



## TOWN OF DEERING

### *Board of Selectmen*

762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

### **Meeting Minutes September 17, 2020**

#### **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. At this time a quorum of the Board is meeting at the town office. The public is welcomed to attend the meeting at the Town Hall, or via Zoom.

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes for September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b. Employee Payroll                      **Sept 16<sup>th</sup>              \$13,356.49**
- c. AP ACH XFER                              **Sept 17<sup>th</sup>              \$30.00 / \$435**
- d. AP Manifest                                **Sept 17<sup>th</sup>              \$17,913.13**
- e. Intent to Cut                                210-004-000
- f. Land Use Change Tax                      235-003-000
- g. Solar Exemption                          229-067-000 / 228-026-000
- h. MS-535
- i. Department Reports

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Broadband access**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Stephen Walker concerning the lack of high-speed internet service for the last three houses on Clement Hill Road. While there is DSL availability the line itself is laying on the ground. The TA reported that Road Agent Houghton conversed with a TDS lineman who acknowledged the current situation, but added that TDS is looking to rent space on the Eversource poles to string the cable from. Whether or not placement of the existing lines on poles made it more likely that TDS will string fiber is not known, but operating two separate systems – DSL and fiber – is more expensive than maintaining one system.

##### **Other Business**

##### **Pay Increases**

Incorrect pay information for three members of the fire department led to no pay increases for those three members. The Board sought to correct this oversight and to also award pay increases for the Deputy Town Clerk, Dorothy Kirlis, and Assessing Clerk, Ann Mooney.

Mr. Whisman made the motion to increase employee pay by the amounts shown in the table below retroactive to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>
James Wilcoxon	Capt. / FF	\$14.00 per hour	\$15.00 per hour
Alex Rousseau	FF/EMT	\$13.00 per hour	\$14.50 per hour
Allen Grendell	FF	\$10.00 per hour	\$11.00 per hour
Dorothy Kirlis	Deputy TC	\$16.00 per hour	\$17.00 per hour
Ann Mooney	Assessing Clerk	\$20.50 per hour	\$21.50 per hour

### **Board Recognition**

Mr. Whisman recognized the Hillsboro Deering School cafeteria workers for their ongoing commitment to providing meals to school children during the pandemic and to the bus drivers who delivered those meals.

Mr. Whisman also recognized all of the Deering election workers as well as the police officers who worked tirelessly at the polls throughout the day and during the evening count of the ballots, too.

### **Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II(a)**

Mr. Whisman made the motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to go over the Fire Chief's Performance Review and continue review of employee compensation in the Fire Department. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote: Allen Belouin, Aye; Rebecca Mitchell, Aye; Bill Whisman, Aye.

The Board entered non-public session at 1912.

The Board re-entered public session at 2100.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Whisman made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 2103.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator