

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting ID: 828 8345 8472

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7:00pm

Amended Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laz Pinter

Guests: Anne Marie Wagner, Susan Patrick, Joe and Eileen Buchheit, Lance Reynolds, Neil Olshansky,

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting, with the following changes: end time is 8:08pm and Larina Cipolla was appointed to Inland/Wetlands, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: None

Resignations: None

Vacancies: Housatonic Valley Tourism District, Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals

Appointments: Mr. Brown made a motion to move Steve Berger to a full member on Inland Wetlands, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All voted in favor, motion carries.

New Business

Tax Collector's report: Read for the record, see attached.

Tax Refunds: Mr. Pinter made a motion to approve tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector in a memo dated 1/12/21 (see attached), seconded by Mr. Read. Mr. Pinter and Mr. Read voted in favor, Mr. Brown abstained. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report: Read for the record, see attached.

Grange update, business plan presentation: Discussion, no action taken. Neil Olshansky briefed the Selectmen about the proposed plan. A letter is forthcoming.

Police Inventory: A new requirement from the state requires that the Towns maintain a record of their police department inventory, see the attached list provided by Resident State Trooper, Matt Cimelus.

Motorized vehicles on town property: There have been complaints regarding snowmobiles on town property and preservation property. CT State Statutes provide for municipalities to adopt their own ordinance to regulate this activity. Curtis will check with CIRMA and the DOT with questions specific to liability on Town Roads and right of ways.

Carr settlement: Mr. Pinter made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, bearing docket number LLI-CV19-6026478-S (see attached), whereas Carr agrees to pay a total of \$9,300 to Bridgewater on or before March 10, 2021 in full and complete settlement (for fees associated with an application to P&Z), seconded by Mr. Brown. All voted in favor, motion carries.

Tree removal services: Discussion, no action taken.

Clatter Valley park initiative: Mr. Read will look into obtaining land in Bridgewater, owned by the Town of New Milford located on Clatter Valley Road for recreational purposes.

Covid update, VAMS: Discussion, no action taken.

Budget Preparations – Capital, roofs and sidewalks: The Selectmen will be starting budget workshops soon,

Old Business:

Town owned buildings update: discussion, no action taken. The salt shed needed emergency repairs. There has been a claim submitted to CIRMA for reimbursement.

Municipal Parking Lot update: No news

Personnel Policy – Town of Bridgewater employees COVID response: Discussion, The State of CT's guidelines for travelling to "red" states and quarantining upon return change frequently. The Town will rely on the current guidelines to determine when an employee can return to work after travel to a red state, by either quarantining or by negative Covid-19 test. Employees who willingly travel to a red state will use sick time or vacation time to quarantine after returning.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Brown at 7:53pm, seconded by Mr. Pinter. All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Wagner
Assistant to the First Selectman