## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 11, 2021**

Present: Richard Bielefield, John Strasser, Margo Connors

Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy, Road Agent Doug Glover, Moderator James Snyder

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The 2021 Budget Hearing will be February 1, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. Social distancing will be required. The Select Board continues to explore option for the 2021 Town Meeting including moving to a larger area or postponing the business portion.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed on Monday January 18, 2021.

CHIEF HO-SING-LOY met with the board to have the prosecutor agreement and contract for 2021 signed. The Chief also discussed his budget and Capital Reserve fund needs. The Chief is hoping to have the office telephone line go direct to Grafton dispatch when not in the office.

The board signed a driveway permit for Spencer Purinton on Carpenter Road, Map 219, Lot 19.11.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission will send a letter to NHDES Wetlands Board asking them to deny Casella wetland permit filed for Dalton.

MARGO CONNORS will meet via zoom with representatives from the Franconia and Easton Select Boards to review the Tri Town Transfer Station budget for 2021.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to discuss a new option for the Crane Hill Bridge. This would involve a Colonial Flat Vehicular Truss. Doug will meet with Red McCarthy to discuss further. Doug stated that the three-way agreement with Lisbon and Lyman has been worked out and each town will spend \$20,000 for their portion of the Side Arm Roadside Mower. Chief Clark notified that FEMA is still holding up the funds for the completion of Lafayette and Grandview as they felt there was a change in scope. Doug is aware that Clark Road and Hidden Acres signs are down. He has the Hidden Acres but will order a new Clark Road sign. Doug discussed his budget and CRF needs.

MODERATOR JIM SNYDER met with the board as they continue to discuss town meeting. The board would like to have the voting take place as scheduled and to postpone the business meeting until we can have a safe area for residents to attend. Jennifer will contact NHMA in regard to when it can be postponed and for how long.

MARGO met with Carl Martland, Melissa Elander to go over numbers and net metering. Prices for solar installation have ranged from \$84,000 to \$140,000 depending on type of system. Discussed how to finance the project.

Margo reported that Nancy Martland would be interested in being on the town broadband committee. Margo will reach out to another resident that had expressed an interest. The board will formulate a warrant article to approve setting up such a committee.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2021 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. STRASSER, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday January 18th, at 5:00pm at the Carolina Crapo Building. Checks will be signed and correspondence reviewed. No appointments. Social distancing and face masks required.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette Administrative Assistant