

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
October 31, 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, first item we have is the budget approval.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion in the amount of four million seven hundred eighty-three thousand four hundred and ninety-two (\$4,783,492.00).

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: Just to note that John mentioned we don't have a firm health insurance number yet.

John Harrington: I should have that by tomorrow afternoon, so, I spoke with Will and he should be able to make that adjustment at the MBC meeting once they start talking about it.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Okay, good.

Selectman Huebner: And this incorporates all of the changes we made along the way...

John Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Huebner: ...and this is the final number?

John Harrington: And this includes all the updated insurances that I did get. Those numbers are accurate. It's just the health insurance cause the board has to look at which health insurance they want to go with, give you that number to move with at the MBC.

Selectman Huebner: So, there's two numbers at the MBC, right? one is the health insurance the other is the....

John Harrington: The new bottom line.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, but I thought there were two items that were still out... two insurances?

John Harrington: Just the one. I did get that last one.

Selectman Huebner: What about the town insurance, you know, for your liability coverage?

John Harrington: That's all in here.

Selectman Huebner: It's already been settled?

John Harrington: It's already been updated, yep.

Chairman McGarry: So, just the health insurance.

John Harrington: Just the health insurance.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, Ray.

Ray Ellis: Good evening.

Chairman McGarry: Good evening.

Ray Ellis: Just wanted to report to you, um, so far what we've been doing at the highway department. What's finished up. All the paving is finished with Pike. Um, we have South Road done. Birch Road has been... we just finished topping that. Haynes road has been done and Middle Road.

Chairman McGarry: Yep.

Ray Ellis: Also, I've been working on getting the trucks signed up for the winter. Um, we lost Fisher. He's going to the state and he's also got a contract with Coe-Brown so he's not coming back this year. So that put us down a six-wheeler and a one ton. Um, everybody else so far... I haven't heard we've lost anybody or not so I called Steve Rollins today to find out because I heard somebody say that he was thinking about going to the state. So, I talked to Steve, he said that he'd like to come back and I told him, well, we lost a truck with Fisher do you have any other six-wheel dumps. And he goes, well if I put another six-wheel dump on I'd like to come back cause then all my trucks will be local. So, we're in the process of seeing what he has for a six-wheel dump, what the GBW's are so we can find out what the rate would be for that but that would replace the one that Fisher we lost so hopefully that works out.

Chairman McGarry: Good.

Ray Ellis: Um, the other situation is the graveling, um, so, I took a ride around today. We have a lot of graveling to do and I was looking through the budget and we have rental money and we have gravel money still available. So, I wanted to find out if you guys would like to put that towards graveling. We have eleven thousand five hundred and forty-three cents (\$11,500.43) left in gravel, processed gravel, in the highway budget and we also have nine four hundred and eleven (\$9,411.00) dollars in equipment rentals still on the budget. So, I didn't know if you guys would like to, uh, start moving forward with that, doing some graveling and we still got to get the trucks ready.

Selectman Dill: Is that renting a machine to do that?

Ray Ellis: A roller.

Selectman Dill: A roller and didn't we rent a bobcat with a gravel...

Ray Ellis: We did.

Selectman Dill: ...attachment?

Ray Ellis: I haven't looked into prices yet on that. I just wanted to find out from the board if that's something that's you want me to pursue or if that's something you'd like me to let the new guy come in and take that over.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I think the graveling is backing up the pavement that's been put down?

Ray Ellis: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Yep.

Ray Ellis: Cause we don't want to lose that...

Chairman McGarry: Right. Yep.

Ray Ellis: ...five hundred thousand dollars we got in the hot top out there.

Chairman McGarry: I agree. What's the boards, uh...?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Get started.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Ray Ellis: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: Yep. I think pretty much everyone is saying, get started.

Ray Ellis: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And it's way cheaper if we do it either way than if we hire...

Ray Ellis: It is. It is.

Selectman Dill: ...Pike to do it.

Ray Ellis: And I can get numbers back to you as far as the rentals. I just, uh, before I started doing that, I just wanted to find out what you guys wanted to do first. So, there's money for rentals. So, with the board's permission I'll move forward with that and get started on graveling.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't think you need to get back to us. You need to get going on it.

Ray Ellis: All right. Very good.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I mean, you're gonna do what's right.

Ray Ellis: Yep. Absolutely.

Selectwoman McHugh: In your budget.

Ray Ellis: It is.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You know how much you can spend.

Ray Ellis: Yep.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Perfect.

Ray Ellis: Very good.

Selectman Dill: So, all of South Road paving is done?

Ray Ellis: Yep. Well, they're going to top it in the spring but the base is done, yes. We have winter base down.

Chairman McGarry: Yep. Good.

Ray Ellis: They come out pretty smooth and I understand that, uh, we've had a police presence there and there's been people stopped so...

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Are our truck's ready to go, Ray, for snow?

Ray Ellis: Um, the only thing is the one ton is still at Grappone Ford, um, and I called them the other day and they said that they're behind schedule and they're waiting for a part. So, hopefully that will be ready to go when it comes back and then, um, on Matt's truck, he needs two front tires and then we've still got a gear to put in one of the spreaders but we have the gear. We just have to have the time to put it together and then we should be ready to go.

Selectwoman McHugh: The plow frames are on and everything?

Ray Ellis: The plow frames are not on yet but they're four bolts on each one.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Ray: We just haven't had any time to do it because we've been working with Pike and then today, just me and Paul, so...

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: I suggest that the board commend Ray for his volunteerism and helping out in town in the interim time while we were without a road agent.

Chairman McGarry: Absolutely.

Ray Ellis: It's been my pleasure.

Selectman Dill: Thank you, Ray.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you, Ray. All right, we have a non-public session which is supposed to be at the end of other business but I'd like to take it up now.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Okay.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to go into non-public RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

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: All right, no votes were taken in the non-public session, uh, I have a motion to seal the minutes?

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion for a personnel action request to hire John Cooper as Road Agent effective Monday November seventh at seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000.00).

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 2, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Selectman Dill: With that, I'm leaving for trick-or-treating.

Chairman McGarry: At your age?

Selectman Dill: At my age. I have a cute costume.

Chairman McGarry: Bring some candy back for us. All right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You wanna do Don?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah. Don.

Don Wyman: Don Wyman from Deerfield Fair. Um, I do appreciate that we did get a contract or basically a contract from Mr. Fisher. Uh, it does give prices for the first aid, fire coverage and the donation of the rescue vehicle but what we did not get... what we asked the last meeting... was an hourly break down so we knew what we could reference, you know, why it was seventeen thousand three seventy, uh, three fifteen or, uh, five thousand nine hundred fifty-six for the first aid. You know, the gator, that's one that's irrelevant. That's five hundred. Um, but going over the first aid there's some discrepancies with that portion so we kinda really need the hour breakdown that we'd asked for last meeting. So, I'm not trying to beat a dead horse here we just need to put this to bed because we have, you know, people in town that worked and not getting paid right now.

Chairman McGarry: We, uh...

John Harrington: I know Matt sent in an initial, uh, billing with the hours and... not to you but to our accounting... Pete Lemay had some questions and I know they were going back and forth to just clear that up but it has been initially submitted. When the final version gets done, we'll forward it to you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Just to let you know, I got a call today from one of our EMT's, they're still waiting for their check and I think Deerfield is the only town that hasn't been paid yet.

Don Wyman: And just to bring it up, one of the reasons we want to double check this is, you know, town graciously gave fifteen percent so if these are skewed, you know, being too high or whatever then that means the town would be paying too much. So, if you're giving fifteen percent of, uh, over seventeen thousand dollars then that would be lower, of course it's less, you know what I mean.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Don Wyman: So, we kinda need the hours just to balance that out and give a check, you know, checks and balances.

Chairman McGarry: Reasonable request.

Don Wyman: Okay. That's all I had.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thanks, Don.

Chairman McGarry: All right, uh, review of outstanding minutes for October twenty-fourth.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh
Second: Selectman Huebner
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: Okay, vouchers and payroll. The payroll manifest, um, ending October twenty-sixth in the amount of... gross payroll of seventy-seven thousand one hundred and eighty dollars and eighty cents (\$77,188.80) and a net payroll of forty-nine thousand four twenty-five and, uh, thirty-eight cents (\$49,425.38). Motion?

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to accept the payroll in the amounts read.
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: And then we have accounts payable manifest in the amount of twelve thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$12,784.69).

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh
Second: Selectman Huebner
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have an equalization municipal assessment data certificate. This goes back to the department of... thank you ...department of revenue administration and what it shows, based on the, uh, on the properties that Avitar has looked at, is that the, uh, we have a median assessment to... assessment to sales ratio of seventy-point three percent. That means that the assessment is only seventy-point three percent of the sales that have occurred in the town. So, we need a motion to sign this and forward it to the revenue...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Issue for all of us?

Chairman McGarry: It's all of us.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: We have an intent to cut wood or timber for property off of Nottingham Road. Schlichte Family Holdings at, uh, again property off of Nottingham Road. We don't need a vote to this to sign. Okay, so we have a two thousand eighteen deed waivers.

John Harrington: There were three presented last week. I just reached, uh, the third person who was new to the list, Due to a medical, um, they need done we are going to touch base next week so you have the two waivers that I believe, uh, were recommended by the town clerk. They both are in payment plans so we can finish those up and provided we have a successful meeting and a payment plan next week I'll give you the third waiver.

Chairman McGarry: Map four sixteen lot one. Map four five lot four.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to sign.
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have a delegation of the Deposit Authority. You want to address this one John?

John Harrington: That is an updated one, uh, that our Treasurer will sign. Two reasons, we could not find the original that our Treasurer signed back in twenty-twenty, I believe, and second reason, our deputy town clerk changed her name so we were going to update it anyway. We need to keep that on file. That enable the treasurer to deputize the town clerk and the deputy town clerk to make deposits.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have, um, appointments for, uh, Kevin Lemieux and office of building inspector... (inaudible, not facing mic) ...April thirtieth twenty twenty-three. We have Kevin Lemieux as the deputy health officer and term expiring April thirtieth twenty twenty-three and we have Doreen Schibbelhute to be the welfare administrator with a term expiring April thirtieth twenty twenty-three.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve all three positions.
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: And, uh, three personnel action requests. First is for Randi Long to, uh, for a salary increase from sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents per hour to nineteen dollars and fifty cents per hour.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

Selectwoman McHugh: And this is because?

Chairman McGarry: John?

John Harrington: She's taken on the full-time transcription for the board of selectmen and the previous transcriptionist was paid over nineteen dollars an hour.

Chairman McGarry: So, it only requires the chair to sign on behalf of the board.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Make that motion.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: Second.

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

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

Chairman McGarry: We also have a personnel action request for Matt Kimball from the highway department for a salary adjustment from twenty dollars and sixty cents per hour to twenty-five dollars per hour.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: And a salary adjustment for Paul Kimball from twenty-one dollars and eleven cents per hour to twenty-five dollars per hour.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman
Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: We have the contract with the fair association but we're going to be getting back up on that, right?

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, so, we'll wait until, maybe, next meeting to cover that.

Selectwoman McHugh: Fred.

Selectman Huebner: Fred.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can we still sign that and just...?

John Harrington: You can.

Chairman McGarry: So, you want to go ahead and sign it?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah. Let's... because the fair is meeting on Thursday.

John Harrington: They'll at least have a signed contract and like I said, the billing's already been out in they're just working out a few questions. Hopefully I'll have that to you next week.

Selectwoman McHugh: So...

Vice Chairman Pitman: If it's less it won't matter?

John Harrington: They can make the adjustment at that point because they're going to go off the hours I would imagine anyways.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Selectman Huebner: Right. So, we're not signing for an amount or you're not signing it for an amount. We're signing it for the rates and the hours...

Selectwoman McHugh: We're signing it can't go over that amount.

Selectman Huebner: ...it'll be calculated to be whatever it is.

John Harrington: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Just estimated cost or not to exceed cost.

Selectwoman McHugh: Not to exceed, right.

Chairman McGarry: We have a motion to, uh, have the chair sign on behalf of the board?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Go ahead Will.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to have the chair sign on behalf of the board for the fair contract.

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, that takes care of the signatures. The correspondence. The Deerfield women's club. The Deerfield women's club would like to honor the memory of Joanne Watson by purchasing a plaque with her photograph and highlights of her many contributions to the town of Deerfield. Would like to have the plaque placed in a prominent location in the meeting room area of the town offices. Joanne was well known as the first woman to be elected as a selectman and she was a major source... resource person for all things historical both for the town and the Deerfield fair. (Inaudible) ...local history was reflected in the publication she authored and compiled as well as in her presentations to town organizations. Once we have your permission to place a memorial plaque in a prominent location in the town offices we'll work on an appropriate design of the plaque. Once the plaque is created, we hope to present it at a future meeting of the board of selectmen. And it's signed, Lynn Garland as president.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: We have a letter from the library director. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Philbrick-James Library and in my capacity as Library Director, I would like to propose that we move forward to complete the following two landscaping improvements during our volunteer "Put the Library Garden to bed" work day, scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Number one, trimming the hedges in front of the library back significantly. Number two, cut back the two corner rhododendrons significantly. In the spring of 2023, we would also like the Town to consider committing the necessary resources to. Trim back the lower branches of the tall arborvitae along the left side, on our shared property line with the corner neighbors. Trim back the lower branches of the tall arborvitae along the left side, on our shared property line with the corner neighbors. Remove the two round yews next to the front walkway. Have a tree professional evaluate the tree work to be done on the property. The large oak abutting the parking lot has low lying limbs that are beginning to encroach on the outdoor parking space, the roof of the building, and the lift addition. Okay, so, is she looking for a vote by the board to...

John Harrington: Because it's a town property she... I asked her to come to the board, if they would agree to making all these landscaping changes.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman Makes a motion to approve the changes and come back to us with a price on what needs to be hired.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Huebner: So, Dick what you're saying is that we're going to ask for an estimate of the cost?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah. Cutting trees down and things like that.

Selectman Huebner: Before we approve that to be done?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: But I think the, uh, trimming of the hedges and the trimming of the rhododendrons doesn't really require any costs.

John Harrington: The price of the tree would be.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, that tree.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Well, isn't she asking for assistance from the town to do the work?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: To do the hedges and everything, right? So where would that come from in the budget? Would that be a library budget for maintenance or the town buildings?

John Harrington: I believe in talking with her she may have some volunteers that are willing to come forward and help them do that.

Selectman Huebner: Oh, so she wouldn't need assistance from the town?

John Harrington: No. Because it's town property she needs permission before they cut down the hedges.

Selectman Huebner: So, the only cost is the tree.

John Harrington: Correct. There may be a chance that those bushes will not come back and we may just have dead stumps in the spring, then they'll have to be all removed.

Chairman McGarry: The locations or the work that might end up requiring a cost would be, uh, removing the two yews next to the front walkway and also having somebody come in. A tree professional, evaluate the tree work to be done on the property.

John Harrington: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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

Chairman McGarry: And we have a wetlands application for... it doesn't require our action. This is off of Loon Ledge Lane on Pleasant Lake. All right, town administrator's report.

John Harrington: Two items tonight. One is on the update on the roundabout question you had form last week. I checked with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and it's in their opinion at this point the project, ultimately funded in the ten-year plan, would be state managed and matched by state toll credits. It's been discussed with New Hampshire D.O.T. and they haven't disagreed. New Hampshire D.O.T. noted that a final determination about match requirements wouldn't be made until they review all of the candidate projects in detail over the winter. So, we won't have a definitive answer for a few months but all signs point to this being a state managed project matched by toll credits.

Chairman McGarry: So, it would be no cost to the town.

John Harrington: That's what I'm understanding.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: I'm just kind of curious, I mean, so they take land away from people who love there to complete this roundabout.

John Harrington: I do not know. It would depend on the final plan of the project.

Selectman Huebner: There is money in the proposed budget that I saw last time around about the...

Chairman McGarry: Acquisition.

Selectman Huebner: ...planned acquisition of a certain amount of land to do that. But is this... one thing I'm curious about is, um, are these funds to be approved that we could use for paving our roads for instance instead of making a roundabout? I mean, is there an option to spend money on another infrastructure project as opposed to a roundabout or is it, like, just offered for the roundabout and that's all?

John Harrington: It would be whatever the town chooses to put in their ten-year plan.

Chairman McGarry: Well, the state in the ten-year plan.

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: And the, uh, it would only, basically, be on state highways. Wouldn't be a situation where we'd have this money and we could use it...

Selectman Huebner: For anything else. So, I guess in the next several months we should think about what other state projects we... might be alternatives to a roundabout. Okay.

John Harrington: And the second update I had was, uh, if the board would be willing to repost the highway maintainer position at twenty-one dollars and hour, uh, to see if we could attract a candidate for the open position at the highway department?

Chairman McGarry: You need a motion to that effect?

John Harrington: I would.

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to put in the listing, twenty-one dollars an hour to attract a candidate with that information.

Second: Chairman McGarry seconds it for discussion purposes.

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: Thoughts, discussion?

Selectwoman McHugh: I would like to give the road agent a chance first.

John Harrington: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: But that's just my thoughts.

Selectman Huebner: So, you're saying to hold off on hiring another person?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Let him decide whether we need one.

John Harrington: Certainly wait. I was just coming... it's been posted for quite a while that's why but we can certainly wait.

Selectwoman McHugh: We haven't gotten any applicants on it, correct?

John Harrington: None.

Selectman Huebner: Okay. I'll withdraw my motion.

John Harrington: And, Fred, you'll withdraw yours?

Chairman McGarry: Withdraw the second.

John Harrington: Okay. Thank you. That's it for tonight.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just had... Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can we go back to the highway... state highways here. Is this the bridge in Freese's Pond? Is that connected with all this? No?

Chairman McGarry: No. It's a separate project. Like that's supposed to...

Selectwoman McHugh: They got to complete that project before they get going on another one, I would think, no?

Chairman McGarry: Well, it has to be in the ten-year plan.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And, uh...

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, we got ten years.

Chairman McGarry: I mean, this could be ten years from now before they actually start any work.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And hopefully the bridge work will be done within ten years. Which, I think, is supposed to be started next year, right?

John Harrington: That's the plan and while we're talking about Freese's Pond bridge, uh, in case any of you hear about it, the culvert is blocked again. Uh, Ray called district six. They're going to come down Wednesday and try to clear it. I believe that it's a beaver dam. So, in case you get a call, we're aware of it.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah. Okay, great. All right, new business. Other business. And we've already taken care of the non-public session. Citizens comments. Mr. Rhodes.

Erroll Rhodes: Erroll Rhodes, Church Street. I think it's particularly appropriate on Halloween to ask this question. A session or so ago I recall that the roundabout issue was dead because there were no fatalities, no injuries. Am I misremembering that? So, I guess I'm wondering who's brought it back from the dead on this Halloween evening?

Chairman McGarry: D.O.T. has looked at it and said, yeah, I would, uh that could be put on the... conceivably could be put on the ten-year plan.

Erroll Rhodes: Maybe. So, it's... this is sort of a faint rebirth of that... the roundabout issue. Okay and presumably, it was... it would go through hearings and all that kind of thing and so and so forth, yeah. Just curious cause it was a, it was a messaging thing because I thought like one or two meetings ago it sounded like it was, it was gone.

Chairman McGarry: Plus, there's a, uh, they go through a priority list...

Erroll Rhodes: Oh yeah.

Chairman McGarry: ...and we may not...

Erroll Rhodes: Is it on... is it on the CIP?

Chairman McGarry: No. Well, this is highway D.O.T.

Erroll Rhodes: Different issue.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Erroll Rhodes: Got you. I'm learning. Thank you very much.

(Inaudible talking form audience)

Chairman McGarry: Jack, go over to the Microphone.

Jack Hutchinson: Have we hired a road agent now?

Chairman McGarry: We're making an offer, yes.

Jack Hutchinson: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: To Mr. Cooper.

Jack Hutchinson: All right, that's what I was going to talk about but there's no point.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, what did you... something. Jack?

Selectman Huebner: Jack?

Selectwoman McHugh: What did you have?

Selectman Huebner: Did you have some input about the road agent?

Jack Hutchinson: (inaudible, no longer near the mic)

Selectman Huebner: No, we have not hired... we've only decided to make an offer but if you have some information, we could use...

Jack Hutchinson: (inaudible, no longer near mic) ...I'll come back if it's open again.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: You wanna apply?

Jack Hutchinson: (inaudible, walking away)

Chairman McGarry: Hopefully you won't have to come back.

(Inaudible talking form the audience)

Selectman Huebner: That was kind of cryptic.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to adjourn.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: November 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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