



TOWN OF DEERING

Board of Selectmen

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen present: Bill Whisman, Allen Belouin, Rebecca Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 1900 via video teleconferencing because of the COVID-19 public health crisis and Governor Sununu's emergency order #12 pursuant to Executive order 2020-04 which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to meet electronically.

Mr. Whisman made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes for December 17 th		
b. AP ACH XFER	Dec 8th	\$30.00
c. AP ACH XFER	Dec 21st	\$65.70
d. Employee Payroll	Dec 23rd	\$17,326.30
e. Employee Payroll	Dec 30th	\$11,822.43
f. AP Manifest	Dec 31st	\$53,775.38 / \$6,345.97
g. Employee Payroll	Jan 7th	\$15,282.58
h. AP Manifest	Jan 7th	\$280,236.59
i. AP ACH XFER	Jan 7th	\$30.00
j. Timber Tax	233-006 / 233-010	\$65.73 / \$19,518.69

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Meeting / HB1129

Board members discussed HB1129 as it allows the option to hold a virtual town meeting. They discussed the option with Town Moderator Phil Bryce and Town Clerk Carol Baker. Board members expressed their desire to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Deering residents in any Town Meeting process. Mr. Bryce spoke to the complications of holding a Zoom meeting and keeping everyone on the same page explaining that there are professionals that can be hired to run large format Zoom meetings. Ms. Baker voiced concerns over the notice requirements outlined in the legislation given the limited staff available in her office. It was mentioned that the legislature was taking up a bill that will allow towns to delay Town meeting, but it had not yet been passed. Mr. Bryce also mentioned that the Town Moderator's list-serve mentioned taking people's temperatures prior to the meeting as a way to alleviate individual safety concerns. Ms. Baker mentioned that it might be possible to hold an outside meeting "Drive In" style at the airport. No decisions were made.

Bids – Grounds Maintenance / Fire Truck

The Board opened the two bids for purchasing the old fire truck. See below.

Bill McComish, Hillsborough Ford	\$300
Mark Padula	\$555

Mr. Whisman made the motion to award the bid to Mark Padula in the amount of \$550 with the caveat that the fire truck be taken from the highway garage lot before February 1st. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The Board next opened a single bid for the three-year grounds' maintenance from LaValley Northern Services for \$4,500 per year. The cost breakout is \$4,000 for the weekly mowing of the town office, memorial lot, and three fire stations. The \$500 is for mowing the Hotel Lot six times. Mr. Whisman made the motion to accept the LaValley grounds bid in the amount of \$4,500 per year for three years. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

CIP Funding

The Board reviewed the proposed funding for the various expendable trust and capital reserve funds that are used to purchase equipment (see attached). Ongoing funding for items such as assessing revaluation activities, master plan development, and technology replacement were reviewed and discussed. Funding for building maintenance and rolling stock replacement were also reviewed. The total proposed funding for 2021 is approximately \$357,238 and the Board noted that they will be using approximately \$300,000 from the undesignated fund balance to offset the expenditures. The TA reported that after netting out revenues the amount left to be raised through taxation is approximately \$1,638,506. Last year that amount was \$1,625,630.

Resignation

Mr. Whisman read excerpts from Fire Chief Dan Gorman's resignation letter. Board members thanked Mr. Gorman for his contributions to the department during his tenure including standing up the Per Diem ambulance program, improving response rates, purchase of a forestry vehicle and new tanker. Mr. Whisman made the motion to accept Mr. Gorman's resignation. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Whisman next made the motion to appoint Jeff LeBlanc as the interim fire chief and to compensate Mr. LeBlanc at an hourly rate of pay of \$28. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. LeBlanc had been the Deputy Fire Chief and was one of the original hires for the per diem ambulance program.

Other

Mr. Whisman asked that the next agenda include a discussion on parking fees for the beach and fines for violations.

Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II (b)

Mr. Whisman made the motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to review applications for FD candidates and to discuss the Interim Fire Chief's employment conditions. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote: Allen Belouin, Aye; Rebecca Mitchell, Aye; Bill Whisman.

The Board entered non-public session at 2005.

The Board reconvened into public session at 2047.

Mr. Whisman made the motion to hire Cadence Solsky and an EMT with the fire department at \$13 per hour. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

There being no further business Mr. Whisman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 2102.

Respectfully Submitted,
\\s\\ Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

CIP Funding Proposal - 2021

Acct	Fund	2021
60.1010.00.060	Assessing / ETF	\$ 14,988.00
60.1010.00.062	Celebration (A)	\$ -
60.1010.00.063	Cemetery Maint / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.064	Computer Systems / ETF	\$ 8,000.00
60.1010.00.065	Exotic Weed Control / ETF	\$ 5,000.00
60.1010.00.066	FD Building Maint / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.084	FD Turnout Gear Replacement / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.054	FD Vehicle Replacement / CRF	\$ -
60.1010.00.069	Gov't Bld Improvement / ETF	\$ 50,000.00
60.1010.00.071	Health & Safety / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.087	HWY Bld Improvement / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.055	HWY Vehicle Replacement / CRF	\$ 100,000.00
60.1010.00.075	Library Bld Maint / ETF	\$ 1,000.00
60.1010.00.076	Master Plan / ETF	\$ 1,250.00
60.1010.00.078	PD Ballistic Vest Replacement / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.079	PD Equipment Replacement / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.080	PD Vehicle Replacement / ETF	\$ 10,000.00
60.1010.00.082	Reservoir Usage / ETF	\$ -
60.1010.00.083	Road Reconstruction / ETF	\$ 150,000.00
60.1010.00.084	FD Turnout Gear & PPE / ETF	\$ 50,000.00
60.1010.00.089	Solar Energy / ETF	\$ 17,000.00
Total		\$ 407,238.00