

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 19, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order

Present: Andrew Robertson, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Fred McGarry, Alden Dill, and Cynthia McHugh, Selectmen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Robertson asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Nick Lawrence – Parks and Rec Quarterly Update

Chairman Robertson: The first thing that I will mention is that Nick Lawrence will not be joining us for the Parks and Rec Quarterly Update this evening which brings us into our regular business and we have outstanding minutes from July 6th, 2021 and we also have the minutes of the public hearing from July 6th, 2021.

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of July 6, 2021

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes of both the July 6th, 2021 regular meeting and public hearing

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries

Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest

Accounts Payable Manifest dated today - \$556,597.28

Chairman Robertson: Obviously, a good portion of that, a half a million dollars is going to the school district.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the accounts payable manifest as presented

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Vice Chairman Pitman: Another thing that you may want to bring up, Andy, is for Parks and Recs, the fair has approved \$2,500.00 toward the fireworks.

Chairman Robertson: Oh, great.

Selectman Dill: I thought that there was a horse show that day?

Vice Chairman Pitman: That has nothing to do with paying. They aren't going to have it at the grounds but they still paid.

Selectman Dill: Oh, excellent.

Vice Chairman Pitman: They may be holding them at the school. I don't know.

Selectman Dill: I don't know either. We haven't had a meeting there this week.

Signatures/Correspondence:

Chairman Robertson: There is a number of things in correspondence; primarily minutes from the Planning Board; a report from Ted Gatsas, public notice regarding some zoning adjustment things.

There is a letter from the Northwood Lake Association thanking us for presenting Warrant Article 4 for milfoil control.

There is a letter from Lucy Meyers and there is some more Planning and Zoning documents in there if you haven't had a chance to look at them.

Moving onto Signatures, we have several items. It looks like from Assessing. Maybe it's only one big item. It appears to be an actual Timber Tax Levy, yes, it is and it has the Intent to Cut on top.

So, we have a Timber Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,202.95 and this is being levied to Wayne and Carol Shock of 84 Mt. Delight Road in Deerfield.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to collect the Timber Tax Levy in the amount presented

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

And, in our regular correspondence file, we appear to have our regular signature file, we appear to have one or two items.

We have a notice asking us to appoint Frederick McGarry for the representative to the Southern NH Planning Commission.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to appoint Frederick McGarry as a representative to the Southern NH Planning Commission

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: Thanks, Fred.

Chairman Robertson: Everyone agree that Fred is the guy we want there?

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: And, we have a request to appoint Robert Cote, who is a Planning Board member as the other representative to the Southern NH Planning Commission.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to appoint Robert Cote as a representative to the Southern NH Planning Commission

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: Thank you to Mr. Cote as well.

Which brings us to the Town Administrator's Report.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harrington: Several weeks ago, I brought up a request to the Board that we needed to replace the Highway Garage oil tank and also the fill spout for the library. It was undersized and our current vendor would not fill it with that size and at the time, I offered that Rick Pelletier and Ray Ellis could do the installation and the refit for about \$1,200.00.

The Board never voted to allow that to go forward so I'm bringing that back to the Board to discuss and vote on tonight.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to allow Rick Pelletier and Ray Ellis to do the retrofit at the library for up to \$1,200.00

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Mr. Harrington: Next, some good news.

I was informed by Primex, the town's insurer, that we will be receiving a rebate totaling \$26,131.24. That is made up of our Unemployment Compensation Insurance, Worker's Comp and Property and Liability.

Most of their insured covered folks are getting a reduction in claim costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, claims were much lower than expected, so they are passing that on.

We will see the credit in the 2022 billing. That's the way they work it so when that invoice comes in, we will realize that savings.

Chairman Robertson: I believe that they call that a premium holiday or

Mr. Harrington: No, they still call it that. I just didn't use that term for clarity.

And, one of my last, and is the last, the R.B. Lewis sprinkler inspection, there is paperwork in your folders. That's the reason Ray Ellis is here this evening.

Apparently, we have done some preliminary testing trying to narrow down where the sprinkler tank may be leaking. It has long been thought of that it has been leaking. Since 2014, we have been talking about a leak there.

We've ruled out the piping from the tank over to the town hall which leaves nothing but the tank itself.

The only way to determine if it's the tank is to send somebody down into the tank which means removing the cover and R.B. Lewis has put together a proposal. You have that paperwork in your folder.

Chairman Robertson: The \$5,800.00?

Mr. Harrington: That is correct.

Selectman Dill: That's just for inspection, not repair, correct?

Mr. Harrington: Correct. And that will take two full work days, a large water pump rental and incidental charges are included in that.

However, if they find debris at the bottom of the tank that they have to remove, that would be an additional cost. There is a lot of unknowns once they get in there.

Some of the logistical issues that will need to be worked out with them, the fire chief, possibly the highway road agent is where are we going to put the 15,000 gallons of water that we have to offload out of the tank where it's not going to cause flooding or erosion or damage, so that has to be determined.

Of course, finding the right couple of days where that is going to be emptied, the town hall will have to be closed to anybody going in there during that time because the sprinkler system will be offline.

So, as I have more information, I will pass it on to the Board but I wanted to get started with this proposal of \$5,800.00 to get that repaired or at least inspected.

Selectwoman McHugh: This is just for the inspection?

Mr. Harrington: Just for the inspection to find out.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, if there is something wrong, it has to be replaced.

Mr. Harrington: Not necessarily. It could be repaired from the inside. That's the hope.

Selectman Dill: That is what I was going to ask you Ray, what's that tank made from?

Mr. Ellis: Fiberglass.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: I ended up calling Simplex-Grinnell. We had been told that it was a poly tank but it was determined from one of the people that was on the actual worksite, it wasn't a 10,000 gallon, it's a 15,000-gallon tank and it's actually made of fiberglass.

Selectwoman McHugh: How long has it been there?

Mr. Ellis: 2007.

Selectwoman McHugh: 17?

Mr. Harrington: 2007.

Selectman Dill: What's the approximate replacement cost for a tank like that?

Mr. Ellis: We didn't get a price on the tank yet because he thinks that it is probably repairable because of the amount of water that is leaking.

In about six weeks, we went through about 500 gallons of water.

Selectman Dill: There is a water spot over there.

Mr. Ellis: Yeah. It's always wet at the bottom of that hill and the one thing, at first, he told me it was a poly tank. I said Well, a poly tank is pretty rough, pretty strong, rather and it's sitting on ledge with a bed of sand because they couldn't get down when they put the tank in. That's why that hill is built up around it.

And so, when they told me it was a fiberglass tank, it's a little easier to puncture a hole through a fiberglass tank than a poly tank.

So, that had me concerned that there that's sitting on ledge and the sand over the years moves back and forth with the heat and the cold. It probably has a little friction going on and might have punctured a small hole in the tank.

That's what we think.

Selectwoman McHugh: And that's repairable?

Mr. Ellis: That is repairable if it isn't too big a hole.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's probably a crack.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just don't Okay.

Selectman Dill: I'm kind of going with you on this. It almost makes more sense to dig the darn thing up and

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, and replace it.

Selectman Dill: Especially, with the Rec Department, they are looking to redoing in front of where the chicken pit used to be and try and move the ice rink and some other stuff over there which I'm glad we found this before we starting into that.

Mr. Ellis: The only thing I know is that he told me that if the tank has to be replaced, the building would have to be disassembled. All the equipment would have to be pulled which means a crane would have to lift that pump out of there and the whole cement slab would have to be jack hammered to get the tank out because the tank is under it partially, underneath that slab.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, we are going to spend \$6,000.00 to inspect it.

Mr. Ellis: Correct.

At this point, he said that is probably the cheapest way to look about moving forward as far as to maybe repairing it and hopefully getting some more years out of it.

If you have to replace the whole thing, it is going to be quite a cost.

Vice Chairman Pitman: For the record, there is over 100,000 pounds sitting on a piece of ledge.

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, that's fine if they can repair it but it is still there, moving back and forth across this ledge, even if you repair it.

Mr. Ellis: Correct.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Good point, Cindy.

Selectman Dill: How soon are they looking to do the inspection?

Mr. Ellis: The inspection isn't probably going to be done right away. If we have to repair the whole thing, it will probably take some time.

Chairman Robertson: Does the Board want to try and find out what a replacement tank would cost before we authorize the although it did does sound like we will be in excess of \$50,000.00.

Mr. Ellis: You figure originally, it was about \$225,000.00 all tied up in everything.

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, that might be something that we want to look into, John, can we look into Primex and see if we have equipment breakdown or similar coverage that might come into play there?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Selectman Dill: We are going to have to inspect it to see what happened.

Chairman Robertson: I am assuming that they will come back and say that it's maintenance or aging ...

Selectman Dill: Or earth shift.

Chairman Robertson: but most of those packages have an equipment breakdown coverage rider on them that might come into play.

Selectman Dill: I guess the other thing that pops into my head is that we put in a bunch of cisterns around town in developments. Is anybody checking on those for the same, basic issue?

Mr. Ellis: Basically, from my understanding, the fire chief assigns them to some of the part-timers and they go around and check the pressure and ...

Chairman Robertson: I believe that they do check those regularly because they also put a chemical additive in the tank.

Selectman Dill: Maybe a dye to see if it is going out?

Mr. Ellis: There is a cistern at the bottom of the hill, too.

Selectman Dill: I just didn't want to be in a spot that all of a sudden, we find those are empty because we are dealing with the same issue.

Selectman McGarry: It is a confined space entry, will be and so make sure that they have a health and safety plan.

Mr. Ellis: They have trained guys.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to go ahead with the inspection with the estimate of \$5,800.00

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, we can't pump that out with a fire truck?

Mr. Ellis: Well, my understanding is that the fire trucks hold about 1700 gallons ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: No, just pump it out.

Mr. Ellis: Oh, just pump it with a fire truck.

Chairman Robertson: Just run hose down into the woods.

Mr. Harrington: Oh, instead of having the rental?

Mr. Ellis: I don't know what, you would have to ask Matt what that would do to the pumps but that's 15,000 gallons. That's a lot of water.

Selectman Dill: Plus, everything's, well no matter what we pump with, everything is saturated now no matter where we run it.

Mr. Ellis: I don't know if they want to try and pump it down back as there is a swamp down in the lower end. I don't know how much water that would affect that swamp and there are people that live around there.

Chairman Robertson: There is a stream that drains directly under Candia Road that actually goes into a pond behind and below the ballfield.

Selectman Dill: Well, after we just spent how much on replacing one of the pumps on the fire truck, I think for what we are probably looking at for rental for this pump, I think it might be a sound investment.

Chairman Robertson: Further discussion?

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: With the vote, we have enough votes to go for the inspection.

Mr. Harrington: And finally, I just want to point the Board's attention to an update, a printed update from the NH Electric Coop about their broadband expansion, there is an article in your folders, right at the back.

And that's it for me this evening.

Chairman Robertson: Great, thank you John.

Selectman Dill: How is the cable committee coming?

Mr. Harrington: I have five members. I'm giving them until the middle of this week then I will be sending out an email to have them organize and start holding their meetings.

Selectman Dill: Excellent. Thanks.

Chairman Robertson: One quick question and I assume that you haven't heard or you would have mentioned it, the SAU or the school board have they indicated what they had for surplus as we are now pass July 15th?

Mr. Harrington: I have not heard. I can check with them.

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, I would be interested to know. I assume that it will be stronger than last year considering the way that the school year went.

Other questions for John?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Is now a good time to ask about going to Rochester?

Chairman Robertson: Ahh, yes, it is and basically, I have to contact Michael at Groen Construction after the 26th, I believe is the date that was given.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It probably won't be next week.

Chairman Robertson: It probably will not be next week, no and if the Board is in agreement, what he suggested is, that we come to their office, if we are able, in Rochester so they can give us exact details on what they do and show us.

He said that they have plans for recent, similar buildings they've done. He said that they also have some, he wouldn't call them cookie cutter but fairly standard plans for police and fire stations for a town our size in the range of the square footage that we were discussing that they could go over with us.

Selectman McGarry: We should probably make plans to bring a copy of the plan that was prepared by the architects so they can take a look at that, too.

Chairman Robertson: Yup, and I did talk to Gary and the police chief is very interested in joining us as well. He said that he will clear his schedule accordingly when we made an appointment.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you.

Chairman Robertson: Okay, moving onto unfinished, new and other business.

Unfinished/New/Other Business:

Chairman Robertson: Just to kick things off, I will mention that Alden and I, several community members, Mr. Rhodes from the Heritage Commission, abutting land owners Brian Adams, George Thompson, interested party Ed Cross met at the Thurston Pond Dam.

We didn't all meet there at the same time and the state engineers came in from George's house because their GPS showed them that was the most direct route so they got a little more of a hike than the rest of us but the upshot was and it was Laura Mathes and I don't remember Dave's last name from DES, the Dam Bureau and suggested that we not plan to do much with regard to construction or improvement to the roadway or the dam.

But they strongly suggested that we consider, number one, beaver management in the area and number two, that a regular, annual maintenance plan and I guess my recollection is that we probably cleared that dam intake of debris and beaver debris about 2014 or somewhere around then and I think the Board pretty much wiped their hands of it and stated that yeah, they did it.

They suggested that we do it on an annual basis. They thought that the outlet looked more than adequate to handle the flow.

The landowner that actually owns the property under the pond and around the pond, Mr. Thompson, was quite agreeable that we do beaver control and whatever needed to be done with regard to debris and he said that he certainly wouldn't stand in the way and would give us written permission if we needed it to manage the beavers in that area.

Alden brought up an interesting conundrum walking up there. Noted that the dam is actually a Class VI Road and we were talking about what we might do to it and Alden pointed out that if you do maintenance or construction on a Class VI Road, you might end up being responsible for doing maintenance and construction on the whole Class VI Road which was not something that we were looking to get into so I was certainly pleased that the folks from the Dam Bureau said that just a little maintenance to the dam.

Selectman Dill: Right now, it looks like basically, we put a machine on the dam or the Class VI Road and clean, there is a bunch of sticks and beaver detritus that has moved down and I think it could be swept out of the way.

Chairman Robertson: That is exactly what we did before. I think Alex Cote was the highway agent then and we took a life raft up there in order to reach the debris without entering the water.

As long as your vehicle is not entering the water and you are not disturbing the actual bottom of the pond, that DES permits were not necessary but if you wanted to go in the water, you want to disturb the bottom, move stones, that sort of thing, we do need to do the DES permitting process.

Selectman Dill: The other good news about it, is now they have pictures of it with very high water.

Chairman Robertson: Water was going over the roadway when we were there. I meant to go up there this weekend. Hopefully, it is still standing.

The other thing that they did mention is that they have a fairly significant file but I don't believe that we have received that information yet have we, John?

Mr. Harrington: I haven't.

Chairman Robertson: The engineers lead us to believe that they have a fairly significant file with historical data, historical pictures, more up to date pictures and agreed that they would forward that to us electronically and I had mentioned that at the informal meeting that we would make that available to the abutters as well as other boards and committees in town that wanted to see it.

Selectman Dill: I found it really interesting. I had never been out there before and drove all the way out there and didn't find anybody. Luckily, I caught Andy on his way up and was able to follow him in there.

It's quite an interesting dam. I mean, I call it a Deerfield resource. I have never seen chunks of stone that big laid as a roadway and a bridge.

Chairman Robertson: There is one other place, very similar. Lang Road where it is discontinued. You wouldn't know it if you are walking on Lang Road but if you approach it from the side, the low-lying wetlands, the same thing. It's about a quarter mile of very integrated, well laid cut stone.

Thurston Pond was done in 1772, was the day that they started construction.

Selectman Dill: And they were impressed with what kind of shape it was in. Basically, whoever built that in 1772, did a darn good job.

Chairman Robertson: Other unfinished business? New business? Other business?

Selectman Dill: How are we doing with the parking at the apartment building next to Candia, well Church Street ...

Chairman Robertson: He delineated new parking areas at least with temporary paint and every time I went by, particularly the larger trucks, have been using the new ...

Selectman Dill: Yeah, they have been parking sideways. Is that the solution that they came up with, Fred?

Chairman Robertson: He also moved them in 2 1/2, 3 feet.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

I noticed a couple of weeks ago I didn't notice any change and now everyone is parking sideways.

Chairman Robertson: I did not talk to the road agent today. I know there was concern, at least two roads, that being Reservation Road, and I know Cindy took some pictures and alerted us on Sunday morning.

Griffin Road apparently went over as well and I did tell John that I was going to notify Steve today, the culvert at uphill, northeastern section of Haynes Road is completely blocked. No water was coming out and Haynes Road was a variable white water.

Selectman Dill: I know that I spoke to him with morning, The other two that you mentioned was Swamp Road and they were able to pull the screens on Swamp Road. He said that was receding pretty quick and I talked to somebody that drove through there about 11 o'clock and said that it was fine.

He said that there was some over run over Church Street as well but that was receding pretty fast.

For this much rain so fast, I think that we are doing pretty well.

Chairman Robertson: Well, I noticed at the bottom of Reservation Road, actually about probably 350 yards in, there is a low area that a brook that crosses under and that, clearly, the culvert is undersized.

There was a straight spout coming out the lower end and water was backed up to just about the road level above it but there was no debris.

Selectman Dill: I know that they were out grading the roads on Friday. I think that it was been washed down since.

Selectman McGarry: Yes.

Selectman Dill: Candia Road, the dirt portion, he is probably going to have to get some rebuild as there was some erosion going on down there and a lot of the ditches, I noticed, are packed full of stuff.

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, Haynes Road had a pretty deep cut as you go downhill from Harbingers on the left-hand side. It's probably a foot and a half deep with some undercut of the pavement in there so...

Selectwoman McHugh: Are they working on Friday's?

Selectman Dill: They were on last Friday. I may have lost track of the day.

Chairman Robertson: Typically, they are on summer hours.

Selectman Dill: Maybe it was Thursday.

Where on Griffin Road? I didn't see anything.

Chairman Robertson: Not Griffin, Swamp Road.

Selectman Dill: Oh, Swamp Road.

Yeah, Swamp Road was up quite a bit I heard.

Selectwoman McHugh: I guess I don't understand why the screens aren't pulled beforehand. We have the Weather Channel.

Let's pull those screens when bad weather is coming so that this doesn't happen.

Chairman Robertson: Yes, no I ...

Selectwoman McHugh: If anything happens up at Petra's and emergency vehicles can't get there

Chairman Robertson: I think that it is certainly something we can tell the road agent. Send him a memo to pay closer attention to screens and culverts before major rain events.

I'm kind of surprised they were still in since we have had 10 days of rain with a tropical storm followed by a thunderstorm that gave us four inches or better of rain too so ...

Selectman Dill: We have gotten five inches since Saturday. We have gotten ten inches since July 1. It's been quite a wet July.

Selectman McGarry: For sure.

Chairman Robertson: Other business?

And I am trying to think of something nagging at my mind that I should be bringing up but can't bring it into focus.

Selectwoman McHugh: Are we going into non-public?

Chairman Robertson: Do we need to?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes

Chairman Robertson: If you want to make a motion to go into non-public.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh moves to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries (Chairman voted)

Chairman Robertson: The regular session of the July 19, 2021 Selectmen's meeting is back in session. I would note for the record that no action was taken in non-public session and I would take a motion to seal the minutes.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries (Chairman voted)

Chairman Robertson: Okay, at this point, is there other new business or unfinished business that we need to cover?

Seeing none, I would move to Citizen's Comments.

Citizen's Comments:

Kevin Verville, McCarron Road:

The first thing that I wanted to bring up, I didn't intend to bring up but my neighbor alerted it to me. I was away this weekend so I didn't know what the weather was like.

There is a terminating culvert at the end of McCarron Road from the existing roadway and there is water gushing out from under that culvert so there's no water coming out of the pipe. It's coming from underneath.

My neighbor had noticed it because it was on his, more on his side of the road so that needs attention.

I'll call the highway agent tomorrow and let him know.

Chairman Robertson: We can certainly relay that also, Kevin.

Mr. Verville: What's that?

Chairman Robertson: We can certainly relay that, too.

Mr. Verville: Yeah, and I have a video if anyone wants to see it. He had forwarded me a video earlier today.

The culvert next to my house near the fire cistern when I got home Sunday was completely packed with crap and I called it in this morning and they had cleared it out before I got home so I was very happy to see that.

The real reason I wanted to come here tonight is because, and believe it or not, we're almost into budget season and our proposed budget didn't pass this year and when you crunch the numbers, there was a fifteen percent increase.

Two-thirds of that was salary increases and benefits and that was a huge driver and I don't think that the Boards and Committees were really up front and honest about that being the driver.

A couple of years ago, the select board put salary adjustments as a stand alone warrant article for town employees and it was very modest and it passed with flying colors. Right, it passed by huge numbers.

Now, town employees are certainly not going to get salary adjustments this year because we are on a default budget.

I would strongly encourage again, the select board look at how you're handling budgeting and perhaps doing it differently.

As another example, right, the select board used to put warrant articles for highway maintenance for certain amounts of money and specify specific roads and they always, virtually always failed because people would look at the question and say, Middle Road, I don't drive on Middle Road and vote no, right.

We finally decided to put a large sum of money two years ago, a stand alone warrant article, \$200,000.00. That's a good chunk of money. It passed with flying colors.

This year has been economically, very, very difficult for a lot of Deerfield families.

I was glad to see that question back on the ballot again. I passed again with flying colors.

If we look at warrant articles for life and safety, right, fire, rescue we haven't had really many for police but for things like that, the voters approve those things.

So, the last time a proposed budget on the municipal side passed, was 2017 but that budget was smaller than the default budget and for whatever reason.

The last time the budget, a larger sum budget passed was 2013 and I believe that it might have been the default budget. The default budget might have been bigger than the proposed and it passed.

The last time a larger, proposed budget passed was 2012 which is nine years ago so I would strongly encourage the select board that big ticket items and even medium ticket items that we believe are important priorities for the town, that perhaps we try it a little differently this year and we make them stand alone warrant articles so the people can see where the spending is being prioritized and make that decision because I believe, I believe, a lot of people just go for the smaller number and there are probably some people that do that but I believe that when the spending priorities are correctly articulated, people vote in favor and I would encourage us to do that going forward this year and give that a try.

Chairman Robertson: Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you. Well said.

Selectwoman McHugh: Thanks.

Chairman Robertson: Other citizen's comments this evening?

Seeing none or hearing none.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 6:35 pm

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: Thanks.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
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