

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, August 11, 2023**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Jay Moriarty (JM), Ric Erickson, and Jeanette Fones

GUESTS: Ric Erickson, resident, came before the Selectmen to discuss joining the Cemetery Trustees. He has some ideas which include having winter access. EF explained the idea of the Selectmen appointing alternates as a way of having some redundancy for the Trustees tasks. Ric was agreeable to being an alternate.

NEW BUSINESS

- MA moved and TB seconded a motion approve abatements for Pace, *Old Stage Campground C-15*, 3-44-C15, for \$24.19 for incorrect features, and Tumulty, *Old Stage Campground A-26*, 3-44-A26 for \$16.06 for features after having left the campground. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Selectmen accepted the Martins meeting date of September 8 at 9:00am.

BOARD UPDATES

- JM reported that he is in touch with the Forest Society, because they are land owners abutting the Jenkins Rd. area where he is trying to improve drainage. He needs to raise the level of the road and hopes to replace an old "culvert" this year. He does not have funding to accomplish a lot of paving on Jenkins. He is still in discussions with Talco for a late September ROW mowing. Hartford has been doing some brush cutting to improve site distances along roads, and clean up at the Transfer Station. He has not yet had a productive conversation with Hartford about extending the current snow contract, yet. He has approved some crack sealing for French Cross Rd. His budget is tight after the heavy snow storm cleanup. There was a suggestion to put in a budget line for storm cleanup, under the road budget.
- MA reported that progress on the PWEC report was slow. Considering the overall timeline, it is important to see if the current snow contract could be extended. A scenario that would consider a future contractor would likely come with the need for the town to provide for salt storage and perhaps a staging area for equipment. EF will invite Mike Wenrich, DPW Director in Brookline, to the next PWEC meeting.
- JW reported that she had talked to Chief McGann and he would like to come in to talk with the Selectmen *for a preliminary budget discussion* on a Monday evening.
- TB reported on including another town in the Fire Department study. *It would also include additional GIS work in addition to the quotes for specific towns. If other towns are to be added, it should be done sooner rather than later. Tom Perley is waiting to hear back from an inquiry to Dover.*

OTHER:

- EF explained his research on the potential heirs of Richard Gaudreault's property. None are in a position to implement probate. The Selectmen suggest seeing if a legal aid agency might be able to do probate.

- *EF reported on the NH DES drinking water folk are setting up testing for antimony for residents in the area of the town cemetery. There are no determinations on a possible source, which could be difficult to trace. The focus is on notification and testing.*

Meeting ended at 9:45am.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *8-18-2023*

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