

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
August 22, 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.**

John Harrington: All, right, if I could have you take the invoices for the air conditioning out of the order since Ray is here to talk about them. They should be in your signature folder.

Selectwoman McHugh: You gonna go home or something?

(Inaudible response from the crowd)

John Harrington: (Inaudible) ...together with a clip, maybe the one in your upper hand.

Chairman McGarry: Townsend Energy?

John Harrington: Nope. You passed it, I think. Nope, next one. They'll be two bids in there.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Thayer LLC.

Raymond Ellis: And LeBlanc.

Chairman McGarry: From Auburn Maine? The one for three thousand three hundred dollars? And a bid from LeBlanc heating out of Bedford for a price of three thousand eight hundred ninety-five dollars and nineteen cents. Ray, you want to address these?

Raymond Ellis: Yeah, so last we talked we had decided to go for a new unit for Kelly and the guy had told me it was going to be around thirty-one hundred dollars and then he sent me the quote and it's thirty-eight ninety-five nineteen. So, this Gary Scholler came by and he said he does the same thing and they're every bit as big as LeBlanc and he would love to put a bid in. So, I said, you know what, I'll take a bid if you can get it to me before Monday night. So, he did and it come in at thirty-three hundred dollars. So, he was cheaper than LeBlanc. So, I wanted to make sure I presented both of these to you so that you can see them and if you think that we should go with Thayer we can give them a call and try it for thirty-three.

Selectman Dill: The same unit and everything?

Raymond Ellis: Same exact unit. I took him out and he took the numbers and model numbers off it and he, so, it's tiff for tat on these two bids. So, we've been doing business with A.J. LeBlanc for the last five years that I've been here and he quoted me one price and then when it came in it was thirty-eight hundred ninety-five nineteen and so I said, well, we got nothing to lose why don't we try Thayer and see what he has to offer and he's looking for new accounts. So, I said, all right, give us a bid. So, he did and it come in at thirty-three hundred.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to with Thayer out of Maine for thirty-three hundred.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: So, did LeBlanc give any justification for the increase of the initial investment versus (inaudible, mic being hit)?

Raymond Ellis: The only thing that they said was that costs were a little bit higher than what he thought.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah, like eight hundred.

Chairman McGarry: All right, any further discussion?

Selectman Dill: How soon can they get it done, Ray?

Raymond Ellis: I haven't even called him. I told, he got the bid to me the day before yesterday and so I told him I would bring it up Monday night and I'm not going to call him back and unless you guys want to go that way.

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Raymond Ellis: Then I'll call him and find out how long it'll take to get it in and then tomorrow we're supposed to have the library's oil tank supposed to be, they're going to start that tomorrow. So, we'll be moving forward on both of those projects.

Chairman McGarry: Excellent. All right, we have the motion and a second. Any further discussion? Contract with Thayer LLC and have the chair sign the agreement. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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

Raymond Ellis: Thank you.

Selectman Dill: Thanks Ray.

Chairman McGarry: All right, accounts payable. We have a total manifest for sixty-seven five fifty-eight and ten cents.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Payroll manifest. Gross payroll of eighty-seven thousand nine o seven twenty-three (\$87,907.23) with a net payroll of fifty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-two cents (\$57,356.92).

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: A letter going to the Department of Environmental Services with regard to Pleasant Lake and a request for them to do an environmental impact. I think we've already discussed this. Just a matter of board members signing it.

Selectman Dill: Do we have to vote on that Fred?

Selectman Huebner: We voted last...

John Harrington: I think you voted the last meeting to put the letter together.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And we have a memo going out to everyone in town with regard to the drought situation that we have. Watches on use of their water.

Vice Chairman Pitman: what do you mean by going out, Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Is this going to be posted John?

John Harrington: Once that's signed it'll be posted both physically here and at the post office, town web page.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Right, we're not mailing it.

Chairman McGarry: No.

John Harrington: No.

Selectman Dill: Unfortunately, we've used this letter a few too many times in the last five years.

Selectman Huebner: This is only a recommendation. It's not a binding...?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have the lease agreement?

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Kristen Morell. What, picking up Claire's?

John Harrington: That is a lease agreement for the space previously occupied by Country Cuts. She came in today to sign it and agree to all the terms.

Chairman McGarry: Right. Okay. A motion to, any issues at all?

John Harrington: Nothing that has been mentioned.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

**Motion:** Selectman Huebner makes a motion to accept the lease agreement that's signed by the new owner, the leasee.

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: The only thing that came up on that is there may be an addendum for the electric usage.

John Harrington: Thank you.

Selectman Dill: Which, I was wondering if you were going to bring that up.

John Harrington: Thank you. Upon having an investigation apparently, the electrical wiring for that unit is not currently set up to accept a meter. It would take a substantial amount of money to set that up to go on a meter. So, what was suggested by Ray is he could go in and do an energy audit of all the electrical equipment in the unit and then meet with the tenant to find how often those pieces are going to be used, come up with an agreeable amount that would be paid monthly and that would include seasonal use of a window air conditioner that she would have to supply as well.

Chairman McGarry: Oaky.

John Harrington: I thought that was the fairest way of doing it otherwise the town would have to commit to substantial electrical costs just to put a meter in.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: Was that brought through here?

John Harrington: That was something I presented to her. She was in agreement with that and she understands that signing this right now, until we have that energy audit and we can come up with an agreeable amount monthly, she wouldn't be charged until we come up with that sum and then I will bring

forward an addendum to this lease which spells all that out. But, in order to get her on board for September first, I wanted to move this forward now.

Selectman Huebner: And this is a three-year lease?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

John Harrington: Three-year lease, yes.

Selectman Huebner: So, do we have to revisit the electrical, you know, as electrical use charges go up or down?

John Harrington: We can do it annually.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, probably...

John Harrington: I can put that in the addendum.

Selectman Huebner: Although, I think electrical charges, at the moment, are pretty high.

Selectman Dill: They are.

Chairman McGarry: All right. So, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. 4-H.

Selectman Dill: This has been a much bigger issue than we ever anticipated.

John Harrington: Did everybody receive Evan's additional information over the weekend?

Vice Chairman Pitman: (Inaudible) ...that was Adobe or something?

Selectman Dill: He resent it out later as a Word because I had the same issue. About an hour later.

Chairman McGarry: I think what he was that, what's her name?

John Harrington: Our previous assessor?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

John Harrington: Assessing Clerk, incorrectly applied an exemption to both Boy Scout buildings. They should never have been awarded those exemptions in the first place. They're currently taken out so they will not get an exemption for the second half of the tax bill. However, they are more than eligible to apply next year under the same charitable exemption that 4-H can apply to but that doesn't really change the recommendation on 4-H.

Chairman McGarry: We just know what happened with regard to (inaudible)...

John Harrington: 4-H is welcome to apply as a charitable organization but not, they don't qualify for the educational exemption.

Selectman Dill: Just to point out, this is the Rockingham 4-H foundation not 4-H cooperative extension. It's two separate entities.

John Harrington: Yep. Right.

Selectman Dill: Just for the minutes to reflect that one.

Chairman McGarry: So, it is possible they could apply as a charitable organization?

John Harrington: Correct. Next year.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's too late this year?

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, what's the board's pleasure? Grant or deny?

**Motion:** Selectman Huebner makes a motion to deny the one that we have which will result in the denial of the other one.

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

Selectwoman McHugh: I don't understand. The, so, now the Boy Scouts will be, get charged for the...

John Harrington: The second half, yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: And they can apply next year also.

John Harrington: They can apply in the spring next year prior to the deadline for a charitable exemption.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, worst case they're going to get charged a half...

John Harrington: Half a year.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Half a year.

John Harrington: And that was only discovered because the board asked to review the other exemptions and when they reviewed them, Evan Roberge or assessor, realized incorrectly applied.

Selectman Dill: There was a change made May twenty-second two thousand twelve by Penny to change 4-H or to the Boy Scouts to exempt municipal which is why they were exempt. Which obviously doesn't fit too municipal.

John Harrington: Right.

Selectman Dill: I guess that brings up the other question of, are we going to check on, are there other ones just floating around like this that have been ten years wrong?

John Harrington: I can certainly have Kris start looking through all of them.

Selectman Dill: Because that seems a little weird that it was put down as a town-owned parcel. But he does go on to say that they can't, they should be able to be granted a charitable exemption but next, next year.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, can we waive 4-H's first half of the year to be fair and...

John Harrington: Actually, they were granted the exemption. First tax bill has already been due.

Selectwoman McHugh: Who?

John Harrington: The Boy Scouts.

Selectwoman McHugh: No, I'm talking about 4-H. Can we waiver their first half just so it can be fair and...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Give them a chance.

Selectwoman McHugh: I don't know, I'm just, we don't' do it for one and we don't' do it for the others.

John Harrington: (Inaudible)

Chairman McGarry: Right.

John Harrington: This letter is either an acceptance or denial...

Selectman Dill: But would they get billed for the first bill since that's already gone out, retroactively billed? I guess is Cindy's question.

John Harrington: That is something I would have to ask Evan.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just want it to be fair for...

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Well, I think we're not saying that we're going to correct it all the way back to the beginning of two thousand twelve. We're saying that from this point forward we can't give them that...

John Harrington: That's for the Boy Scouts. I believe Cindy's talking about 4-H.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: ...and then for 4-H who have had the exemption denied, right?

John Harrington: They've not had an exemption.

Selectman Huebner: Right, but they've applied for an exemption. We're going to deny that (inaudible, people talking over).

John Harrington: So, I believe what would have to happen is, you'd either approve or deny this document, I could go back to Evan and then if the board wanted to, they could do another document for a...

Selectman Dill: Abatement.

John Harrington: Abatement for the first portion of the first half of the taxes. Thank you, Alden.

Selectman Huebner: But as far as we know every booth at the fair, this coming fair, will be there only no one will have an educational exemption.

Selectman Dill: Well, there'll be other, I assume the 4-H building and the school building and there's a few more I can think of that probably do have an educational exemption.

John Harrington: Boy Scouts were the only ones that's what they looked at. All the fair buildings.

Selectwoman McHugh: Those big fair buildings have come out, I think.

(Inaudible, a few people talking at once)

John Harrington: These are the only two entities that currently have an exemption on the fair.

Selectman Dill: So, does the fair pay taxes on the, boy, we're really getting into the weeds here that I never thought of before. Does the fair pay taxes on those educational buildings?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Selectman Dill: Even though those are clearly educational buildings.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yep.

Selectman Dill: All right.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: It takes years for us to figure these out but...

Selectwoman McHugh: I said, well...

Chairman McGarry: Just as a point of information the, this was their two thousand eighteen bill and with a tax rate of twenty-three O seven, which was less than that now, the bill was a hundred and forty-eight bucks.

Vice Chairman Pitman: For the whole year?

Chairman McGarry: oh, no, for the half year.

Selectwoman McHugh: I know it's not a lot of money. It's just gotta be fair to both of them, that's all. I'm trying to think of...

Selectman Huebner: Well, to be clear, the Boy Scouts were the only organization that had an educational exemption. Not the 4-H. The 4-H applied for one...

John Harrington: They were classified as a municipal exemption.

Selectman Huebner: Okay, that's right. At a municipal, right. And then the 4-H applied for an educational exemption which wouldn't be proper in this case by the assessor's assessment.

Selectman Dill: Now I did talk to the 4-H foundation, their thinking was that since it's the food booth they're teaching kids how to properly handle food and serve the public which they thought was educational which is why they applied for an educational exemption in there. So, I, as I ran into some members of the foundation the other day, I forwarded along that they ought to do it as a charitable.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Any further discussion?

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

Selectman Huebner: For the record let's just state that the board has no, nothing against the 4-H club or the Boy Scouts of America.

Selectman Dill: No and...

Selectman Huebner: It's simply proper procedure.

John Harrington: That document there, Fred, is merely to have a board co-sign. My signature was just to get the work started. You've already approved that but it needed an electronic signature to get the work started.

Chairman McGarry: This is Townsend Energy and (inaudible)

John Harrington: That's to replace the tank. I had called Dick to let him know I was doing that.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. We already voted in favor of that anyway.

John Harrington: Correct. This is just to get a board signature

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible) ...being the Vice President of the fair.

John Harrington: So, you're abstaining?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: So, you've signed electronically (inaudible)

John Harrington: Just as a counter signature because I'm not authorized to sign contracts.

Selectman Huebner: Whatever happened to the letter the DES. It never made it down here for signature. Were we supposed to sign it today?

Selectman Dill: I thought we did.

(inaudible)

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I thought we signed that.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, we did.

Selectman Dill: It was like the second thing we signed.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

(inaudible)

Chairman McGarry: Correspondence. We've got Morris requesting to install a (inaudible) park bench (inaudible) playground, for her husband, John Morris. The location for that?

John Harrington: Mrs. Morris had a conversation, I had a conversation with Mrs. Morris, apparently, she has started the discussion with Nick Lawrence prior to his leaving and he indicated to her that as long as it wasn't permanent and it could be moved, which this is. It has plastic anchors that go into ground. He got the okay from the commission and it's finally come in. Now she's just looking for formal permission to put it in. I have no idea where it was discussed to put in. That would be something I'd confer with Eric and get his opinion on where the best place to put it is.

Selectman Dill: But this is us just accepting the donation.

John Harrington: Correct. She just wants to get permission to put the bench out.

Chairman McGarry: Apparently her, in her email here, she's saying her son and son-in-law will install it wherever we direct to be installed.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion to accept the donation.

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

**Discussion:**

Selectwoman McHugh: What is it again, Fred?

Chairman McGarry: It is a five-foot park bench.

John Harrington: It's made out of recycled plastic.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, the commission will place it?

(Inaudible)

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: All right.

Selectwoman McHugh: We get her a thank you?

John Harrington: I didn't put a copy of the draft minutes; you all received them for the fiftieth or did you...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Not yet.

John Harrington: Not yet?

Selectwoman McHugh: Sunday at 2 a.m. maybe.

John Harrington: I'll hold off and those on the twenty-ninth.



Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: There's like a three second delay echo I'm hearing on our...

John Harrington: I don't know what to tell you. It could be because the room is empty.

Selectman Huebner: It might be going in that mic and...

Selectman Dill: Yeah, it's kind of odd. Oaky.

(inaudible)

Chairman McGarry: Information we have the Planning Board minutes. Planning board agenda for Wednesday night. (Inaudible, others talking on the side) ...decision by the ZBA, (inaudible) to Joe Reed, property on South Road. (inaudible) ...Geraldine Matthews for her generous gift to the above parcel. This is from Eric and Kathy Berger. And then Ted Gatsas and what he was doing up at the state house on the GNC. All right. Next item we have, unfinished business. Town Administrator report?

John Harrington: I do have a few items.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: Fred checked with the roadside mowing. He's going to begin in about one and a half weeks and he'll be in town. He's going to have two machines working and hopefully complete it within a week.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: I have as proposed start date for the paving projects on South, Middle, and Birch. September thirtieth. There's a bit of a snag with that. We were counting on four highway people to provide two flagging crews. With Fred leaving we're going to be one flagger short. They can still start the work but that what that will do is lengthen they'll be in town. They'll only be able to work on South Road without simultaneously working on the overlay. So, what I'm going to ask the board is, there's two possibilities, we could either, put the request out to our own police department to see if we can have one officer join the second highway crew that way, we're keeping the expense in town or Pike will find one flagger for us to offset. So, I wanted to know which direction you'd like me to go in. it will be more expensive to have our own person, slightly more than Pike. I believe their rate was fifty dollars an hour.

Selectman Huebner: And by using Pike don't we also leave the responsibility reliability with them when they hire somebody versus a police officer here.

Selectwoman McHugh: We're only hiring one though, correct?

John Harrington: Right. We have three so we'll have one...

Selectman Huebner: We already have liability in for three of them.

Selectman Dill: I know, South Road is pretty heavily traveled. I'd rather see one of our cops up there, myself.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, it's probably going to a question for Gary.

John Harrington: If someone's available and if someone's interested.

Selectman Dill: And if nobody is then go with Pike.

Selectwoman McHugh: They may want PD up there.

John Harrington: It's a possibility. I have...

Selectwoman McHugh: How long is this gonna take?

John Harrington: I haven't, he's sending me an email with all the particulars but I believe, South Road itself, will take four days of reclaim and then another day or two of grading and compacting and then they will start the paving. So,

they are hoping to finish that within a week or a little bit more. If we have a simultaneous crew working on the shim and overlay, that can be done in less than week...

Selectman Dill: They know this has to be done before the fair, right?

John Harrington: Yes. That's why I'd rather hire another flagger so we can have both jobs going on at the same time. Otherwise, if we just provide them with two flaggers, they'll have to send the paving crew somewhere else when they've already got them scheduled coming here.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: So, either way I can approach the police department, see if an officer is available or work with Pike to get one of their people.

Selectwoman McHugh: I would check with Gary first, like I said...

Selectman Huebner: And if he's not having anybody interested then we'll go with the Pike.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

John Harrington: Yeah. Okay. And the last update for you, we've had...

Selectman Huebner: John, so, there's South, Birch and a portion of Middle?

Chairman McGarry: Middle, right.

Selectman Huebner: What about the, there was some fix for Haynes wasn't there.

John Harrington: A quote came in and the board reviewed it and they did not make a decision.

Selectman Huebner: Oh, that's right.

John Harrington: It was rather high at a hundred and twenty-five dollars a ton, I think.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, and his bid price was like eighty bucks, eighty something a ton.

John Harrington: Right.

Chairman McGarry: So, it was almost...

Selectman Huebner: And the price that we're for this paving at dollars per ton, do you happen to remember?

John Harrington: Seventy.

Chairman McGarry: Seventy, yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Seventy, that's right. That's why we didn't do it.

Selectman Dill: Now, can we ask Pike for a, did we ask Pike for a...?

John Harrington: That was the Pike quote.

Selectman Dill: that was the Pike.

John Harrington: It was forty-five thousand dollars for a little over six hundred feet.

Selectman Dill: Shoot. I was hoping they were already in town and they could just do that easier.

John Harrington: That was the reason why we got the quote early.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. So that leaves that job completely...

Selectman Huebner: Undone.

Selectman Dill: Undone, yeah, that's a good way to put it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I think we should check again.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Ask Pike again about it?

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible).

Selectman Dill: We've got to do something. We can't just leave that. I don't know how they're going to plow over it if we don't...

Selectman Huebner: It'll be a dirt road.

Selectman Dill: And it's not just that road. We got a bunch of places where I think we really need to shim before we can plow.

Chairman McGarry: You know, on Haynes Road have we heard another from Steve Keech?

John Harrington: Nothing.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, I'll send him another email.

Selectman Huebner: I understand they were digging some swales along one of the roads in preparation for the paving.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, they did some work on South Road.

John Harrington: He's just doing ditching all over town just as water management. Not necessarily in preparation for paving.

Selectman Huebner: Oh, I see.

Selectman Dill: Cause it doesn't cost us money.

Selectwoman McHugh: That money that we just voted on, that wouldn't help Haynes Road?

Selectman Huebner: That one twenty-eight?

John Harrington: Absolutely it would, yeah.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

John Harrington: I can ask him for another quote.

Selectman Dill: Can you hit R&D for a quote on shim and overlay too? I mean is Pike I our only bet here?

John Harrington: Well, if you follow our purchasing policy anything over ten thousand dollars is a RFB, it's a bid.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

John Harrington: So, I should be putting out a bid for it.

Selectman Dill: Can we just do a blanket bid for shim and not say where?

John Harrington: That's kina hard. You have to specify, they're looking at condition, width, length.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Aren't we under a time constraint though because of the winter coming?

Selectman Dill: As long as there's no snow on the ground and frost doesn't...

John Harrington: The hope was to have the culverts changed out and that job fixed. It would probably be in the best interest of the town to have it all done at one time. Fix the crumbling pavement and repair the hole for the culvert and we're nowhere near putting the culvert in yet.

Selectman Dill: We can lay pavement until November. I mean, it's not ideal but as long as the grounds not frozen, we can still put pavement down.

Chairman McGarry: Typically, DOT requires paving up to November fiftieth and if there's no frost on the ground Alden says you can still pave.

Selectman Huebner: So, I think the issue obviously is we don't have to plow over Haynes in this condition that it's in now. Really end up with nothing on the ground.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, we're going to be wrecking equipment plowing over it.

Selectman Huebner: We've got to figure out a way to get that done before winter or before snowfall.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: So, it really comes down to what the state says of the culvert then, right?

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: That's our major next hurdle because there's no way we are going pave and dig it up next year to redo the culvert.

Chairman McGarry: Right. Exactly.

John Harrington: The tanks for the highway garage to offload the waste oil, there's quite a variety of costs involved here. Locally we're looking at five hundred and eighty-five dollars a tank. To order them and have them shipped in the price goes down substantially. One company was a hundred and ninety-nine dollars and the other was two hundred and forty-eight but when you add in shipping of nineteen hundred seventy-three for the first and nineteen hundred eighty-four for the second the price for each tank goes up substantially.

Selectman Dill: I sent you a link on marketplace.

John Harrington: Tractor supply is four forty-nine ninety-nine in town and the link that you sent us, Alden, was to a Facebook page with a local nursey, he will only deal with cash.

Selectman Dill: But it was only like a hundred and fifty.

John Harrington: A hundred and twenty to a hundred and fifty.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think I sent the same link to Fred.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: In Candia?

Selectman Dill: Or Hooksett or something like that.

Selectwoman McHugh: And what size tanks are these?

John Harrington: They're all two seventy-five.

Selectwoman McHugh: they're all two seventy-fives.

Selectman Dill: Those generic...

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible)

John Harrington: So, I'm trying to work out a way to, we don't have a drawer of cash or a box or anything, we just, we're a municipality. We don't deal with cash.

Selectwoman McHugh: (inaudible) ...a check, like how I take a check.

Selectman Dill: Did you check with Clark's up in Chichester?

John Harrington: Yes. They either didn't have any or they only had a couple.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

John Harrington: Yeah, we've, Paul Colby's been helping out, calling around looking for these things.

Selectman Dill: They were a dime a dozen two years ago. They were everywhere.

John Harrington: And this business in Hooksett has got more enough but it's figuring how we're going to pay for them. I'm still working on that.

Selectwoman McHugh: They can't take the credit card?

John Harrington: Cash only.

Chairman McGarry: In a brown paper bag.

John Harrington: That's what it's going to be if I can figure out a way financially to make it happen, I will let the board know.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can we send you all over.

Selectman Huebner: Can a citizen pay for them and then get reimbursed by the town?

John Harrington: Yeah, they could.

Selectman Huebner: I can easily do that.

John Harrington: Okay. Why don't I have a conversation with you offline.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: You got a truck?

Selectman Huebner: No.

John Harrington: We'll do the transfer.

Selectwoman McHugh: I mean, how many two seventy-fives are we going to get down there?

John Harrington: Well, if there's, I think eight was the quantity the board spoke of last time we talked about this. If we can get them for a hundred and twenty dollars each, we're looking at maybe nine to a hundred, nine hundred to a thousand dollars for eight of them.

Selectwoman McHugh: We need that many?

John Harrington: Well, we need some down at the transfer station and the goal would be to offload all the waste oil out of the steel tank...

Selectman Dill: So, we can replace steel tanks?

John Harrington: that's right.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

John Harrington: So, I'll converse with you.

Selectman Dill: That was a problem I didn't anticipate when I sent you that link.

Selectman Dill: That's a huge savings.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Any other business? A non-public.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman makes the motion for a non-public. RSA 91-A II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee.

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call:**

Chairman McGarry: 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: Non-public session, have a motion to seal the minutes?

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call:**

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Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: and McGarry, yes.

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. Citizens comments.

(Inaudible, people talking from the audience and laughter)

Kathy Shigo: Just an update on an FYI that I wanted to mention to the selectmen and, remember last week I mentioned about the loss of a wonderful citizen of, Joanne Watson, and you know being an historian how we really, you know, we're very grieving. Well, it was really amazing because after that, I was really hoping something, somebody would do something, like the town recognize her being the first woman selectman. So, I did ask around and I did find out that the fairgrounds, they are going to put up a bench. I believe over by the historic building and historic club is going to do something but I was really excited because part of the Deerfield women's club and I had a meeting, we had a meeting and I brought it up and it passed as a motion to have a plaque brought with her name, with her, you know, all her statistics and everything like that but something we can honor her with. Something really nice and they agreed, which is really wonderful, the Deerfield women's club. I'm only telling you this because the president, Lynn Garland, will eventually come in, after we get the plaque, and we'd like to hang it somewhere probably in the town hall, town office, maybe where all the town taxpayers can see it. So, I'm just going to give you a heads up on that. We're really thrilled we can do that in honor for her and so, it did pass. That was good news.

Selectwoman McHugh: Thank you.

Kathy Shigo: Your welcome. You're very welcome. I'm really proud, it's my privilege. I really feel good about it. One other quick question. I just heard about it. Is now, I believe we have a new owner, it's a three-year lease over there at Claire's?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Kathy Shigo: Yeah. Can anybody know what buildings going to go in there, what business is going to go there, what's going to go in there.

Selectman Dill: It's another hair cutting...

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Kathy Shigo: I didn't hear you, sorry.

Selectman Dill: It's more hair.

Kathy Shigo: It's another hair salon?

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Kathy Shigo: Oh, okay. That's good news. Okay. Thank you very much.

Selectman Dill: Cause Erroll needs a haircut. I said it's all set for you Erroll to get a haircut now.

Erroll Rhodes: Erroll Rhodes, Church Street. I guess now that you've signed the letter to the DES, I wanted to say I was disappointed to see that that was happening. I went to all the hearings. Went to the site. Followed the whole thing pretty closely. There was a lot of emotions involved in that. Huge amount of emotional content and their presentations were made. Some of them were sort of ad hominem, talking down to the planning board as if they didn't know what they were doing. There was others that were sort of based on science, MR. Huebner, you made those. My observation was that none of those spoke to the issues. The science is probably not inaccurate but it didn't tie the problems in the lake to any particular lot. It was sort of a chicken little kind of presentation. It did speak to development generally along the lake as being bad for the lake. Got that and if that's what the DES study is about, terrific. I think ultimately if we want to stop development along the lake that's a warrant article kind of thing but politicizing administrative decisions either at the zoning board or the planning board is an unfortunate way and a problematic to my way of thinking in that when you take the oath of office you agree to represent all the people in town. That's, and you also undertake to uphold the laws of the town and the origins of the town so when you fight a

zoning board or a planning board, sort of, decision based on an emotional thing you're not being fair, ultimately, to everybody in town or to anybody who has developed there. There are a lot of lots along the lake that are smaller than the existing lot, tons of them actually, and they're right on the lake. I think Mr. Schibbelhute was correct the other day in bringing up the road as the primary culprit along that area. There are plenty of other lots on Wilson's Creek that probably contribute to whatever goes in there but this particular lot is undeveloped so it can't have any sort of impact on the lake at this point and probably wouldn't any more than any other lot quite frankly. So, I think it's about development along the lake and I'm sort of sad that the town is backing up a call for something that the town board I should say is backing up a call for something that should really be a warrant article kind of issue. I wouldn't be surprised if the DES ends up sort of shrugging their shoulders at this kind of thing. I don't know what they're going to do. I don't have a lot of experience with it but, and I guess last of all, when there's a vote on this kind of thing it seems proper to me that the people involved in it should step back from it. Not just abstain but recuse themselves from the discussion because that's what they're, you know, it's there, they brought it, okay, they're representing it so they should speak to that because that's what governance is about. Anyway, that's all I've got. Thanks very much.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman makes the motion to adjourn at seven fifteen.

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

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

**Next Meeting: August 29, 2022 at 5:30 pm**

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