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*Minutes  
Selectboard  
Monday, August 9, 2021*

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, and Steve Russo along with Town Administrator Tad Putney. Also present: Mike Wenrich, Rudy Borkowski, Joe Kagenski, Steven Spader, Chris Spader, and Tom Rogers.

**6:30pm Eddie** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the rules for hybrid meetings.

**Public Input**

**Tad** said there will be a document shredding event at the Transfer Station on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-Noon sponsored by the Millyard Bank. He said anyone wishing to have documents shredded can do so at that time. **Eddie** said the Fire Department is getting ready for their annual Duck Race and Chicken BBQ, which takes place on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Approve Minutes**

***Brendan moved, seconded by Dana, to approve the public minutes for the Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting as written; Voted Yes 4-0. Steve moved, seconded by Dana, to approve sets 1 & 2 of the non-public minutes for the Monday, July 12 meeting as amended; Voted Yes 4-0. Steve moved, seconded by Dana, to approve 10 sets of non-public minutes for the Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting as written; Voted Yes 4-0.***

**Sign Warrants for Payment**

***The Board approved Accounts Payable Warrant #31 in the amount of \$1,135,300.77, Public Works Building Project Warrant #4 in the amount of \$1,269,469.42, Payroll Warrant #32 in the amount of \$62,357.60 and Police Detail in the amount of \$7,113.76. Tad** noted that the Public Works Building Project warrant includes the payoff of the \$1.06 million Bond Anticipation Note.*

**Open Propane Bids**

Ciardelli Fuel Co:	\$1.499/gal propane and \$95/hour labor
Rymes Propane & Oil:	\$1.78/gal propane and \$125/hour labor
Irving Energy:	\$1.619/gal propane and \$129/hour labor

***Steve moved, seconded by Brendan, to accept Ciardelli Fuel Company as the low bidder for fuel and labor over the coming season; Voted Yes 4-0. Tad** said he will coordinate with Ciardelli and the current owner of the tanks to swap them out when they are at a safe level.*

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**Discuss Primex Online Training Programs**

**Tad** said there are a host of online training programs available through Primex. He said he would like to discuss the programs with the department heads in September. He suggested having three baseline training sessions across all employees during the first year and then offer online training that is customized by each department.

**Committee Updates**

**Steve** updated the Board on the School and Town Services Study Committee work.

**Review Mail Folder**

The Board reviewed the mail folder.

**Second Discussion of Wallace Brook Beaver Dam**

**Tad** said from the meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> there was agreement based on discussion, that **Mike** would gradually lower the water level about a foot, and there would be follow-up discussions about the long-term water level and the placement of a “beaver deceiver device”. **Tad** said the day after the meeting, **Mike** removed some branches from the dam to allow the water to flow, and there was a phone call from a resident expressing concern that the gradual approach to the water level being lowered would result in an extended period of beaver activity to the detriment of nearby trees and bushes, so they asked if we could move more quickly to install the beaver deceiver device. **Tad** said we agreed to stop any additional work on the dam at that time and have further discussion at tonight’s meeting that would focus on agreeing to the desired level of the water, so the deceiver device can be installed sooner rather than later. **Tad** noted that he and **Mike** are advocating for about a five-foot reduction in the water level. **Mike** expressed his responsibility for the proper function of the culverts and described his plan to divert the beavers as far away from the culverts as possible. Some abutters expressed continued concerns with the clearing of the beaver dam and some expressed their approval of **Mike**’s plan to clear it out. **Tom Rogers** said if the State has advised that this is a risk that can be mitigated, then the town has the responsibility to clear the dam from in front of the culverts and allow them to function as originally intended for water flow. ***Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, for Mike to move forward with his plan to remove the Wallace Brook Road beaver dam and set up a diversion barrier; Voted Yes 4-0.***

**Other Business – Paving Update**

**Mike** said his plans for modifying the island at Cleveland Hill Road and Averill Road paving are going well. He said his plans for the island at Mason Road and Dupaw Gould are on hold due to non-responsiveness from Consolidated that is needed to relocate a pole.

**Public Hearing – Accepting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds**

**7:21pm Eddie** opened the Public Hearing to accept ARPA Funds.

**7:23pm Eddie** closed the Public Hearing. ***Brendan moved, seconded by Dana, to accept \$570,873 from the American Rescue Plan Act; Voted Yes 4-0. Dana moved, seconded by Brendan, to authorize Tad to sign documents related to the American Rescue Plan Act; Voted Yes 4-0.***

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**Next Agenda**

It was agreed the following topics would be discussed at the next meeting:

- Review Social Media Policy
- Get estimates on a monitor or other options for the Town Hall meeting room.

***7:29pm Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.***

***8:38pm Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Voted Yes 4-0.***

8:39pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

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Eddie Arnold

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Brendan Denehy

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Dana Ketchen

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Steve Russo