. The board is not sure if this would suffice with the original motion. Mr. Ives will get a legal opinion. The mill would be 26.37, just less than 1 mill increase. Austin Tanner states he is not in favor of taking \$25,000 away from highway.
\$300,000 would be used to paydown BANS and the rest would be rolled into Bonds.
The Town should have a 5–10-year plan for capital. Rick states we need a policy that says what to put aside.
Lou Brodeur made a motion to take the proposed budget with the cuts Rick recommended expect for the \$25,000 for roads and bridges for a general government budget total of \$5,844,653. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Board of Education \$19,629,374 for a total budget of \$25,474,027. Motion passed 3-0.

6. **Discussion on Capital Budget:** Rick would like to leave capital as is. Tommy is working on a plan if the money is not received to replace. \$10-18,000 will be needed to patch it. It can not last another year.
7. **Discussion & Schedule on Paving/Chip Sealing:** Rick is going to suggest using LOCIP for Elliot Road bridge.
8. **Approve Bills:**

Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1239 dated 5/13/21 in the amount of \$144,796.48. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Lou Brodeur questions why the community center lights are more than the green building. Stephanie states the bill for 31 Tiffany is right in line. She would like to have someone check out the building and figure out what is going on. Rick will find someone. 69 South Main St usage went down. They changed the distribution rate, it was running as residential 35, now running at a 30 rate. In April, we used 3,600 kw and this year was 1,600. Last year in April we were closed so it was reading incorrectly. Providence Rd and Juniper Way, there are 8 poles and 1 at South Main St we pay for the lights. We received a refund from Enterprise, \$35,000. They are in the process of selling off their fleet. The basement at CBGMC will be ready to be used soon, there are two more tests to be done. There are 2 trailers still being used. Austin Tanner states the Christmas Tree lights are still on. Rick will have them shut off. \$1,200 was paid for rims, Austin questions why the basketball hoops are so expensive. Rick explains they must be breakaway rims, and this included installation. It may also include South St. Park. Rick will find out. Truck 19, \$4,000 in overhaul expenses. Rick is not sure which truck but will find out. Motion passed 3-0.
9. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
10. **Other Business:** Lou Brodeur questions the ad for cemetery help. Rick states it is not done and will be worked on next week. The rules still have not been clarified on how to spend the relief money coming from COVID. Lou suggests a water line to the Fairgrounds for a hydrant. Rick will look into it.
11. **Public Comment:** Ken Dykstra states there is a warranty already with the solar. Th building committee was looking for money for an annual cost for maintenance, separate from the warranty.
12. **Adjourn:** Austin Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary