

SELECT BOARD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Robert Allen, Thomas Fuschetto, Barry Corriveau & Jacqui Fay

Quorum declared.

Roll Call: Judi & Bob Boivin

Reviewed and signed check manifest for \$9,530.45.

Reviewed deposit for \$11,373.46.

George Sancoucy and John Hatfield gave a Zoom presentation of the change in utility assessing following the passing of HB 700 (2019). Prior to this the NHDRA set the town's utility values. The Town now needs to contract with a utility assessor to get the values. The contract proposed would start with the 2018 value and take 2 years of additions and construction work in progress from 12/31/2019 to 12/31/2020 and phase in at 20% a year over 5 years. It is anticipated that utility values will significantly increase. The cost would be \$7200 per 4 years starting next year (since they are aware this cost was not budgeted) though the actual work will start immediately. This equates to \$5760 per year over 5 years which is the normal cyclical revaluation period. We urgently need this year's utility values in order to be able to submit the MS-1 to start the tax rate setting process. Select Board will review the contract with the intention of signing next week.

LCHIP will be making a close out visit to Jones Hall tomorrow. Tom Fuschetto, Tony Davis and Jacqui Fay will be there.

Will check with Tom Willey before completing NHEC Ballot to check how it plays into his Broadband discussions.

Reviewed and approved minutes for 9 September.

Judi Boivin confirmed she had looked at the Retail Dealer License application and having reviewed Page 26 in the Planning and Zoning Board bylaws for Marlow, recommends the application becomes before the Planning Board for a site plan review. With regards to the draft lighting ordinance she recommends the Laura Troian petition the article to be included on next year's warrant. Will revisit next week as soon as input has been received from the Police Chief and all members of the Select Board.

The Select Board reviewed and discussed the written refusal by the Marlow School Board to repeated requests by the Marlow Planning and ZBA Boards to use the school for a federally mandated public hearing on a proposed additional cell tower in Marlow. The proposed cell tower has the potential to improve cell phone and internet coverage to areas of the town not currently served and also provide additional taxes to the town.

Selectman Corriveau questioned the motives behind why these requests were refused when the Marlow School Board already allowed recent public voting to occur at the school and the public to attend their monthly meetings. He also questioned their decision based on the fact that the Planning and ZBA Boards agreed in writing to ALL requirements stated by the Marlow School Board. The requested meeting would be scheduled for when students were not in the building. The town would supply all of the needed masks and hand disinfectant and also pay for the total cost of disinfecting the facilities after the meeting and before the students were next scheduled to be present in the building.



He also stated that in his opinion, their decision shows a disturbing disregard for the welfare of the town and its taxpayers considering the amount of taxpayer dollars that support the operation and maintenance of the school building especially in light of the two most recent large Marlow School budget increases. The school is the safest and largest place to hold a public meeting by State COVID guidelines, has good parking, is easily accessible, well lit, handicapped accessible, has heat, bathroom facilities, excellent ventilation and internet capability so that many Marlow taxpayers could also attend the public hearing via ZOOM. No other location in town can provide all these features.

Selectman Corriveau than made a motion that ALL written correspondence between the Marlow School Board, SAU 29 and Principal Dan Cherry and the Marlow Select Board and Planning Board be sent to the cell tower applicant's attorney for his review. The reason for this motion was that the applicant's attorney has threatened legal action against the Town of Marlow if the required meeting is not held and so it is important to demonstrate that the Select Board, the Planning Board and the ZBA have done due diligence. The motion was seconded and passed with a 3-0 vote. He also recommended that the Select Board review the school property deeds to determine the town's right to use the building for required public events. This was also agreed upon by a 3-0 vote. Any questions regarding the deeds will be sent to the town attorney for review and interpretation.

Discussed last week's Joint Loss Management Committee meeting and webinar training on reopening Town Offices. Currently working on a written plan to be sent out for review by town employees. The nature of our buildings greatly limits the amount of occupancy based on CDC guidelines during the pandemic.

Tom Fuschetto shared a copy of a Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance for information.

The Select Board voted to accept \$11,268.46 in GOFERR funding to cover the Town's unbudgeted COVID expenses up to 6/30/2020. Additional reimbursements are anticipated for the period 7/1 onwards.

Signed mutual agreement with Discount Oil of Keene for \$3,500 gallons at \$1,549 per gallon with immediate effect for deliveries up to 6/30/2021.

Approved CCI making an onsite visit to Marlow Police office to repair the computer. All attempts to repair it remotely have so far failed.

Will review credit card procedures next week.

Signed Treasurer's reconciliation for the September Ambulance Account.

Reviewed email dated 9/15 from David Eckman giving an update on the status of the Baine Road Culvert project. Will check status of permit application on NHDES website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'BA' or similar, located in the bottom right corner of the page.