

Selectboard Minutes  
January 26, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Present: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair, Tonya Santaniello; Curt Robie  
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Also present: Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent; Adair Laurel-Cafarella; Dave DiNicola; Tamarin Laurel-Paine; Joe Kearns, Finance Chair

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$20,969.01; Expenses: \$23,126.51

Minutes of 12/29/21 approved on motion by Ann Marie, Tonya 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0  
Minutes of 1/12/22 approved on motion by Ann Marie, Tonya 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0

Pole hearing scheduled for 7:00pm so some old business discussed prior.  
Curt said he testified via zoom hearing regarding the Public Safety Complex bill that was introduced by Natalie Blais. Would require matching funds from towns, of interest was Police Chiefs stand against regionalization of departments.  
He also was in contact with Dept. of Agriculture regarding the generator grant for the Senior Center, no decision yet but because the cost is so little compared to other requests, town may fall into the 5% allowed for small projects.  
Curt spoke with Brett Thibault; he should have his report by the end of the week.

Ann Marie said she was contacted by the Daniele's regarding the property on Skyline Trail. They have taken property out of the realtor's hands and will be looking to sell it on their own but must wait 6 months before negotiating with the town.

TA said the initial Cherry Sheet provides \$138,648 to the town, this figure will most likely change as it is negotiated within the state legislature and governor's office. Also, the town hall boiler has been serviced.

Pole hearing held at 7:00pm: Eversource has requested installation of one pole on Chipman Road to provide service to proposed new residence, contact cards had been sent to abutters and no one spoke against the pole. Board voted 3-0 on motion by Ann Marie, Curt 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow pole. Approved request given to Town Clerk and hearing adjourned.

Selectboard meeting moved to auditorium for joint meeting with Finance Committee.

Curt scheduled meeting to try and take a different approach to preparing the town's finances for the Annual Town Meeting by having joint meetings. Adair had prepared finance sheets for each department that showed a 5-year history of appropriations and expenditures. There was extended discussions regarding the forms, schedule of departments, etc. to meet with S/B and F/C. There will be decisions on Cost-of-Living adjustments, additional monies set aside for ambulance, free cash offset. Meetings will be held on the off weeks of the S/B meetings, 2/16, 3/2 and 3/16.

Curt motioned to adjourn, Tonya 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Towny Santaniello

Curt Robie