

## MEETING NOTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN HALL**

**May 1, 2023  
6:30 PM**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Selectman Troy Merner

Town Manager Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

Charity Baker

Michael Nadeau

Department Heads

Members of the Public

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Troy Merner.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ben mentioned Leon was unable to attend due to a prior commitment and Shane was unable to attend due to an emergency oil clean-up job he was in the middle of. He mentioned without a quorum any agenda item requiring a vote by the board would be passed over and discussed at the next meeting. He still wanted the department heads to give their updates and will update the public any other informational items on the agenda.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:**

**Water/Wastewater Supervisor Timmy Bilodeau** reported they cleaned out the intake and may need to do it again in the upcoming month. They have started flushing hydrants.

**Highway Foreman Tim Brown** reported they have started Spring cleanup. He mentioned at some point he wants to discuss whether they will be hauling the winter sand or if they will be putting it out to bid. He also mentioned Pike will be paving the travel lanes on Main Street. Timmy Bilodeau mentioned he spoke with Jason from the State and expressed his concerns with Pike getting too close to the manholes and if any are hit, they will need to hire someone to repair them.

**Land Use Coordinator Robin Irving** mentioned the housing needs assessment has been received and she has distributed to all the necessary entities to begin working on the next steps. She reported that both of Lancaster's projects have been submitted for Congressional direct spending.

**Transfer Station Supervisor Rusty Scott** mentioned everything is full speed ahead. It is starting to pick up now that Spring is here. The fire department burned around the fence line which helped with cleaning out the fence line and they were able to identify spots that are in need of repair.

He also reported the transfer station became a "small waste generator" which allows them to take and hold oil-based paint/stain in small quantities.

Rob Christie reported the airport is currently looking to hire a consulting engineer which is mostly what is going on there.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

- Standard Power – Ben contacted Standard Power and let them know that they would not have a quorum and felt it would be in their best interest to come to a different meeting.

Town website - Northern Forest has been working on updating the Town's website as part of a multi-year rebranding project. They are at the final steps and the new site will be going live soon.

Town office hours – Ben would like to discuss the possibility of closing the office to the public at noon on Thursdays so the staff can use the time to catch up on paperwork.

Recycled Percussion – Lancaster has been chosen as one of the 5 NH Town’s that Recycle Percussion will perform a concert and spend a day taping their television show highlighting Lancaster.

**INFORMATION:**

- Chief Charbonneau received a card thanking him for the assistance provided with the security threat at the courthouse.
- The Fire department received a thank you card for their response and transport to DHMC during a really stormy night. The crew was very kind and professional.
- The Trout Unlimited’s NH office will be conducting a series of Road Streaming Crossing workshops in Coos County this fall.
- NHDES letter stating they received a Standard Dredge & Fill application on behalf of David Hill property at 71 Rowell Road.
- Northpoint Engineering submitted an Application of Groundwater Management Permit for the Town of Lancaster – Former Cantin Property. A copy of the application is on file at the town office.
- Land Use Permits –
  - Dayna & Alyssa Brundle, 85 Third Street – Construct stick-built 12’x18’x8’ addition with metal roof on concrete slab to existing 14’x76’ mobile home, intended use as another bedroom.
  - Leah Hart & Tristan Williams, 150 Pleasant Valley Road – Flush-mounted rooftop solar arrays.
  - Suzanne & Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson, 77 Prospect Street – Removing old siding and replacing with vinyl siding.
  - Zina Schmidt, 260 North Road – Construct stick-built 20’x24’ shed on concrete slab intended use for storage.
  - Paul & Jill Martin, 131 Pleasant Valley Road – Renewal of previous permit to construct a stick-built 24’x36’x24’ 2-bedroom home. It meets all the set backs.
- Sign Permit –
  - Andrew Nadeau, 260 Elm Street – Hilldale Farm The Nadeaus

Public Input – Rob mentioned the Connecticut River Conservatory met last week. They have done a lot of work below Hanover and the plan is to start focusing on this area.

Kathy-Jean Lavoie reported the Conservation Commission has initiated the “No Mow May” program. She appreciates the Town’s support by not mowing Soldiers’ Park. They gave out 35 free signs and many people have been very positive.

Ben mentioned the roadside clean up day was successful with about 2-3 dozen bags of trash being collected. He would like to keep up the momentum and hopefully next year it will be bigger.

Ben also mentioned he will be out of town Thursday through Monday. He will be going to Michigan for his daughter’s graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker