



## TOWN OF DEERING

### *Board of Selectmen*

762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

### **Meeting Minutes September 2, 2021**

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

Selectmen present: Rebecca Mitchell, Bill Whisman, Roy Watson

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

- a. Employee payroll August 25 \$12,362.55
- b. Employee payroll Sept 1
- c. AP Manifest Sept 2
- d. ZFER Manifest Sept 2
- e. Refund \$125.20

Minutes were not approved from August 19, Mr. Watson will amend to include date and proper heading.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Tax Collector-Deeding**

The board discussed/ agreed on payment plans, continuing to try to make contact with property owners and to address again in October.

##### **Cemetery Trustees**

The Cemetery Trustees met with the board to let them know everything they were doing since stepping into this position. They had concerns about the maintaining of Butler Cemetery since it is privately owned and could they research the possibility of purchasing it. They are also trying to organize files and would like a databased to help make it more accessible. The Board agreed they could move forward to find out possible cost of purchasing Butlers. Database can be purchased, if under a certain amount, from their budget.

Ms. Mitchell made the motion to appoint Trish Whisman to the Cemetery Trustee Board, Mr. Watson second, Mr. Whisman abstained. The motion passed and so moved.

##### **Police Dept Report**

The Police Chief met with the board about how the department was doing and current police matters.

##### **Impact Fire**

This was pushed back to the next meeting due to not having received the overall cost yet from the company.

##### **ARPA funds**

The Board had reviewed the guidelines for spending, talked about looking into using the funds in regards to the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, timelines and webinars available for further guidance.

## **Other Business**

Ms. Mitchell asked Mr. Watson, since he was in the picture posted in The Messenger, if he knew who authorized the firetruck to be used at a rally from the night prior, he stated that he did not know. Ms. Mitchell asked if Mr. Whisman knew about it and he said no.

Both Mr. Whisman and Ms. Mitchell express that they felt the rally was a wonderful idea and but were concerned on who approved the firetruck to be there considering that it needed the board's approval and they needed to follow protocol.

A community member shared her concerns that things were not being properly brought to the Board for approval such as the firetruck being at a rally on 9/1/21, flags, and a mailbox on town property.

Police Chief Philibert stated he was not notified that there was going to be a rally on town property and would have like to attended. Ms. Mitchell was concerned that it could have been much larger due to posting on social media and the police should have been notified so they could have been of assistance.

A community member questioned the board on why the August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were not posted, Mr. Watson explained that he did not submit them until Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and that they needed to be amended.

A community member asked what was being done concerning the article in the The Messenger concerning the cease and desist of charging for beach and boat launch use at the Deering Lake. Ms. Mitchell explained that this was not correct, we do not charge to use the beach or boat launch, only beach parking on town owned land. Mr. Whisman reiterated that Deering has charged for parking for many years and cost associated with the upkeep of the beach and boat launch. Ms. Mitchell stated that the TA has put multiple calls to the NH DES to correct this misinformation but has not heard back. A letter will be sent regarding this and when resolved will be submitted to The Messenger for clarification.

Ms. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07, Mr. Whisman second the motion, the vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully submitted

\s\ Rebecca Mitchell  
Board of Selectmen