

Barbara Campbell _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 18, 2022
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**

Present: Barbara Campbell, Chairman; Frank DiFruscio, Selectmen

Attendees: Emily Benson, Peter Benson, Jay Henry, Andy Dean, Marilyn Rodes, Kathryn Karlsson, Willis Kelley, Alicia Hawkes, Anne Pillion, Burr Phillips, Chief Perley, Matthew Falconeiri, Steve Langevin, Town Administrator, Julie Atwell, Administrative Assistant, Julie Hoyt, and Hank Benesh

1. Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:33PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. Selectmen's Meeting – December 28, 2021

Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

b. Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting – December 28, 2021 - RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to keep these minutes sealed, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Chairman Campbell explained that this meeting had board members in person and remote, via zoom, due to COVID concerns.

4. For Selectmen Discussion and/or Motions:

a. Town Meeting Discussion – Bill Kelley

Moderator Kelley explained that since the State of Emergency has ended, the only reason a Town Meeting can be postponed is due to a weather event, meeting specific requirements. The State has not provided any additional information to Moderators at this point. Chairman Campbell said that we can have the deliberative session of the Town Meeting at the Whitney Center, with a remote option. The only issue is if there is a vote that requires a ballot vote. At

this time, it is unknown if the Fire Station will be on the warrant (the Selectmen have not voted on that yet). If it is on the warrant, a ballot vote would be required for a bond, so the logistics of that would have to be figured out. Frank asked Bill his opinion on whether or not the meeting could be held while still dealing with COVID. Bill said he thought we could have the meeting with social distancing and masks. Since there is no State of Emergency, the meeting cannot be held in May, outside, under a tent, like it was last year.

b. Fire Station – Update

Chairman Campbell said that this topic was on the agenda two meetings ago, but at the time there were a few additional questions, so the vote was postponed. Only two Selectmen are in attendance today, but Chairman Campbell said that a decision needs to be made on whether or not the fire station will be added as a Warrant Article this year. Chairman Campbell stated that her vote was known and asked Frank his thoughts. Frank restated his thoughts, that he can be in support of the fire department without being in support of the fire station. He would like to have a more holistic approach and review the needs of the town, school and all departments, before a decision is made on the fire station. He thinks there are needs in other departments as well as the school. He would like to wait and determine these needs before spending so much on one department. Frank asked Chief Henry what his Fire Committee vote was, because not everyone on the committee voted to put the fire station on the Warrant this year. Chief Henry wanted to inform the Selectmen of what the Committee found, but wanted to wait to put it on the Warrant. He doesn't think things are ready yet. Peter Benson wanted to clarify with Frank (who mentioned he hadn't heard much from the Committee) that the Committee had open houses and meetings which Frank could have attended to obtain information during those times. Frank thought that there would be updates presented to the Selectmen, but also said that he could have attended some of these events. Peter stated that the Committee was tasked with looking at a new fire station, not the needs of the town. He said the Committee did what they were tasked with. Peter said that bonds can be tricky during a normal year, but he did not know how it would work in a hybrid year (some in person and some on Zoom). Peter said that if the Selectmen choose not to put it on the Warrant, he would like to ask that the Selectmen quickly move to decide what to do with the fire station, because the building does not have time on its side. Chief Henry said that he did not have a problem if the Selectmen wanted to wait to put this on the Warrant, but he would like to see schedules for Capital Improvement Meetings, with the Schoolboard and whoever else is involved. He doesn't want to see this process put on hold. Frank's vote is to not put this on the Warrant for this year. He thinks we need to slow things down and look at the needs of the whole town. Chairman Campbell's vote is in favor of putting this on the Warrant. Chairman Campbell tabled this until all three Selectmen are present and can vote. If only the same two Selectmen are present at the next meeting and the vote remains one to one, then the article will not be added to the Warrant. Frank

asked Chairman Campbell her thoughts on the need for a town wide capital improvement plan. She said she is not opposed to that, but that it could be a lengthy process, and she feels that the fire station building and its current condition needs to be addressed right away. Frank thinks that since the Fire Chief does not want this article on the Warrant for this year, because he does not feel that it is ready, that everyone should listen to him and support him. Chairman Campbell was hoping to hear more from the public by having this on the Warrant, since no one has given feedback about this at the Selectmen's Meetings. Chairman Campbell expressed disappointment that the Fire Chief did not support the article this year, but Chief Henry said he didn't think the Selectmen as a group of three have gotten enough information. He said that Selectmen support is needed, which he said they do not have.

c. Valley Cross Road Bridge – Burr Phillips

Burr reviewed three options regarding the trusses for the Bridge. Option one was to store the trusses for five to ten years, option two was to refurbish them for another location in town, and option three was to refurbish them and place them back on the bridge. Both Chairman Campbell and Frank DiFruscio agreed that the trusses should be placed back on the bridge. Steve Langevin suggested a possible grant (Moose Plate Grant) that could help with the additional cost for putting the trusses back on the bridge. **Frank made a motion to place the trusses back on the Valley Cross Road Bridge, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.**

d. Jackson Highlands - Town Property

There are two small unbuildable lots owned by the Town that the Falconeiri's would like to purchase from the Town in order to put in a driveway. Chairman Campbell supports the sale so that this will land will become taxable property rather than remain on the Town books. A sale price of \$26,000 was agreed upon. A deed restriction will be added to prevent anything other than a driveway on that land. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to put a warrant article on this years warrant for the sale of the Town property for \$26,000, seconded by Frank. All approved.**

e. Updated COVID Policy

These updates reflect the changes made by the CDC. Links were updated, and the Employee benefit has been updated. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept the updated 1.18.2022 COVID Policy, seconded by Frank. All approved.**

f. Agreement Letter for Pinkham Rifle Loan to Historical Society

A letter was drafted for the purpose of loaning the Pinkham Rifle to the Historical Society, where it will be stored and displayed, thus allowing it to be viewed more often.

g. Donation – Police Department

The Police received an anonymous donation for \$1,000 to offset expenses. **Frank DiFruscio made a motion to accept that donation, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.**

h. Trustees of the Trust Funds - Withdrawal

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to withdraw \$62,293 from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund (account 0048) for the purchase of a used truck, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

5. Short Term Rentals - Applications for approval:

a. New permits:

There are no new permits.

b. Violation Notices:

1. Discussion on Fireworks and Noise Ordinance regarding STR's:

Frank mentioned that our Town Attorney said that the above Town Ordinances do not qualify as STR violations. Chairman Campbell said there needs to be clarification on what constitutes a STR violation. Chief Perley added that he thinks the Town Attorney identifies fireworks, noise and STR violations as stand alone violations.

c. Pending:

1. Baker – 1st Warning Letter:

Their advertisement has been correct.

2. Harvey – Fireworks complaint:

There will be no violation filed for this complaint.

d. Complaints:

There are no complaints.

6. Building & Driveway Permits: FYI – Approved Building Permits

NUMBER	OWNER	MAP/LOT	ADDRESS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2021-152	Myers	V01 Lot 4	87 NH RT 16	Add shower to existing bathroom
2022 - 01	Benesh	R08 Lot 11A	27 Beech Hill Rd	Solar panels - rooftop
2022 – 02	Allen	V04 Lot 29	22 Wilson Rd	Install mini split

FYI – Approved Driveway Permits: None

7. Upcoming meetings:

- 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

8. Public Comment:

Anne Pillion wanted to thank the Board for their decision to put the trusses back on the Valley Cross Road Bridge.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and enter into a non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3 II(a), seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Erik Atwell

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