

Barbara Campbell _____

John Allen _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022 - 3:30PM
Unofficial Until Approved**

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

Attendees: David Campbell, Jay Henry, Emily Benson, Andy Dean, Matt Falconeiri, Barbara Theriault, Lori Keenan, Linda Tierney, Willem Sandberg, Hank Benesh and Julie Atwell, Town Administrator.

1. Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. Selectmen's Meeting & Non-Public Meeting - February 22, 2022

- **Frank DiFruscio made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by John Allen. All approved.**

- **John Allen made a motion to seal the non-public meeting minutes from February 22, 2022, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.**

4. For Selectmen Discussion and/or Motions:

a. Appoint Chairman

This position is typically given to the Selectman who is up for election in the following year, which would be John Allen. John would like to decline this position due to his schedule and availability. He has suggested that Barb and Frank split his year. Barb would continue as chairman for six additional months, and then Frank would become chairman for the remaining six months plus the following year, which would allow them to both serve as chairman for a year and a half. **John Allen made a motion to have Barb serve as chairperson for six more months and then have Frank become chairperson for the remaining six months, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.**

b. Jackson Highlands – Town Property

Chairman Campbell explained that this property and the sale of it was discussed at the Town Meeting. The Selectmen need to decide whether to grant an easement for the property or sell it. Kevin Bennett suggested that the Conservation Commission be involved in the discussion, and said

that rather than selling this property, he thinks an easement should be granted, which would preserve the wetlands and keep the property as it currently is. The abutters to this property spoke about their concerns. Frank suggested the Selectmen have a site inspection to understand the location of the proposed driveway and how it could impact the abutters. The recommendation is to have the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Town Council review and comment on the proposed easement and driveway location, and then meet with the Selectmen again for a decision.

c. Highway Truck – Proposal – Gary Allen

Road Agent, Gary Allen, recommended replacing the 2014 Ram 5500 plow truck with a new 5500 2022 Ram Truck. He feels that these smaller trucks work very well in the winters that we have seen with less snowfall. The larger (Western Star) plow truck is still working well, but having a smaller truck can help keep mileage down on the larger truck (which is twice as expensive). It will take eight months to get the new Ram. Chief Henry may have interest in taking the 2014 Ram to use as an upgrade to the Forestry Truck for the Fire Department. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to purchase the 2022 Ram 5500, seconded by Frank. All approved.**

d. Transfer Station – Bulky Waste and Asbestos Dumping

A local Inn deposited an old safe at the Transfer Station, and it had asbestos in it. Kevin Bennett contacted DES to determine proper disposal. It was removed, and the Town is getting a bill for approximately \$400. The Selectmen would like to request reimbursement for this from the Inn. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to send a letter to the Inn to recoup the \$400, seconded by John Allen. All approved.**

e. Board Appointments/re-appointments

- Jeff Sires has chosen not to seek another term. The Selectmen wanted to thank him for his service on the Conservation Commission.

- Ken Kimball - Conservation Commission
- William Terry - Planning Board
- David Campbell - Planning Board
- Kathleen Dougherty - Planning Board
- Alicia Hawkes - Old Library Management Committee
- Eleanor Speirs - Old Library Management Committee
- Marilyn Rhodes - Old Library Management Committee
- Barbara Theriault - Old Library Management Committee
- Elizabeth Hughes - Library Alternate Trustee
- Marcia Scogen - Library Alternate Trustee

John Allen made a motion to approve all of the board appointments or recommendations, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

There are also several open board positions: two alternate positions on the Planning Board, and three alternate positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

f. EMPG Grant – Emily Benson

The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$3,500.00 to update the community's Local Emergency Operations Plan

(LEOP). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$7,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$3,500.00). Emily Benson mentioned that with employee participation, during the update process, the town match should be covered through that participation while working with June from Mapping Solutions. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept the Grant Money of \$3,500 with the town matching the other \$3,500 to update the community's Local Emergency Operations Plan, seconded by John Allen. All approved.**

g. COVID Update – Emily Benson

Emily said that the Town Office will now be mask optional, but masks would still be greatly appreciated. Additionally, one person (or group) per window would also be appreciated.

h. North Country Angler – Stock Pond Request

Frank made a motion to approve North Country Anglers request to stock the pond for the instruction and the kids day event on June 4th, seconded by John. All approved.

i. Facilities Committee

Chairman Campbell has received 15 emails from people who are interested in volunteering for this committee. The group consists of members from the schoolboard, conservation committee, emergency management, planning board, library, old library and other citizens. Chairman Campbell would like to volunteer to be the Selectmen representative. This will be a pending item on the Selectmen's agenda. Chairman Campbell will try to find a time in April when the committee can meet. The idea would be to meet at different town locations in order to get a sense of each building and its needs.

j. Jackson Falls Parking and Stickers

The stickers for the Jackson Falls will now be available to all taxpayers. New stickers will be ordered, and will be placed on the outside of the vehicle rather than inside to be more visible to the Police (who monitor the parking). The rules for obtaining the stickers will be decided soon, and there will be expiration dates on these stickers.

k. Extended Liquor License – Wentworth

John Allen made a motion to approve the extended liquor license request from the Wentworth, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

l. Solar and Vet Credit Applications

- Veteran – V10/L22 – Mangan
- Veteran – R14/L5-1A – Heidmann
- Veteran – V03/L38 – Howe
- Veteran – V01/L47 – Pratt
- Solar – V09/L17 – Darcy
- Solar – R17/L12 – Begor
- Solar – V08/L20 – Kaubris
- Solar – V03/L40 – Kimball

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to approve all of the veteran and solar credits and exemptions, seconded by John Allen. All approved.

m. Conservation Commission – Grant Approval

John Allen made a motion to accept the \$2,000 grant from the Pekwaquet Foundation for the community garden, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

n. FYI – Assessor Contract – Approved

This contract has been signed. The amount of \$44,000 was approved at the Town Meeting.

o. FYI - Town and School Board Live Streaming Metrics

Chairman Campbell wanted to share that there were over 150 viewers watching the live streaming of the Town Meeting and Annual School Meeting combined. There have also been over 30 views since the videos were posted at jacksonflicks.com.

p. FYI – Grant – Local Equipment Purchase Program

A GOPHER grant application has been submitted to try to obtain \$50,000 toward the purchase of an emergency vehicle. If approved, this would cover the purchase of the new Police vehicle.

Pending:

a. Lion’s Club Bench – Location and Color

The Selectmen chose the color “tree house” brown for the recycled bench being donated by the Lion’s Club.

5. Short Term Rentals - Applications for approval:

a. New permits:

1. 683 Dundee Rd, Owner: Michael Gothie

John Allen made a motion to accept the STR application for 683 Dundee Road, Gothie, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

2. 37 Old Jackson Road, Owner: Willem Sandberg

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to approve the STR application for 37 Old Jackson Road, Sandberg, seconded by John Allen. All approved.

3. 36 Middle Mountain Trail, Owner: Robert & Beth Denaro

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to deny the STR application for 36 Middle Mountain Trail, Denaro, seconded by John Allen. All approved.

b. Violation Notices - N/A

c. Pending

1. 20A Cottage Drive, Owner: Nonni

John Allen made a motion to approve the STR application for Nonni, 20A Cottage Drive, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

d. Complaints - N/A

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

NUMBER	OWNER	MAP/LOT	ADDRESS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2022 - 08	Billings	R18 Lot 09	66 Melloon Road	New roof
2022 - 09	Hoyt	V09 Lot 05	118 Switchback Way	Permit renewal garage, breezeway
2022 – 10	Verran	R12 Lot 04	17 Adams Road	Finishing part of basement
2022 – 11	Robichaud	R12 Lot 02	9 Adams Road	Replace windows in house
2022 – 12	Little	V09 Lot 03	2 Stem Turn Hill Rd	Ground mount solar array
2022 – 13	Eagle Mtn House	V03 Lot 2-A	Carter Notch Rd	Demolish large barn, small entrance to kitchen at carriage house

FYI – Approved Driveway Permits N/A

7. Upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, April 12th at 3:30pm
- Tuesday, April 26th at 3:30pm

8. Public Comment

Emily Benson did hear that the Conservation Commission will try to get the Kiosk placed at the Jackson Falls as soon as the ground thaws.

9. Adjourn Selectmen's Meeting

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Erik Atwell

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