

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 21, 2020**

Present: Richard Bielefield, John Strasser, Margo Connors  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Fire Chief Allan Clark, Road Agent Doug Glover, Moderator Jim Snyder

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed Tuesday and Thursday and the Select Board Office will be closed on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Select Board would like to thank Rose Ellms and Jim Snyder for making Christmas 2020 special for the many Sugar Hill children. Also thank you to the Willing Workers for their sponsorship of this annual tradition.

Jennifer presented to the board the cost for two solar speed limit signs for the Main Street area. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy solicited multiple bids. John Strasser had several questions in regard to the solar and battery life. The model chosen is one that the State approves and that is needed since Route 117 is a state highway. The cost for two is \$6,463.00. The board is in favor of making this purchase out of this year's budget. Speeding on Main Street is one of the most common complaints the department receives and this should help.

CHIEF CLARK met with the board to discuss several items:

Building Permit for Clifford Hughes at Ski Hearth Farm for a new barn. Chief Clark is concerned that the new barn is within the 125' well radius on the property. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hughes asking for a waiver from DES that would allow the structure inside the radius for a building permit to be issued.

The Fire Department budget will be level funded. There is a requirement for the air cylinders to be replaced this year. The board would like that figure added to Chief Clark's budget.

Chief Clark is waiting to hear from FEMA now that all paperwork has been submitted for the Lafayette, Grandview and Pearl Lake Road Project. FEMA is ready to move forward with the Indian Brook replacement and Doug will contact Red McCarthy to get three bids. They will cover 75% of the replacement costs.

Chief Clark anticipates 75% of the SHFD membership will be vaccinated sometime in the beginning of January. The town is well prepared with supplies for the continuing needs during the pandemic.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER discussed his budget which will be submitted this week. One of this year's overages was for calcium chloride that is used to keep the dust down on the dirt roads. Doug anticipates the department doing more paving next year now that they have the new roller. Doug and Jennifer will complete his budget tomorrow.

MODERATOR JIM SNYDER met with the board to discuss what we will have for a town meeting in 2021. Neither the Crapo Building or the Meetinghouse would be large enough for an in-person meeting with social distancing guidelines. The State did provide through HB1129 last year for virtual meetings followed by drive up voting. This does not seem practical in March with weather conditions and the town does not have enough bandwidth to have a virtual meeting. The board felt that they could still hold the budget hearing at the Crapo Building and meet social distancing guidelines with a possible zoom link as well. Unfortunately, previous zoom meetings have been unstable. Jennifer will contact NHMA Legal Services with questions in regard to holding the meeting in another town and also about the day of voting. She will also contact Profile School to see if there is a possibility of using the gym for the meeting.

Margo is rescheduled to meet with Revision Energy on Tuesday.

Margo will be meeting with a representative from both Easton and Franconia Select Boards to work on the broadband communication district set up.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2020 seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 28th, at 5:00pm at the Carolina Crapo Building. Social distancing and face masks required

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette  
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