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## **BOS – Minutes – 7.11.2022**

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of July 11, 2022.

**Present:** Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; Emily Egan, Secretary; members of the press.

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00pm.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the agenda**. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the June 6th, 2022 regular meeting. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **First Selectman Report**

C. Rand mentioned the current status of the Gypsy (Spongy) Moth situation; an introduced defoliator that damages trees in the caterpillar stage. There are 2 main natural controls - a fungus (Maimaiga) and a virus (NPV). Both are present in our environment and there is evidence that they are here now and causing some mortality of the defoliators. The defoliation lasts about 5-6 weeks, and the best hope is for widespread starvation of the insects, which stresses them and makes them vulnerable (predisposition) to the fungus and/or virus. Trees will re-foliate in July/August, after the initial defoliation, but the trees will be stressed and 3 consecutive years of defoliation on an individual tree will often kill the tree. He mentioned that the Town is being cautious with the dry weather and that we have been watering the trees at the Town Grove. In the end, we hope for widespread, natural control and we keep a hopeful eye out for signs of the virus and fungus.

C. Rand mentioned that The Planning and Zoning Commission is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to study pedestrian and bicycle access and safety, accessibility and utility of public greenspaces, traffic circulation, parking, and stormwater management for the “downtown” core of the Village of Lakeville. This study is divided into two phases, baseline planning, and implementation. The Commission is requesting proposals for Phases One and Two. The Town has designated \$60,000 from ARPA Funds towards this project.

Traffic and speeding continue to be an issue, especially this summer. C. Rand urged citizens to push the button for the flashing lights at the crosswalks.

### **New Business:**

- a. The Northwest Hills Council of Governments requested the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The HMP includes the following pieces:
  - A Multi-Jurisdictional Plan that has background information on the region, on different hazard types, on plan development and update schedules, and more. This can be referenced as needed.
  - Multi-Jurisdictional Plan Appendices with a great deal of background information, meeting notes, exposure analysis information, etc., that are included for administrative purposes.

- One-Page Fact-Sheets, embedded in the MJ Plan, that can be pulled out to provide easily-accessible information to be shared with decision-makers or members of the public."
- A Community Annex that has community-specific information about risks and risk areas, municipal capabilities, progress made in hazard mitigation over time, and new actions recommended for the coming five years. This should be the primary document used by the Town to guide future actions and grant applications"
- Community-Specific Appendices, including a "STAPLEE" table that summarizes and prioritizes the recommended actions for the coming five years."

Adopting the plan will continue to make the community eligible for FEMA's hazard mitigation grant programs (Flood Mitigation Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program [HMGP], and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, [BRIC]). C. Williams made a motion to adopt the full NHCOC Hazard Mitigation Plan. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Robin Denny, Fire Marshal, has requested the appointment of John DeShazo as Deputy Fire Marshal. He is currently the Deputy Fire Marshal in North Canaan and Norfolk, CT. C. Williams made a motion to appoint John DeShazo as Deputy Fire Marshall. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

c. The Board of Selectmen announced Donald Reid, Highway Foreman had turned in a resignation letter and will be retiring September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. With many years of service, the Selectmen agreed to accept the resignation, but noted he will be missed. The Selectmen will work on a resolution for Mr. Reid closer to his retirement date.

d. C. Rand mentioned the results of the Town Meeting; all three questions were approved. An ordinance was approved to stop feeding bears. The Local Capitol Improvement Plan (LOCIP) and the transfer of 17 Perry Street to the Salisbury Housing Trust were also approved.

e. C. Rand mentioned that he and the Selectmen would work on drafting a letter to Sharon Hospital (Nuvance Health), along with other surrounding towns before August. The theme for the letter is ways the towns can assist through the State regulatory process or reimbursements, to ensure that this hospital does stay complete.

#### Old Business:

ARPA Update: Funds expensed before the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2022 - \$183,330.15. This included: Air handlers in Town Hall, Technology in the Town Hall, half the cost on the study on the Pope property, a sewer pump station. We also committed \$43,600 towards the various non-profits, \$10,000 each to both the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance and Lakeville Hose Company, and \$5,000 to Salisbury Family Services. D. Mayland made a motion to approve the \$43,600 expenditure. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### Selectmen's Reports

C. Williams mentioned the waterline repair work being conducted by Aquarion on Lincoln City Road, Farnum Road and Briscoe Road.

Adjourn: 5:20pm