

Barbara Campbell _____

John Allen _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

**Selectmen Meeting & Budget Hearing #2
February 1, 2022
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**

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

Attendees: In Person: Willis Kelley, Emily Benson, Peter Benson, Jay Henry, Gary Allen, Hank Dresch and Hank Benesh.

Via Zoom: Darlene Ference, Chief Perley, Linda Terry, Tom Merrill, Julie Atwell, Town Administrator and Julie Hoyt, Administrative Assistant.

This meeting had board members attending in person (Chairman Campbell and John Allen) and remotely (Frank DiFruscio) via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

1. Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:31PM

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Selectmen's Meeting and Budget Hearing #1 – January 25, 2022

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

4. For Selectmen Discussion and/or Motions:

a. ARPA Funds

Emily Benson suggested using some of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for some of the action items listed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, such as generators for both the Fire Station and Library. Emily also mentioned some communication system needs (radios on Tyrol), where ARPA funds could be used. This topic will be added to the 2/22/22 Selectmen's agenda for more discussion. Something will be sent to e-news in order to get some public input.

b. NHDOT - RT16B Culvert Replacement

DOT will be replacing a culvert on Rt. 16B (between Sarah Hill Rd, Wilson Rd and Black Mountain Rd) starting June 22, 2022. They sent a letter as an FYI.

c. Bench Donation – Conway Area Lions Club

Tom Merrill from the Lions Club is offering the Town of Jackson a bench made from recycled plastic. They have made these donations in Conway and Bartlett. Once the Selectmen decide on a location and color, they will reach out to Tom, so that he can place the order. The Conservation Commission has also been asked to weigh in on the location.

d. Valley Cross Road Bridge - Updated Loan

John Allen made a motion to close out the current loan for the VCR bridge and update the loan documents for the same purpose, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved. This loan is set up just in case the town needs to pay invoices prior to receiving reimbursement from the State.

e. Annual Update – Investment Policy

John Allen made a motion to approve the investment policy annual update, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

f. Thank You - Mountain Garden Club

The Selectmen have a letter to send to the Mountain Garden Club volunteers, thanking them for taking such good care of the annual perennial gardens at the gazebo, the Heritage pathway, and additionally for providing the town with wreaths in the winter.

g. Transfer Station Invoice

Bartlett sent an invoice for bulk materials. They want to invoice Jackson for tipping and hauling fees for mattresses and furniture, etc. John and Chairman Campbell have some additional questions, and would like to discuss this at a Transfer Station meeting with the Bartlett Selectmen prior to approval.

5. Short Term Rentals - Applications for approval:

a. New permits: N/A

There are no new permits.

b. Violation Notices:

There are no new violations.

c. Pending:

1. Denaro – 1st Violation Notice

Julie Hoyt spoke to the Denaros regarding their violation notice. They are going to send in their application for a Conditional Use Permit, so they are still pending.

2. Ramsbottom (non compliant)

They were conditionally approved in September, with Vacasa as their management company. They were supposed to submit their advertisement. Since that time, they decided not to work with Vacasa, but they have still not submitted a copy of their advertisement, and have been very unresponsive when the Office has tried to reach them. Chairman Campbell would like to send a warning letter via certified mail. If there is still no response, the conditional use permit will be revoked. **Chairman Campbell made a motion to send a warning letter to the Ramsbottom's due to their unresponsiveness with a request to submit their advertisement, seconded by John Allen. All approved.**

d. Complaints: N/A

There are no new complaints.

6. Building & Driveway Permits:

a. Approved Building Permits:

None

b. Approved Driveway Permits:

None

7. Upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, February 22nd at 4:30pm
- Town Meeting Dates:
 - Tuesday, March 8th – Election Day – 8am to 7pm at Whitney Community Center
 - Thursday, March 10th – Town Meeting - 7pm at Whitney Community Center
- Tuesday, March 22nd at 3:30pm

8. Public Comment:

Bill Kelley intended to submit a petitioned Warrant Article, which was not for a bond, but rather to work on a plan to provide good numbers for a fire station. He decided not to submit a petitioned article, but he would like to ask the Selectmen to put something on the Warrant to either continue the Fire Station Feasibility Committee, or put a new committee together to spend some time on looking at the needs of the town as well as options for the fire station. Frank suggested including the school in this discussion regarding the needs of the town. Peter Benson also spoke in favor of this article. **John Allen made a motion to add \$25,000 as a warrant article to research the needs of the town through a facilities committee that explores the need for upgrading and/or replacing town buildings and facilities, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.**

Peter Benson asked that this information be passed along to the school. Chairman Campbell said that she will let them know about the new facilities committee article.

9. John Allen made a motion to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting and move into the Budget Hearing, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

10. Chairman Campbell moved into Budget Hearing #2:

Chairman Campbell wanted to note a few changes that were made to the Operating Budget. The building maintenance for the Fire Department went up from \$6,500 to \$30,000, which is for some immediate needs for the fire station. The wages for the Transfer Station increased by \$4,500 bringing the total to \$52,000.

11. Review Warrant Articles:

Jay Henry wanted to know if the Selectmen wanted to increase the fire truck capital reserve fund from \$80,000 to \$100,000. They would like to wait until the Valley Cross Road Bridge is completed and the bridge CRF no longer has to be funded. Chairman Campbell asked Gary Allen about the schedule for highway trucks. He said they will need a new smaller truck in a few years and the cost should be about \$130,000.

12. Selectmen's Warrant Article Votes:

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the Recurring Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$268,500, seconded by John Allen. All approved.

John Allen made a motion to approve the Recurring Expendable Trust Funds in the amount of \$103,500, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to approve the Recurring Social Services in the amount of \$20,256, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

John Allen made a motion to approve the purchase of a fire truck in the amount of \$695,000, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

John Allan made a motion to approve the Helfrich land swap (V10/212B), seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve acquisition of sale of land (RSA 41:14-a), seconded by John Allen. All approved.

John Allen made a motion to approve the amendment to groundwater protection district, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the short term rental modification, seconded by John Allen. All approved.

John Allen made a motion for the sale of town property of lots V07-53 and 54 on Jackson Highlands Road, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

John Allen made a motion to allocate \$25,000 to create a facilities committee to research the needs of the town, seconded by Chairman Campbell. All approved.

Chairman Campbell mentioned a petitioned article that was submitted by MWV Supports Recovery in the amount of \$1,500.

The Revenue and Town Values were reviewed with no questions.

Chairman Campbell noted that the town is very lucky to have such low receivables. Frank DiFruscio wanted to thank Karen Burton for her efforts working with people during these difficult times.

Peter Benson feels that the Meals and Rooms Revenue that the town receives from the State is much lower than it should be.

13. John Allen made a motion to adjourn Budget Hearing number two, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Erik Atwell

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