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## **BOS – Minutes – 9.12.2022**

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of September 12, 2022.

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

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

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

3. C. Williams made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the August 1, 2022 regular meeting. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **4. First Selectman Report**

The Selectmen welcomed Rachel Bonhotel as the new assistant to the Town Grove, Senior Services and Recreation Department. She will assist Lisa McAuliffe (Senior Service Director/Recreation Director) and Stacey Dodge (Town Grove Manager) in their daily operations at the Town Grove and Senior Center, including the resumption of the Senior Lunch Program.

L. McAuliffe is arranging monthly vaccine clinics at the Senior Center. Information will be available on our town web site for vaccines, flu, and blood pressure clinics.

Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) has sent a letter to the Selectmen that concerns the recent changes in the region's Solid Waste disposal capacities, including the closure of the state's largest trash to renewable energy facility in Hartford and the loss of 26 MIRA communities by the end of the fiscal year 2022. MIRA will continue to work with our municipality to develop alternative solutions to our solid waste disposal that could be implemented as soon as the end of this contract year (June 30, 2023). The town's contract with MIRA extends to 2027.

C. Rand reflected briefly on the weekend events including the anniversary of 9/11, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and on a positive note, the US Open. He quoted the Queen on her words after 9/11 in 2001: "Grief is the price we pay for love."

### **5. New Business:**

**5a.** Abby Conroy, Land Use Administrator and Cathy Shyer, Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) member, spoke briefly about beginning a possible discussion with the Board of Selectmen about short-term rentals and a possible citation ordinance. These topics have been discussed before but no action was taken. These two topics would need to be handled by ordinance, which would require public hearings, informational meetings and a Town Meeting. If these advance with PZC, the Selectmen will work to come up with draft ordinances for short-term rental and citations.

**5b.** Tax Collector Refunds – The Selectmen moved, seconded and unanimously approved the Tax Collector Refunds in the amount of \$3,785.08. (See Attached)

### **6. Old Business:**

**6a.** C. Rand gave a brief update on the Train Station building. The Town has been granted \$20,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Town put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to six qualified firms, and

we received two responses. C. Rand has contacted SHPO to make sure they are okay with the proposals that have been submitted. The RFP included a full structural analysis of the Train Station in the context of architectural and historic standards. SHPO informed C. Rand there will likely be funding available for the full restoration of the building, but they begin with an engineering report on the building. After previous assessments of the building, the Selectmen have agreed the building may be situated too low to the street and a new foundation might be appropriate. The RFP also included consideration of moving the building back on the same lot, but further from the road to eliminate box truck damage to the soffits and scalloped trim. Storm windows have also been purchased for the building. Another part of the historical preservation is to match the original paint colors. A historical paint analysis has also been completed and the plan is to restore the building back to the original colors. The Selectmen will decide on these proposals in the near future.

**6b.** After 33 years as a member of our Highway Department, Donald Reid, Highway Foreman retired from his position with the Town on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Selectmen thanked him for his service to our town, including traffic safety, infrastructure, crew oversight, budgeting, communications, and working long hours in often adverse conditions. The Selectmen decided to try a new system of management on a trial basis, where we have two in-house chiefs. Thomas Brazee will be our Road Chief and Russel Hoage will continue as Crew Chief. The new program will be reevaluated in six-months.

**6c.** Salmon Kill Bridge Update – The start work order was put in on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The road will be closed starting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and probably continue through the winter months.

#### **7. Selectmen Reports**

C. Williams gave a brief update on the Pathways Committee project. The planned walkway from the Scoville Memorial Library to Salmon Kill Road and continuing south on Route 44 to the land owned by the Land Trust next to 128 Main Street, has been marked by Call Before You Dig. B. Metcalf Asphalt plans to begin construction of the pathway this fall; it will be blacktop not concrete.

D. Mayland mentioned that the pump station at East Meadow in Salisbury has been completed. He thanked Charles Humes and Chris Ohmen for overseeing this project.

**8. Citizen Comments** – There were none at this time.

**9. Adjourn:** 5:30pm