

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**March 21, 2022  
6:30 PM**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Leon Rideout, Selectman    Shane Beattie, Selectman    Troy Merner, Selectman  
Town Manager Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson    Charity Baker    Michael Nadeau  
Department Heads    Members of the public    Phlume Media

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Leon Rideout.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Leon mentioned every year after town meeting the board appoints a new chair and it is usually the member whose term is up at the next election.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to appoint Shane as the chair. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:**

**Police Chief Tim Charbonneau** reported they have hired a new officer, David Walker. He will go to the academy when Robert Sullivan finishes. He also reported there have been more and more accidents lately.

**Fire Chief Randy Flynn** reported the number of calls for last month – 56 911 calls, 116 transfers and a half dozen fire calls. He also reported responding to more and more accidents. He mentioned a couple new people have joined the department and a couple are taking classes.

**Librarian Barbara Roberts** reported they are working to get their lights changed over to LED. She spoke with Kate Hartnett on some options for dark sky compliant lighting. She mentioned they are changing the interior lights at this time however wanted the options in case they decide to change any outside fixtures.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Review and approval of February 22, 2022 and March 7, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Motion made by Troy and seconded by Shane to accept the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Shane and Troy voted in favor. Leon abstained as he was not at that meeting.  
Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes. Leon and Shane voted in favor. Troy abstained as he was not at that meeting. Motion carried.**

- Board signed various paperwork –
  - The MS232 Report of Appropriations actually voted on at Town Meeting were signed.
  - Timber tax warrant was signed for Sally Gaynor-Knecht & Nancy Gaynor, Tax Map R03, Lots 001, 002 & 017. Acres cut 80. Warrant amount \$7,336.08.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Board of Selectmen Committee/Board assignments

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to appoint Shane as the Budget Committee representative. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Troy as the Conservation Commission representative. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Troy and seconded by Shane to appoint Leon as the Planning Board representative with Troy as the alternate. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Appointment to the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee. Ben mentioned Robin is interested in being appoint to this position.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to appoint Robin Irving to the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ben also mentioned they can appoint him as an alternate in case she is unable to make a meeting.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to appoint Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson as an alternate to the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Appointments to the Conservation Commission – Ben mentioned the Conservation Commission is recommending Nancy Southworth and Samuel Mayne for reappointment.

**Motion made by Troy and seconded by Leon to reappoint Nancy Southworth and Samuel Mayne to the Conservation Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Appointments to the Zoning Board – Ben shared letter from the zoning board with appointment recommendations. The board recommends Donald Freddette, Nathan Kenison and Chris McVetty as alternate members and appoint Linda Ogle as a regular member.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to appoint Donald Freddette, Nathan Kenison, Chris McVetty as alternate members and Linda Ogle as a regular member of the Zoning Board. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ben mentioned there will be an ad in the paper on Wednesday for the open position on the Budget Committee created when Rick Bernier resigned and also for the open alternate positions on the Planning Board.

- Pre-Crusher bid review & approval – Ben stated Brian Patnoe, Transfer Station Supervisor received four bids. Two bids came from the same company, one is a new unit and the other is rebuilt. Brian reviewed the details of the four bids and offered his recommendation. Leon asked if there was a warranty. He stated there is a 1 to 2-year warranty. He explained the rebuilt one has all new mechanical components.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Troy to accept the bid from Recycling Mechanical of New England bid in the amount of \$42,175. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION:**

- Ben mentioned we received from NHDES a temporary permit notification for hot mix asphalt plant for Ammonusuc Asphalt, Inc., 653 Main Street.
- Ben read a letter sent by WMRSD requesting to form a subcommittee with representatives from each of the towns in the district to discuss/explore the apportionment formula that was established in 1963. Meeting is recommended for Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the high school. The board discussed their thoughts regarding Carroll pulling out of the district and the apportionment for the towns. Ben asked if they are going to send someone to participate in the meeting. Troy said he would where he has represented the board in previous meetings. The board feels it makes no sense to make changes to how things are calculated at this time.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Troy as the board representative to participate on the subcommittee. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Ben said he will notify the district that Troy will represent the board at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

- Notice for Zoning Board meeting on March 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Land Use Permit –
  - Geoffrey Breault, 27 Kilkenny Street – construction of 14’ x 26’ stick-built addition on concrete foundation to extend existing building for another bedroom; replacement of current open porch and flush wall, install bulkhead.
    - Building shall be brought up to current life/safety codes.
- Sign Permit –
  - Kim Howson o/b/o Lancaster Lions, 109 Main Street, Tax Map P07, Lot 085.

Ben mentioned Kent Fountain was hit by a vehicle on Sunday night and a claim has been submitted to Primex. He reported Barry Normandeau reached out to him to offer his assistance/guidance on how they can preserve as many pieces as possible and potentially put it back together. He also offered assistance in removing the pieces from the scene so more damage is not cause to the stone. Ben is going to reach out to the Primex to see if it is ok to clean up the pieces. The hope of Ben and the board is it will be able to be put back together even though it may not be able to run water.

Ben also mentioned he wants to reach out to those organizations that submit special warrant articles requesting funds and let them know it is recommended for them to have a representative at the public budget hearing and it will be required to have someone at town meeting or they will have to obtain the required petition signatures to submit a request the next year.

Ben reported the statistics of views and streaming of town meeting. He reported 44 people live streamed the meeting and 351 people have viewed the recording as of today. Ben believes the numbers are lower than last year. He also reported that between February 21, 2022 and March 21, 2022 there were 487 views of last year’s town meeting. He stated, it’s almost like they were trying to catch up on last year’s meeting before this year’s meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rob Christie wanted to mention the terrible shape Mount Prospect and Wesson Road are in and thank the highway crew for getting them cleaned up as quickly as they did.

Alan Savage asked if they are going to wait until they receive letters of interest before they make any appointments to the planning board including reappointments. Ben said that is the plan at this time. Alan also mentioned that attendance should be monitored.

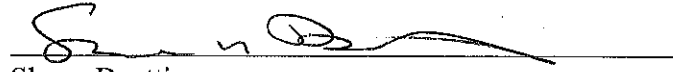
**Motion made by Troy and seconded by Leon to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.**


Respectfully submitted,

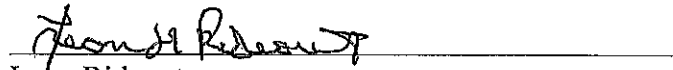
  
Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: 4-4-2022

  
Shane Beattie

  
Troy Moller

  
Leon Rideout