

Barbara Campbell _____

John Allen _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 9, 2021
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**

Present: Barbara Campbell, Chairman; John Allen, Selectmen; Frank DiFruscio, Selectmen

Attendees: Administrative Assistant, Julie Hoyt, Hank Benesh, , Ed Harvey, Jay Henry, Emily Benson, Peter Benson, Pat Kelley, Kevin Bennett, and Tom Eastman

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order 4:00PM.

1. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Selectmen's Meeting – October 12, 2021 - The minutes were approved as written.
 - b. Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting – October 12, 2021 - The minutes were unsealed and approved as written.
 - c. Selectmen's Meeting – October 26, 2021 - The minutes were approved as written.
 - d. Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting – October 26, 2021 - **Selectmen Allen made a motion to keep these minutes sealed under RSA 91-A:3 (a and b), seconded by Selectmen DiFruscio. All approved.**
 - e. Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting – October 28, 2021 - The minutes were unsealed and approved as written.
 - f. Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting – November 9, 2021 - The minutes were unsealed and approved as written.
3. **For Selectmen Discussion and/or Motions**
 - a. Fire Truck - Purchase – Chairman Campbell stated that the Selectmen could make a motion to order the truck tonight, and then at the Annual Town Meeting, the residents could vote on the lease and how to fund the vehicle, since currently, the Capital Reserve Fund does not have enough money in it. Chief Henry explained that if this truck was not ordered this week, the price would increase drastically. If this was ordered in March, the cost would increase by sixty thousand dollars. The truck would not be available for a year and a half. Selectmen DiFruscio mentioned that this truck would not fit in the current fire station, but was told by Chief Henry that they could open up a back wall to accommodate

the extra length. **Selectmen DiFruscio made a motion to order a new fire truck, seconded by Selectmen Allen. All approved.**

b. Chamber – Christmas Tree Request - The Jackson Chamber has asked permission for a Christmas tree to be brought in to the town to replace the dead tree that is there now. Gary Speirs met with Chief Henry, and it was determined that the tree in question is not dead, but does have a disease that will be treated by Eastern Green. The Chamber would still like to bring in a Christmas tree that will be professionally installed and removed. The Selectmen had no issues with this request.

c. Tax Rate - The Tax Rate will be going up from \$10.99 to \$11.27. The breakdown is as follows:

- The municipal rate is going down from \$4.50 to \$4.24.
- The county rate will be going down from \$1.16 to \$1.11.
- The local school rate is going up from \$3.63 to \$4.08.
- The state school rate is going up from \$1.70 to \$1.84.

This municipal rate is actually the lowest it has been since 2014. Most of the increase is due to the increased school rate. The total tax rate is the same as it was in 2016. \$250,000 of Fund Balance is being used to offset this rate, leaving \$1,054,689 remaining. The amount used was a conservative number due to anticipated inflation next year. **Selectmen Allen made a motion to accept the municipal tax rate of \$4.24, seconded by Selectmen DiFruscio. All approved.**

d. Updated COVID Policy - The Emergency Management Director, Emily Benson, mentioned that the Selectmen will need to know employee vaccination status to determine quarantine requirements, since they vary for vaccinated and unvaccinated. The Town is following the NH State COVID Policies. **Selectmen DiFruscio made a motion to accept the updated Town COVID Policy, seconded by Selectmen Allen. All approved.**

e. Highway Department Personnel - Gary Allen has been promoted to Highway Department Road Agent. There is an opening for a full-time driver. Currently no one has applied for that position. Chairman Campbell suggested looking at trucking schools for potential recruitment, or asking friends and family in the area.

f. 2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate - This is an annual form verifying that the assessment information is correct.

Pending:

a. Valley Cross Road Bridge - still pending.

4. Short Term Rentals - Applications for approval:

a. New permits - No permits.

b. Violation Notices:

1. Dormer – 1st violation notice - This property was approved for a CUP in July, and the advertisement was changed to allow more guests than their application was approved for. **Selectmen DiFrusco made a motion to issue a violation notice, seconded by Selectmen Allen. All approved.**

c. Pending:

1. Carter Notch Inn - CUP Received and will be reviewed at the next planning board meeting.

2. Schaffner – CUP Received and will be reviewed at the next planning board meeting.

3. Nonni – contacted the office and they will be sending their CUP application.

4. 7 Balsam Drive, Owner: Harvey - Update - Chairman Campbell reviewed the police report. The Police did issue a warning for the use of fireworks and the corresponding disturbance. Chairman Campbell felt that this did break a requirement of the CUP, and a violation notice should be filed. Selectmen DiFrusco would like to speak to the Officer who issued the warning one more time. This will be discussed again at the December 14th meeting.

d. Complaints - No complaints.7. **Building & Driveway Permits: FYI – Approved Building Permits**

NUMBER	OWNER	MAP/LOT	ADDRESS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2021-129	Pete Stuben LLC	V09 Lot 13	94 Main Street	Roof shingles
2021-130	Devaney	R17 Lot 31A-W04	19U02 High Pastures	Repair existing deck
2021-131	Campbell	R17 Lot 8	60 Moody Farm Rd	Generator
2021-132	Welch	V02 Lot 10S1-C12	20 New Madbury Ln	Add 6' to garage, remodel
2021-133	Hughes	R14 Lot 24	187 Thorn Hill Rd	Add new bedroom in existing garage.
2021-134	Roden	V08 Lot 17	62 Switchback Way	Renew permit for new barn
2021-135	Pratt	V01 Lot 47	21 Main Street	Kitchen remodel

8. **Approved Driveway Permits:** No permits9. **Upcoming meetings:**

- Tuesday, November 23rd - Cancelled
- Tuesday, December 14th at 3:30pm
- Tuesday, December 28th at 3:30pm
- Tuesday, January 11th at 3:30pm
- Tuesday, January 25th at 3:30pm
 - Budget Hearing #1 – following the Selectmen’s Meeting
- Tuesday, February 1st at 3:30pm
 - Budget Hearing #2 – following the Selectmen’s Meeting
- Tuesday, February 22nd at 3:30pm

10. **Public Comment**

a. Chairman Campbell mentioned the upcoming Bartlett / Jackson Ambulance Committee meeting with the Bartlett Selectmen taking place on November, 17, 2021 at 2:30PM at the Bartlett Town Hall.

b. Chairman Campbell spoke about the informational session last Saturday regarding the proposed new fire station. This information is available on the town website, the fire department website, the town office and the fire station. This will be further discussed at the December 14th meeting.

c. Tom Eastman asked about the new fire truck.

d. Emily Benson gave an update that Jackson is working on a regional grant application with Bartlett, through FEMA, for new breathing apparatuses.

11. **Selectmen Allen moved to adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting, seconded by Selectmen DeFruscio. All approved.**

Respectfully Submitted by:
Erik Atwell

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