



## TOWN OF DEERING

### *Board of Selectmen*

762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 17, 2021**

#### **Selectmen's Meeting**

Selectmen present: Bill Whisman, Roy Watson

Mr. Whisman made the motion to open the meeting at 1900. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### **Minutes 3 June**

Mr. Whisman stated there were some errors on the minutes and pushed the approval of the minutes to the 1 July BOS meeting, which will have the amendments.

Mr. Whisman made the motion to approve the consent agenda, but not the minutes. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes—Not approved, moved to next meeting with amendments
- b. Employee Payroll June 9th \$12,294.49
- c. Employee Payroll June 16th
- d. Fire Depart Payroll June 9th \$3,773.51
- e. AP Manifest June 17th
- f. AP XFER June 17th
- g. MS-232
- h. Abatement Requests 228-86/96 228-098-000
- i. MRI – Professional Services Agreement

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Town Mask Policy**

Mr. Whisman and Mr. Watson discussed the town mask policy and inquired with the Tax Clerk, Police Chief, and Road Agent on their thoughts. After short discussion, Mr. Whisman made the motion to rescind the town mask policy for all town buildings effective 17 June 2021 with the caveat that the wearing of a mask would be voluntary. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

##### **Review Conservation Easement Deed**

Mr. Whisman asked Gary Samuels about the easement and stated that there were some concerns with some of the verbiage that dealt with possible liability issues for the town. Mr. Samuels stated that he did not know the process to request payment and only wanted to have the authorization to pay for the work that has been done and asked to have the legal concerns sent directly to the PLC and CC him (Mr. Samuels) in that email. This way the language concerning the deed can be handled directly with the PLC. Mr. Watson agreed that the town should pay their

bills, but had concerns about the deed after reading the legal review. Mr. Whisman agreed and made a motion to pay the current amount due--\$25,048, but without approving the deed until a review could be done with ALL BOS present and legal issues worked out. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

### **Public Information Meeting—Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Brian Houghton, the town Road Agent, discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the BOS. He showed them the maps of the town with potential problematic areas. Mark Philibert, the town Police Chief, discussed actions, causes, and reasoning for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes funding from FEMA in case of a disaster. Mr. Houghton brought up current dry hydrants throughout the town. He discussed how the former Fire Chief had a plan for installing new ones, but it never came to fruition. Mr. Whisman inquired about the dry hydrants and if they have been inspected and to see if they are in working order. Mr. Houghton stated that the Fire Chief is the one who is in charge of that. Mr. Whisman asked Mr. Houghton and Chief Philibert if they had any other questions; both said no. Mr. Whisman then asked the public who were present if there were any questions or comments and a community member stated that there is \$8700 in a trust fund for dry hydrants and that it needs to be used on new ones. Mr. Whisman will ask the TA to coordinate with the Fire Chief and inquire the status of all current dry hydrants in Deering and the possibility of other prospective placements that could be funded by trust funds. There were no other questions or comments so Mr. Whisman made the motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Whisman brought up having a potluck later in the summer (August timeframe) for the entire town and have a band play at the gazebo. Mr. Watson agreed. Mr. Whisman said this is something that can be discussed at the goal setting session.

Mr. Whisman will ask the TA to have Aaron Gill, Trustee of Trust funds, come in to brief the BOS on the current status of the trust funds.

There being no more business to come before the Board Mr. Whisman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ William Whisman  
Board of Selectman

17 June 2021  
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Sign in sheet

1 Gary Samuels

2 Carol Baker

3 Elizabeth Kelly

4 Hon Ellen Paul

5 Donn Mann III

6 ERIC STAFFOR.

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