

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Friday, July 28, 2023**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB) *(MA left at 9:30am)*  
**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Jay Moriarty (JM), Liam Kalloch and Travis Adams, Jeanette Fones

**GUESTS:** Liam Kalloch and Travis Adams from CMA Engineers Inc. came before the Selectmen to provide an update on the engineering work for the Freshet Road Bridge over Johnson Creek. A preliminary survey and site studies have been completed. The engineering study report indicated that there would be little change in the alignment and profile, there is an option of using a guardrail or ~~not~~ *recoverable slopes*, utility and ROW concerns seem to be minimal, and the propose bridge type is a span structure or an open-bottomed culvert (driven mainly by environmental concerns). The design would have more hydraulic capacity than the current culvert. The project is categorized as a Tier 3 NH DES "major" wetlands crossing, and CMA is hoping to meet with DES in August. Construction will require some tree removals. The only cost estimate is the NH DOT preliminary estimate of about \$1.24 million, although CMA has seen lower costs on a similar crossing in Maine. A full road closure and detour is the likely option considering cost and construction duration (3 month estimate). Liam noted that new NHDOT rules will require the town to have a different engineering construction firm. TB will see if the Planning Board will schedule a PB agenda item in mid-August to inform and solicit comments from residents.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- DA announced her appointment of Susan Ossoff of 46 Mill ~~Lane~~ *Hill Rd* as the Deputy Treasurer. TB moved and JW seconded the approval of Susan Ossoff as the Deputy Treasurer. Motion passed.
- JW moved and TB seconded a motion to have EF sign a Department of Safety form indicating that the Town did not have objections to Glass Routes at 181 Littleworth Road, Map 3 Lot 2 being issued a Replacement Glass - Automotive Inspection License.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**BOARD UPDATES**

- JM reported that he had engaged Perry Wilson to trap the beavers that had been clogging the culvert on Cherry Lane. (Dube Brook)  
He is still working on having Talco do ROW mowing this September. He has AJ Hartford working on ROW areas were the brush is affecting line of sight and culverts.

**OTHER:**

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Meeting ended at 9:30am.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *8-7-2023*

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**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, July 17, 2023**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)

**OTHERS:** Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Chris Lemelin and Donald Bliss, Jeanette Fones

**MINUTES:** TB moved and MA seconded the approval of minutes from 6/5, 6/9, 6/30, 7/3, and 7/7 as amended. Motion passed.

**GUESTS:** Chris Lemelin, Executive Director and Board Member Donald Bliss from McGregor Memorial EMS came before the Selectmen to provide a preview of their upcoming budget request for 2024. They are anticipating a substantial increase of about \$15,000 to a total of \$22,000. Their total ask to all towns is \$300,000. They have had challenges with retaining staffing. They have a very qualified staff and an exceptional working environment, but it is difficult to compete on wages. A slightly lower call volume actually reduces revenue. They cover 99% of their calls and run a training institute. Their issues are not unique; a few regional private providers have actually gone out of business. Securing a larger facility is also on their horizon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- EF noted that there had been some vehicle damage to Town Hall. Insurance companies had been contacted.
- EF will ask the Cemetery Trustees if they will accept an alternate member per RSA 289.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to approve the website comment memo with a return date of August 31, 2023. Motion passed.
- There was consensus have DA send out the budget guidance letter as presented.
- The owner of 50 Huckins Road, where there is a potential wetland violation, has indicated that he will be going to the ZBA for a variance.
- TB explained that the FD is not able to provide GIS information on response times for the MRI contract, and the Fire Chief has proposed having the work done by MRI for an additional \$3,450. The Selectmen voiced some disappointment that the issue had not been anticipated at contract time. TB will discuss the issue with the Fire Chief. TB moved and MA seconded the approval of \$3,450 in additional funding for GIS data that the town cannot provide per the contract. Motion passed

**OTHER:**

- Jim Davis and Justin Corrow will be invited in to discuss the electrical status at the Town Hall, and with Jim on the ORYA soccer goal issues.
- The Friday, July 21 Selectmen's meeting is canceled.
- There was a short discussion about the Capital Reserve for lafolla and future plans for the town owned land.
- *TB inquired about town janitorial service. It will be added to future agenda.*

Meeting ended at 9:00pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *8-4-2023*

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