

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 20, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

Present: Fred McGarry, Chairman, Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Alden Dill, Cynthia McHugh and Will Huebner, Selectmen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman McGarry: All right, Longevity Award for Kelly Roberts. Fifteen years of service to the Town of Deerfield.

Applause.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you again Kelly. All right, Fred Wallace to talk about Thurston Pond Road.

Fred Wallace – Highway Agent

Fred Wallace: Good Evening. I did a site visit up there on Thurston Pond Road to look at the water bar issue. I didn't get a tape measure out but I'd say there's an eight-to-ten-inch drop where the water bar is. Whether it was, I don't know if it was made by the water itself. There's no crown on the road. It's pretty flat. There's, like, no material on the road from the top of the hill down. So, I would suggest, if anything needed to be done up there, I think that you could probably start out with putting some sort of pitch on the road and doing some updating. Some ditch cleaning on each side of that road to get the water to go to the ditches and not run down the middle of the road but there is a driveway at the bottom of that hill, and that, I don't know how much water gets there now, I haven't been there in a hard rain event but if something like that blew the driveway out that would be a cause to need a driveway pipe at the lower side at one of the residents' houses. But the water bar that is there now, with a lower car, and I visited with Mark Young, he's got to plow over it, he doesn't want to hang up on his plow dipping into the backside of the water bar going up the hill. So, I definitely think there should be some improvement, I think, on the shoulders and the drainage. It may require a pipe. But you need to put some material on that hill cause there's nothing there. It's totally flat and it wants to pitch towards one of the residences as your coming down the hill. So, you could fix it, get rid of the water bar but you're still going to create a problem. It's going to keep blowing the center of the road out. So, I would suggest, probably, that that road gets some sort of pitch and some of the drainage update, cleaning, reshaping. Put some check dam, slow the water down. Hopefully it wouldn't blow that lower driveway out but if it did it would definitely be cause for a pipe.

Selectman Dill: What about just filling the water bar in with crushed stone?

Fred Wallace: Yeah, that's definitely an option. That would be a quick and immediate fix I would think because it would allow water to flow through the stone but I think eventually the stone would fill with sediment and still be back to square one. To fix it right, that's an immediate fix for sure, but to fix it right it would be a little more time consuming.

Chairman McGarry: I had looked at in the fall of last year and I think my observation was similar to Fred's. It's, I was estimating six inches deep, but it's not huge and I was able to drive over it with my car and not get stuck so obviously that's, uh...

Fred Wallace: Yeah, I just guessed too. I didn't pull out a tape measure. It appeared to be eight to ten inches once you went over it, once your tires fell into it. So, a smaller vehicle you would probably scrape.

Chairman McGarry: Well, I didn't scrape.

Fred Wallace: Nope?

Chairman McGarry: I've got a Toyota Camry with not a special suspension on it, so, I didn't sink into it at all, but obviously the situation we have is that it's a class six road, so that you wouldn't be able to do anything.

Fred Wallace: Right.

Chairman McGarry: It uh, I guess the only other issue would end be being, whether we direct the abutter to put the stone in as Alden had mentioned as a possibility.

Fred Wallace: I mean, that's definitely the way to start. Put some stone in there. Build it up. See if the water does what it needs to do, but like I say, there's a lot of leaves in the sides of the road, so. Sometimes leaves help, yeah, the water will slide across the leaves but once you get so many of them it kind of redirects water and may blow somebodies driveway out.

Selectman Dill: But like Fred said, it's a class six road. I mean basically, we could just advise the abutters to work with the road agent on a plan, basically, right?

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: Our hands are tied as to having the road agent actually do it.

Chairman McGarry: Fred could end up approving whatever they are proposing to do but Fred can't do anything.

Selectman Dill: Exactly.

Chairman McGarry: Mr. Thompson, did you want to participate in this discussion since uh...

Mr. Thompson: I think that I've said everything I can possibly say in the letters that I have sent so, but, my main concern is that my house, my driveway, my lot is after that trench, ditch, water bar, whatever you want to call it, I don't feel that I should have to drive through that to get to my property every time I go there and if it is a fix or something then maybe there's an alternative fix that wouldn't require a trench that I have to drive through. The other three residence on that road don't have to drive through it, just me, and Mark was going to, Mark Young was gonna be here tonight, but when he plowed, he did say it was a problem for him and there are also some stones that are built up on one side that he said get frozen in the ground and could be a serious problem for him. So, I'm not adverse to it being fixed, if it needs to be fixed, or the road needs to be fixed or whatever happens but, I just don't want to drive through a water bar, just think I should. I have a truck so when I go down there, I'm going to get stuck but it's certainly not a comfortable ride into my property every time. If I took my car which is a Dodge Charger, it's like a police car, has a longer wheel base, I think I would hit and so I'm going to do it. But, that's my only point. I understand the whole situation about class six roads. I understand the dilemma. I didn't dig the trench. I want the road to last. I'm going to be going in there myself. But I didn't have a problem with it, you know, I never saw a problem with that road before the trench was dug. I think primarily the reason that trench was dug by Mr. Adams was because the water was flowing down on the side and washing out the end of his driveway. He even said that in the letter he sent to the board. So, I mean, maybe he needs to put a pipe in the end of his driveway and that's what would solve it. Maybe it should be trenched, like Fred said, and then put a pipe under his driveway, or whatever, I'm not concerned. I own the other side of the road so I'm not concerned with what repair is made in good road standards but I don't want to drive through a trench. I think I should have to. I don't think it's a common road maintenance item and especially if it only applies to me. I think that's about it. I'd like to cooperate and if they said it needed a culvert to across the road that means it goes over onto my edge of the road, as long as it makes sense to me and Fred, and I'd get Mark to review it, I'd be okay with that too. I just don't want to drive through a trench. It's not fair to a trench only for me. That was it.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you. Any other board members have questions for Fred or Mr. Thompson?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I think they just need to work it out between them. I agree with George.

Chairman McGarry: Mr. Adams?

Mr. Adams: Seeing as my name was mentioned, Brian Adams 40 Thurston Pond, let me add to the circus that is the water bar issue here. There have been countless vehicles of all nature driving up and down that road since I have lived there. Mr. Thompson and his plow guy have both driven over the berm, trench, water bar, call it what you will, it's a little hump with ease. There is no problem accessing Mr. Thompson's land. In fact, if he's having trouble, I would recommend him come down from his own driveway at Middle Road. Try driving down that. So, the water bar that is there, much like the water bars that were put in by predecessor, are there to preserve the road much as the road has been preserved all the way up to the highest water bar. Beyond the water bar along Thompson's land is shit. The road is garbage. The road at the bottom where Mr. Thompson is driving his truck to his lot is perfectly fine, there is not a problem, and he's just trying to get the town to maintain a road to his benefit as he always does which is ludicrous. Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: What action do the board want to take on this?

Selectman Dill: I think we're back to the same spot. That's it's a class six road and like Dick said, it's gotta be worked out among the people that are working on the class six road. Fred and the road crew can offer guidance but we can't go fix it.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I agree one hundred percent. I don't know if that's something Mr. Adams and Mr. Thompson can work out together or...

Mr. Adams: Probably not.

Chairman McGarry: I think one of the possibilities that Alden had said, you could basically create a swale and fill it with stone...

Mr. Adams: That would be fine. I have crushed stone and would be happy to do that.

Chairman McGarry: Eliminate the hump that is there and have the stone act as, to fill in the hill.

Mr. Adams: Inaudible.

Chairman McGarry: Mr. Adams, if you would like to further discuss this come to the table, please. I don't appreciate you...

Mr. Adams: My apologies.

Chairman McGarry: ...hollering from the peanut gallery. Ok, so, I think that's a reasonable approach if you two can work together on that. Fred, does that sound like it could work out?

Fred Wallace: Yeah, I believe the stone could work.

Chairman McGarry: All right, so, I don't know if we want to, maybe, John, you could put a letter together to go to Mr. Adams and Mr. Thompson outlining what we discussed tonight and the recommendation from the board how best to handle it with Fred's recommendations.

Harriet Cady: Fred, with that mask, I'm not hearing three quarters of what you're saying. You are going to have to either talk louder or take it off.

Chairman McGarry: I'm not taking my mask off.

Harriet Cady: Then please talk louder.

Chairman McGarry: I don't know if any other people are having problems hearing me. Mr. Rhodes in the back can hear me so if you can't you should probably come up front. All right, next on the agenda, Anne Schultz.

John Harrington: Fred. Fred Wallace has two more he'd like to talk to the board about.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, ok. Fred. Like Columbo, one more thing.

Fred Wallace: The transfer station mowing, just as I came down into the meeting, I got the second quote. Sixteen fifty for make a difference per mow. I believe you guys have in front of you something from Bristol for mowing. Fifteen hundred dollars a mow.

Selectman Dill: Is this just the hill.

Fred Wallace: Yes, just the hill. Correct and Dan (couldn't understand) who does the roadside mowing he, I've asked him twice, he's, he has no interest in mowing the transfer station hill. He'd need different equipment.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman made a motion to go with Bristol at fifteen hundred a mow.

Second: Selectman Dill seconded so they could discuss.

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: How many times are we gonna have to mow it?

Fred Wallace: Twice. Twice a year we're mandated to mow it. Just so the root system don't get in.

Selectmen Dill: Yup.

John Harrington: and it's due now.

Selectmen Dill: yup, um, I'm sure it is.

Chairman McGarry: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, opposed no.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Fred Wallace: And I have on other thing I'd like to bring up about the transfer station water line. We dug the trench for the water line, price was including the water line. That one spot where I make the bend, where I had to dig the trench around the wing walls, the most I could get with that ledge right there was two and a half feet. So, we have two options, we could get the heated line which is two thousand dollars for every forty-five feet, then we run power to that in the winter to keep from freezing. But then I reached out to Steve Rollins and found out we can have him take a peek at it and he said two sixty-five an hour, he figured day and a half around the three thousand dollar mark he could probably hammer that ledge out. Then we'll just bed it in some sand.

Selectmen Dill: I think the hammering is probably long term a better solution to it.

Fred Wallace: Yeah, cause you know, you're always going to running power to...

Selectman Dill: yeh.

Fred Wallace: and I mean I guess there's ways you can put that, wire on a thermostat if it hit a certain degree but you're still going to be paying electricity to stop the water line from freezing.

Selectman Dill: I think it's safe to say we are all in agreement of this. Option B.

Selectman Huebner: Is it a reasonable price or do we need to get a quotation?

Selectman Dill: It's pretty reasonable for running it.

Selectman Huebner: two sixty-five an hour per day...

Fred Wallace: It's like thirty-three hundred or three thousand or something. It was like half the price.

Selectman Huebner: That's all inclusive of, two sixty-five an hour no matter what material or...

Fred Wallace: Yeah. He could come in and hammer it out maybe in four hours. I'm sure, you know, of course we don't want to get on the other end of it obviously but.

Selectman Dill: Hopefully it breaks up quick and easy.

Fred Wallace: Yeah. Well, some of it I think was ledge fill from Severino so, some of it we were able to get out. If you've, been you'll see the pieces that we were able to get out. But you know hammering rock is tough. You don't really know 'til you start hammering what you can break off of it. I thought it was a better option.

Motion: Selectman Huebner brings a motion to accept the proposal to blast the rock out with machinery.

Selectman Dill: Hammer the rock out, not blast.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Fred Wallace: Thank you.

Selectman Dill: Thanks Fred.

Chairman McGarry: All right, Ann Scholz is next. Pleasant lake protection association regarding Gulf Road.

Ann Scholz: Yes, good evening.

Chairman McGarry: Good evening.

Ann Scholz: Ann Scholz, I actually live in Northwood at one thirty-three Gulf Road and I am here to introduce our phase three of our watershed restoration plan. Some of you are new to the board, haven't been here when I've been here before presenting the work that we did. As you can tell from the timeline several projects have taken place at the lake. Last year DS awarded us without third phase of funding and this is to address a few sites along the narrow corridor of Gulf Road right adjacent to the lake. We have a lot of shore line, lack of vegetation, a lot of shoulder erosion and it's just not good for the lake to see all that directly discharged. So, I've been successful working with the town before on projects. These grants require a forty percent match and in-kind service is eligible for that match so, I do my work pro-bono for the association and then in the past we've used either residential donations or when the town has worked with us any of their personnel time, equipment time is all accounted as in-kind match so it becomes very valuable to work together on this. So, this project does span from the Deerfield section into Northwood. Two of the adjacent property owners are in Deerfield and there is other areas that are like shoreline erosion. So, how successful and how willing the town is to work with the Pleasant Lake Association would be like if maybe we could address some of those shoreline issues also. I have experience with DES, they do not like hard armoring, um, dumping a bunch of riprap and rocks is probably not going to be permitted so I did offer some details of some, like maybe, soft armoring which would be a core log and some plantings or something like that instead of dropping all kinds of riprap or anything. The road will not be widened. Northwood has indicated that they do plan to overlay Gulf Road, possibly 2023. I've heard hints now that it might be 24. But I'm thinking that I would still like to maybe take care of the shoulders because, like I said, the roads not going to be widened, there's not going to be anything, and maybe some way to prevent people from pulling onto the shoulders especially towards the lake because it just, it's not built to hold a lot of weight and any time heavy trucks or heavy vehicles pull over into the soft soils it's just creating ruts and that's creating a drainage pattern into the lake which is not healthy for the lake. So, my request here tonight is to see if the town is willing to work with us again on phase three. I don't anticipate any construction until next year. All materials will be purchased with the grant funding so there would be no money involved. We would just work with the administrator on using the town's vendors because there's all types of official procurements of the materials and stuff like that which has been very successful in the past so, it's like a reimbursement the town purchased ahead of time and then we reimburse the town with the grant monies.

Selectman Dill: Who would be doing the site work?

Ann Scholz: We are asking the town to help us with that. Mark Young in the past has helped. Steve Rollins did a little work for us on the road last summer, Sweat Road. I've approached Northwood. They are not as equipped as the town of Deerfield to the site work so it's still, still working on how that might move forward for the shoulder work but the request might be that, you know, Deerfield, the pleasant lake is mapped into the boundary of Deerfield so if working on the, doing all the shoreline work might be a town project that would be fantastic but also, you know, the road agent and his crew are willing and able to do that type of work also.

Chairman McGarry: I guess one question I end up having is if, would we end up having a problem having, Mr. Wallace, our road agent doing work along the shoreline that's actually in Northwood?

Ann Scholz: Yeah, that's what I'm wondering, what is the, you know. When the lake is lowered in the fall is the property line between the two towns at high watermark or...

Vice Chairman Pitman: It doesn't matter.

Ann Scholz: Doesn't matter?

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's just the stone bound is there.

Ann Scholz: I the property boundaries actually go into the lake, historically, for those properties.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, because there's not a whole lot of Deerfield on that road.

Ann Scholz: No, there's just two of those locations area actually...

Selectman Dill: Yeah, then it quickly becomes Northwood and Northwoods road and that would be my concern is that we could get into a whole whale of difficulty especially with grant money involved in fixing a road that's not in town.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Ann Scholz: Well, then my proposal would be just to stick with the two locations, any locations are still Deerfield.

Selectman Huebner: So, I think what Ann's asking for is not money, she's asking for assistance that we can then charge as money against the forty percent match that's needed.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: So, it's not really taxpayer burden except for the fact that, of course, we're using our resources that we pay anyway for doing other work and presumably, you know, there might be some other work that wouldn't get done as efficiently. But the value to the lake and to the property owners around the lake and the property values of the lake I think would be the offsetting benefit of why we would do that.

Selectman Dill: I'm not opposed to the idea. My concern would be, that we can't be working on another town's road.

Selectman Huebner: And I think we would have to address with Northwood that issue and either have them pony up some help for their part.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, they are going to have to do Northwoods part.

Selectman Huebner: Right. Or give us permission to fix some things.

Selectman Dill: This is always, this is a traditionally an issue anyway, usually from the Northwood end saying Deerfield's not taking care of our very short piece of this road. But that would be my concern, is just the historic issue of what road in what town.

Ann Scholz: Well, nine hundred feet of Gulf Road was repaired with the phase one grant with the assistance of Mark Young.

Selectman Huebner: I recall a few years back we, the whole entrance from Gulf Road down to the boat launch and down to the Deerfield line pretty much was sloped with a project where we raised it 'bout six or seven feet I think it was, right?

Ann Scholz: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Six or seven feet a little bit and that's what's led to the good drainage now around that area. Yeah, so these grant, you know, PLPA has cooperated with the town and the town has cooperated with us in numerous projects over the years and it's worked out to the benefit of everyone.

Ann Scholz: So, just to give you my timeline, there's been nothing done as far as putting together even schematics of what we're going to do yet. That all has to take place and it would be reviewed and approved. I'm pretty... reviewed by both towns. I could keep both projects separate, Northwood, Deerfield projects approved by the towns. Once that turns into like any type of final design plans it has to go to DES and then probably working on the environmental permits over the winter so that we could use next year's construction season.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I think running them as two separate projects would probably be a good idea.

Ann Scholz: That's no problem.

Chairman McGarry: Do we need a vote on this?

Vice Chairman Pitman: How would it be worded, John?

John Harrington: That the town of Deerfield would be willing to work on the PLPA third project with in-kind assistance through our highway department in the town of Deerfield as we have done in the previous two projects.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Selectman Huebner: I would like to say, as long as Ann's here, Ann received last year the Morton Award by the State of New Hampshire for lake, you know, attendance to lake quality and lake environmental issues. Very prestigious award. Only one person in the state gets it each year and she did achieve that last year and recognized for that so...

All board members congratulate Ann on her award.

Chairman McGarry: Dick brought up a question with regard to Haynes Road. Fred? Question in regards to Haynes Road and Mr. Young do you want to address the board on that or what?

Glen Young: I just had a couple things.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, go ahead.

Glen Young: Glen Young, 75 Ridge Road, long time listener, first time speaker. Haynes Road obviously posted, kind of wondering why and maybe for how long? Obviously, it affects me, my business is on the other end. I'm assuming it's the culvert that I guess I was supposed to change last year so it's not a new issue. Just kind of want to know what our plans are.

Selectman Dill: Well, I think from my opinion you hit it, that right now the thought was to stop trucking on it, stop the damage, get it fixed this fall and get it back open was my thought. As long as the paving bid comes in low enough that we have some extra money to do projects with because it...

Glen Young: So why does the paving...

Selectman Dill: The paving bid we had the other day basically sucked up all available monies that we had for road work. So, we re-bid the paving bid and we're hoping that come in low enough that we're going to have some extra money for other jobs like that.

Selectman Huebner: Didn't we also commit to cold patching the bad spots on Haynes?

Selectman Dill: Yeah but, the cold patch isn't going to fix the major...

Selectman Huebner: That's why we need to keep that closed to heavy traffic so it doesn't just ruin the...

Vice Chairman Pitman: What do you think the cost of that culvert would be?

Glen Young: I was just asked to replace it with Steve last year and that's as far as it went. I really know nothing about the culvert. I don't know why we didn't change it. Whether it was weather, didn't have time, I don't know.

Selectman Dill: It definitely needs to get changed.

Glen Young: So, wouldn't that be a priority? If it would need to be changed last year, shouldn't it be changed this year, if it's that bad? I don't personally think it's that bad. It needs to be changed but I don't see the road closure for it. I don't. My concern is, I just want to make sure this doesn't end up being a two-year, three-year, four, you know?

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Glen Young: I just don't see it but I understand you had a complaint and you have to do something about it.

Selectman Dill: The road is in pretty bad shape.

Glen Young: I get. I drive, I'm on it but you guys have a company that tells you your road, how bad each one is...

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Glen Young: ...and that's probably fourth, fifth on the list. So...

Selectman Dill: It's got a lot worse since that road survey was done.

Glen Young: How long ago was that?

Selectman Dill: That was four years ago. I would say the damage seems to have accelerated on Haynes Road for some reason as opposed to some of the other roads.

Glen Young: So, do we change the plan on what we do? and I'm just asking, I'm not complaining. I can go around; price of fuel is cheap.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I think it's just...

Glen Young: I just don't want this to turn into a five-year plan where I'm going to get writer's cramp paying for overload tickets.

Selectman Dill: I would say that, that is a priority road for the board after, we've got the jobs laid out for the paving jobs this year but I would say Haynes is the absolute next one on there and Fred's nodding so I think it's his...

Glen Young: But I don't know, as long as, I don't care about the whole road as long as the culverts changed so we can at least use that.

Chairman McGarry: The whole road is in poor shape.

Glen Young: Again, I travel it every day, I get it, but I don't think it's getting any worse than it has been.

Chairman McGarry: I bike it; I cycle it and it's pretty rough on me.

Glen Young: It's rough on a dump truck too. I travel it every day. I get it. I just don't want this to end up being a dead end where that's posted for, and you probably shouldn't have posted it, what, six tons, is that what it was?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't remember.

Glen Young: That's like mud season.

Selectman Dill: I thought it was just no thru trucking.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right.

Glen Young: That would make more sense but, so, every delivery somebody's gonna have to, like your home oil, and I'm just bringing this up. I, again, I can go around. I don't want to be that guy that, you know...

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't know why we need to wait till fall.

John Harrington: It was recommended, after talking to town council, that we needed to post a limit. You can't just put no thru trucking because it doesn't give a definition to what, what the definition of a truck is. Is it a pickup truck, is it a six wheeled dump truck, is it a ten-wheeler truck? You had to post some kind of definition otherwise the police have no boundaries in order to patrol it as well. That's the reason the ton limit was put on, Glen.

Glen Young: Which is fine but, you've got every delivery is going to have to get a call.

John Harrington: Those are, those are all exempt. Propane trucks, heating oil trucks, septic trucks by RSA those are all exempt.

Glen Young: They're not going to know that though. You're still going to get, I'm just making you aware, you're still going to get a call.

Chairman McGarry: Well, I think certainly, our intention was not to keep it posted for long. It's just temporary... (becomes inaudible, lots of people talking at once).

Glen Young: And that's my only concern, I just don't want to see it be a two-year, three year that...

Selectman Dill: I don't think any of us are thinking that. I think the thought was, let's just try to keep it from getting wrecked this summer and as soon as we can fix it, we're gonna fix it.

Glen Young: Great. I appreciate it. I'd like to know because like I said, fuel is cheap. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thanks Glen.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. All right. Review of outstanding minutes. June 6th. Minutes do show now who's, who spoke.

Selectman Dill: It's like a screenplay.

Chairman McGarry: Motion to approve the minutes?

Motion: Selectman Dill
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right, vouchers and payroll. We have an accounts payable manifest in the amount of sixty-five thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars and thirty-two cents (**\$65,385.32**)

Motion: Selectman Dill
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: No payroll. All right, signatures. These are all the parks and rec. (inaudible talking). All right we have a notice of intent to cut wood or timber on South Road. (Inaudible talking).

John Harrington: Fred, was there something under the left-hand side in the pocket? Underneath the PARS? Was it?

Chairman McGarry: Oh yes, Rhymes.

John Harrington: Yes, that needs to be signed as well.

Chairman McGarry: We've already voted on that anyway.

John Harrington: It's just the agreement.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah. All right. We already voted this, correct?

John Harrington: yes.

Chairman McGarry: An application for a property tax credit for a wood heating energy system.

John Harrington: It's a wood heat exemption and it was started prior to the four fifteen deadline. They just finished getting the last bits of information so it did make the cut off of April fifteenth. That's a late one coming to you.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. This is Andrew (inaudible, side conversation next to mics)

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: We have, what's this from Primex?

John Harrington: Those are cap agreements that when we are eligible to participate in this program it guarantees that our policy rates will not go above the indicated percentage in the agreements. That's for our property and liability and also workers comp.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. They have a maximum increase of nine percent they're showing?

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: For January twenty-first twenty twenty-three thru December thirty first. Sam thing for twenty-four and twenty-five all with a maximum of nine percent. Motion to authorize the chair to sign.

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Two copies I have to sign?

John Harrington: One is for workers comp and the other is for property and liability.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Two different documents. All right, the second one is workers comp and is showing a maximum increase of ten percent for all three years.

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have a request for road naming and this is from Mr. Kelly and the proposed subdivision off, basically the Cannata property, off Ridge Road and the name is, would be Balsam Way with the second choice of Christmas Tree Lane.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman; let me make a motion to go with Balsam Way.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: I ask this every time, Way is private, right?

Chairman McGarry: Yes, that's right.

Selectman Dill: Okay, so that's going to be a private road?

Chairman McGarry: Well, we don't, he's been before the planning board and we've had informal discussions, we haven't, he hasn't presented a formal plan. So, and he's discussed both having it as a private road and as a town road. So, we...

Selectman Huebner: So, can we provisionally say Balsam Way if it's private and Balsam Road if it's public.

Selectman Dill: I mean, that would be the easiest solution, I just wanted to make sure we were sticking with our plan.

Chairman McGarry: Balsam Way or Road depending upon whether it becomes a town road or not.

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: Could make that stipulation on the form.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Make a motion that we accept Balsam either...

(inaudible)

Selectman Dill: Oh. I'm sorry. I didn't realize we'd already had a motion.

John Harrington: Yep, we have a motion and a second.

Selectman Dill: Sorry Dick.

Chairman McGarry: All right. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: the naming is approved subject to whether it's a town road or a private road.

Selectman Huebner: We need something to make these meetings more exciting. Maybe Fred should use his gavel once in a while.

Selectman Dill: Now for those at home, what do we call the ones on the lake?

Selectwoman McHugh: Lanes.

Selectman Dill: Lanes, okay. Eventually I'm going to remember that. Ways, roads and lanes.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. All right, and this is the, we have the agreement that we discussed with the library and the, having the space at seven church street at basically no cost to the town, right?

John Harrington: That's correct.

Chairman McGarry: Right. Did we take a vote on this previously, or not?

John Harrington: Nope. We were, the board asked and to wait until the trustees had signed it. If you look at the last page, they've all signed it.

Chairman McGarry: The first (inaudible).

Selectman Dill: We still need to vote on this.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: Make motion that we, how are we doing this? Are we entering into this agreement?

John Harrington: Both you and the library trustees are signing off on the lease agreement as it's stated here.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Motion: Selectman Dill: I'll make a motion that the board of selectmen enter into the lease agreement with the library trustees for seven Church.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectwoman McHugh: That's the free lease, right? Doesn't cost us anything?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Yes. No charge to the town.

Selectman Huebner: What's the term of the lease?

Chairman McGarry: That was, month-to-month agreement which period will commence on the commencement date. It's month-to-month.

Selectman Huebner: Right. So, no matter what happens we can always fix it if we don't like it.

Chairman McGarry: Right. All right, I guess the intent is for the board to sign on the...

John Harrington: or right below one. I don't believe you took a vote.

Chairman McGarry: No, we haven't.

John Harrington: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: That's all we have on signatures, I guess. I do have to sign all these.

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have correspondence. We have, board of adjustments and planning board. Information from Mr. Gatsas on his activity of the executive council. We also have a letter of resignation from Denny Greig and dated June fifteenth, I am writing to provide you with my formal notice of my resignation from my position as welfare administrator as well as co-emergency management director and deputy health officer. My last day will be July eighth twenty twenty-two. What a journey. I'm grateful to the many wonderful people I have met through these years. It has been an honor to serve the residents of Deerfield. I will work to make the transition a smooth one as possible. Thank you for everything. Signed, Denise Greig.

Selectwoman McHugh: Thank you, Denny.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, we're sorry to see Denny go.

Selectman Dill: You'll be missed.

Chairman McGarry: Absolutely. My understanding is that you're moving to Cape Cod.

Selectwoman McHugh: Bigger and better adventures.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Bigger waves. Do we need a motion to accept the resignation (inaudible, very quiet)?

Chairman McGarry: and is there a second?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman

Second: Selectman Dill: I'll Second with regret.

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: Movement seconded to accept Denny's resignation letter with regret. I fully agree with that sentiment. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Thank you again Denny.

Selectwoman McHugh: What if we said no?

Selectman Dill: What if we said no? That's, I wondered. We don't accept it.

Chairman McGarry: All right, town administrators report.

John Harrington: Would you like to take the Bicentennial stairway railing quotes?

Chairman McGarry: Oh, yes. We have one from Fox Construction in the amount of four thousand nine hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents. We have a second proposal from Kevin J. Fisher and Sons LLC for seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars and the last one is from Abbey Run Construction in the amount of fourteen thousand dollars and I guess we're not really getting an apples to apples convert, a comparison here but.

Selectman Dill: It's interesting because the fox is talking more about the posts than I'm seeing on the other ones and the other ones seem to be more of a swale and I was asking Cindy earlier if it was all the same job cause it seems we're bidding on an excavation job and a carpentry job.

John Harrington: Fox answered what we were looking for and the way it was presented. The other two bidders were going above and beyond what we were looking at.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, it seems like a much larger excavation.

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: To Alden's point here, it, the quote from Fisher doesn't even mention the posts.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It must have specified...

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

John Harrington: They all met with Ray.

Selectman Dill: All Right.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman (inaudible)

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Chairman McGarry: Movement Seconded to the Fox Construction LLC quote, four thousand nine hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents.

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right, now town administrators report.

John Harrington: One question for the board, I have been getting requests from the public as to when the town hall would be open for usage again. The sprinkler repair has been finished. It just needs to be cleaned and readied for usage again but since the board closed it, it's up to the board to reopen it again.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion that as of today it gets reopened

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: The sprinkler is done?

John Harrington: Sprinklers are done all but the covers. The ceiling covers that go over the sprinklers, but the system is up and running and ready.

Selectman Dill: I didn't know if we had to wait until that was done.

John Harrington: They'll come back in when the covers, they had to order them. When they're ready they'll just come back and install them.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

John Harrington: I will need a brief non-public under d and I. And that's all I have for updates today. Oh, one other note, getting back to the board on Jeff Eames. Town council reviewed all the town documents and an additional document of the 1806 quit claim deed which I was able to find in our records and it does, his statement is the town has a reasonable argument that the discontinued road is currently still owned by the town.

Chairman McGarry: Very good. So that addresses that issue for sure.

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: Good. Now do we need a...

John Harrington: Non-public under d and I.

Chairman McGarry: No, I mean, it's with regard to Dow Road. Do we need a, I guess he would have to come in and McGarry to us, propose what he's going to be doing and then we could...

John Harrington: I think his initial presentation was to verify who is the current owner of the road. He was bringing in documentation to support that the town did. you asked me to check with legal counsel. He reviewed Mr. Eames's documents and I was able to find the deed in the 1806 book.

Chairman McGarry: So, could you send him a letter just...

John Harrington: Yes sir, I've already notified him that it was found to be substantiated.

Chairman McGarry: And I guess it would be a requirement by, well, I guess the planning board will actually address that.

John Harrington: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: When he comes forward with his plans.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah. Right. Okay.

John Harrington: And there was one other item under unfinished business which was the ZBA appeal if you want to address that before we go into non-public.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Yeah, I had put some information together and, you see the letter will?, and we want to proceed with that?

Vice Chairman Pitman: When's that due, before Tuesday?

Chairman McGarry: Yes. Well, no, it wouldn't be this month. All we had to do; we have to get the letter into them by thirty days from when their decision...

John Harrington: Correct, I'm thinking of the other...

Chairman McGarry: Right. So, their, and then that would then be, fall under the, probably in the July meeting for them to be heard and that, so they would either, if they accepted the appeal they would, what would probably occur in this meeting at the end of this month whether they accept the appeal and then it would show up on their agenda in July.

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: And then the other appeal with regard to Range Road, the subdivision by Mr. Cross, that'll be heard per the end of this month.

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: Right. Okay.

Selectman Huebner: And when is the deadline for any further letters of appeal or any questions...

John Harrington: I believe it's thirty days.

Chairman McGarry: Thirty days, yeah.

Selectman Huebner: And that, you recall what the meeting date was? I can't either. I'll find out. The meeting was on the sixth?

Vice Chairman Pitman: That was our last one.

Selectman Dill: No, Erroll was saying the twenty eighth.

Inaudible speaking from the crowd.

Selectman Huebner: I mean it's next on the twenty-eighth. What was that last meeting?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fourth Tuesday, I think.

Selectman Huebner: Did I pass the correspondence down? I think it's in there. It's in the correspondence.

Selectman Dill: The fourth Tuesday would have been the twenty-fourth.

Selectman Huebner: I'll get it later.

Chairman McGarry: But again, it has to be submitted thirty days from that date.

Selectman Huebner: Right. Only a few days left.

Chairman McGarry: All right. So.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Are you ready?

Chairman McGarry: I think we're ready.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II, first one, (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. And the second one, (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman Non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II, first one, (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. And the second one, (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Second: Selectman Dill.

Chairman McGarry: Movement seconded. Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Chairman McGarry: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And McGarry, yes.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right, no decisions were made in the non-public session. Have a motion to seal the minutes?

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Chairman McGarry: Movement seconded. Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Chairman McGarry: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And McGarry, yes.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right, new business.

Selectman Dill: I got something under unfinished.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Building Inspector.

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Selectman Dill: Somebody pointed out the other day that it's coming up rather quickly and we're gonna, when are we hiring somebody, are we gonna have an interim coverage because that's coming up really quick. We keep thinking the end of June but it's going to be here before our next meeting.

John Harrington: I would suggest forming a subcommittee of two board members and myself to take up any interviews and then report back to the board with recommendations.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy and I can do that.

Chairman McGarry: You guys want to do that? Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: I can do that.

Chairman McGarry: Dick and Cindy.

John Harrington: Okay. I can talk to both of you and get a schedule together within the next week or two.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Next week probably.

John Harrington: Yep.

Chairman McGarry: Have we had any applicants?

John Harrington: Yes. We've had two interested parties.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And then do we have a plan too for interim coverage between when Rick leaves and we hire a new person?

John Harrington: It depends on when any applicant is available to start.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: What about the Clerk?

John Harrington: I did speak to the current clerk and they are interested in taking on the five extra hours and would need a wage adjustment.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: And I can speak to the both of you and I think both recommendations can come forward to the board at the same time.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Sounds Good.

Chairman McGarry: All right, I did get a letter last meeting that was from the agency that's in charge of Pawtuckaway and apparently, they are going to be expending quite a bit of money and updating Pawtuckaway and the infrastructure there and the question was, did we want a presentation from the state on those upgrades that are going to be occurring in Pawtuckaway State Park?

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: We do? Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: Absolutely.

Chairman McGarry: So, I will contact them and ask for a presentation.

Selectman Dill: Especially for the road access we have in, you know, how is that going to affect Reservation Road and the usage of Reservation Road?

Chairman McGarry: It didn't appear there was going to be any work taking place on Reservation Road.

Selectman Dill: No, I just meant the overall, you know, how the state sees their expansion or improvements in Pawtuckaway, how that's going to affect us and, you know, if they have any mediation, remediation to help us.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. All right, so, I will contact them and see if we can get something set up. Any other business? And Citizens comments? Mrs. Cady?

Harriet Cady: Listening to the people that are living on Thurston Pond and even though the town closed it they abandoned it and nobody's supposed to do work on town property, it's owned by the town and it sounds like somebody has been. The road law is quite clear that if the town goes in and does anything on that road, they have become responsible and have opened it so, I think this is something you might want to write a letter to the person and send a copy of that law so they understand the towns owns, they don't want you doing anything to it. I understand like Bab Road, Aaron makes sure that fill gets put in so that the people that live down there don't get stuck because he's friendly with them and I'm sure Thurston Pond people put fill on it but when you do something that fixes it so water won't go on your property that's always gone that way, you don't have a right to do that to the road. So, the person may want to find out if the state gives them some permission to do something on water drainage.

Chairman McGarry: Any other Citizen comments?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman motions to adjourn, 6:55 pm

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: July 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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