

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2021

6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Brian Smith called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Move item 6 to 3.

Robert Arseneau spoke on the topic of Broadband service and the need for the Town to be proactive in its research. Robert advised the Planning Board is willing to take the lead on this project and Selectmen agreed it would be more efficient for them to do so. Robert further advised of upcoming training/ seminars and was encouraged by the Select Board to attend. Town will gladly cover expenses occurring as a result of these sessions.

Marlene Sprague spoke of pricing research she has done on building supplies to repair the house at Pettegrow Point. Clerk asked if the Selectmen had already voted to demolish the structure, to which Selectmen answered in the affirmative.

John and Judy Bielecki attended to make known their concern of the condition of Beach Road. The Bielecki's were advised of the status of road issues and the PWD having recently told to leave while attempting to perform maintenance. The Bielecki's were assured that there was money in the budget to perform maintenance, contrary to what they had been told. Mike Hinerman advised the Town will do what it must do to keep the road open for the folks living on the other side of piece of road in question. But, the Town has a court order which it must honor. Mr. Bielecki asked if the owners of the cottage would be willing to allow some work on their property. Clerk will inquire. Jeff Davis advised he doesn't know what it will take to resolve the situation, but the Town is prepared to do what is necessary. Discussion ensued. Audience was encouraged to advise the Town of any suggestions they have for solutions to the problem. The Bielecki's provided a letter for the file.

Joyce Smith asked if the homeowner's affected could organize and come up with a solution. Joyce also asked where the money goes that is appropriated for rural broadband service. Discussion continued into the status of internet service.

4. **Old Business:**

A. Renshaw Lane Property: Can the Town sell? Yes, Indian Point was purchased by the Town for \$100.00. Selectmen asked Clerk to have confirmation from the Town Attorney.

B. Excavator Financing: Clerk advised auditor asked why the Town was financing this Equipment? Auditor advised Selectmen to pay cash and save the interest. Selectmen agreed.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Lighting: Permission granted to host tree lighting December 10, from 5-7 PM.

Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to host tree lighting. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk also explained the Trunk 'r treat event scheduled for 10/30.

6. Public Comments: See above

7. Selectmen's Report:

Brian Smith thanked Clerk for taking the MTS call again. Brian is the interim Shellfish Warden who has been confirmed, acceptable by MMA if he does not vote On shellfish issues as Selectmen. Brian also read letter from Susan Collins thanking him for his support of the Town Garage funding.

Mike Hinerman read letter from Commissioner Randall Liberty announcing ribbon cutting ceremony for DCF. Mike added he attended the ARPA seminar.


Discussion ensued regarding road maintenance for DCF and DOT.

8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report: Included in binder, nothing further.

9. Tax Collector's Report: Included in binder, nothing further.

10. Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C) and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6 (C) for personnel issues. 7:05 PM Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to enter Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. 7:39 PM Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to exit Executive Session. Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to sign quit claim deed of Violet Hudson. All in favor, motion carried. Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to award \$5000 grants (each) to Marcia and Renee from the ARPA (COVID) Relief Funds for exposing themselves to the virus and working through COVID. Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to propose a land swap with the Department of the Interior Round Island for the Gator Site. All in favor, motion carried. Brian Smith sworn as Shellfish Warden.

11. Adjourn: Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.




Brian Smith



Jeffrey Davis



Michael Hinerman



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk