

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**August 21, 2023  
6:30 PM**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Selectman Troy Merner      Selectman Leon Rideout      Selectman Shane Beattie  
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 Troy Merner.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES –**

**Police Chief Tim Charbonneau** reported the new cruiser is up and running and the 2021 cruiser is in need of an exhaust. He also mentioned that Kyler Kenison has left the employ of the department and went to work for Michael's construction. Officer Havalotti has taken a job with the Sheriff's department here in town. He has received applications from two candidates to fill the open positions. He feels they are promising candidates and believes they will be offered the positions.

**Fire Chief Randy Flynn** reported they responded to 192 EMS calls, 125 transfers, 67 911 and 11 fire calls. The vehicles are all in good shape and have been going through the inspection process. The MIH program is picking up. Last month they did 37 visits and this month they have already done 48.

**Librarian Barbara Robarts** reported the summer program ended last week and they are gearing up for the fall programs. She is still working with the school district to get a bus to come back to the library each day after school. Commonwealth Constructions will deal with the window sill issue before fall.

**Recreation Director Eli Vincent** reported soccer practice began today and they had a little over 200 sign-ups and fortunately they had enough coaches. Closing up the summer safe haven program and preparing for the after-school program.

Randy mentioned, he had a family gathering at the community camps and said it was great and feels the facility is underutilized. Eli mentioned they are working with the trails committee to get the trails out there back up and running.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- Review and approval of August 7 & 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

**Motion made by Shane and seconded by Leon to accept the August 7, 2023, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to accept the August 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Troy abstained, Leon and Shane voted to accept. Motion carried.**

- Sign paperwork –
  - Timber tax – Kenneth & Stacy Tetrault, Tax Map R19, Lot 048 in the amount of \$1,072.19

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- Energy Committee – Ben received letters of interest from Teri Anderson and Lee Ann Potter to be appointed to the Energy Committee.

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Teri Anderson to a 3-year term on the Energy Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Leon and seconded by Shane to appoint Lee Ann Potter to a 3-year term on the Energy Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION –**

- Highway Block Grant Aid payment schedule
- Planning Board monthly meeting notice for August 23, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Land Use Permits –
  - Wayne & Tricia Frenette, 96 Page Hill Road – Construct 20’x30’ pavilion on concrete slab.
  - Dayton & Lisa Rivers, 45 Middle Street – Demo existing enclosed porch & reconstruct stick-built 12’x24’ open porch.
  - James & Lisa Hampton, 8 Rowell Road – Interior renovation of existing 16’x20’ kitchen; pave existing 40’x140’ gravel driveway.
  - Justin & Kristina Bishop, 223 Summer Street – Remove existing porch and replace with stick-built 5’x10’ open porch.

Leon mentioned there has been a pothole at the end of Mayberry Lane where it intersects with Route 3 and feels it should be repaired. Chief Charbonneau mentioned it is the State’s responsibility.

Leon asked if Depot Street was going to get paved this year. Ben replied it is not on the schedule to be paved this year. Leon feels the holes should be repaired if it is not getting paved. Ben will have Highway Foreman Tim Brown take care of that.

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

Respectfully submitted, Board of Selectmen Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Charity M. Baker

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Troy Merner

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Leon Rideout

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Shane Beattie