

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

August 23, 2021 at the Town Hall

Present: Bruce Beane, Jim Trudell, Wendy Ho-sing-loy, Administrative Assistant-Tabbetha Shosa, Celine Presby-Treasurer, Bethany Carignan-Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Tom Smith-Road Agent

Other: Stephen Delphino

Chairman Beane called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **Manifests & Invoices:**

The manifests for 08/16/2021 and 08/23/2021 were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$128,258.12 in the WGSB checking account, \$50,000 in the NOW account, and \$462,582.97 in the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account. Beane motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudell, all voted in favor.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Trudell motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ho-sing-loy, all voted in favor.

### **Committee/Department Reports & Needs:**

- Carignan explained that the state printer in the Tax Collectors office may need to be replaced soon. While the state used to provide these printers free of charge this is no longer the case and the town will be responsible for this expense. Carignan will provide a list of approved printers to the BOS so that a decision and purchase can be made.
- Road Agent Smith discussed the position for a part-time Highway Crew. The ad for the part-time Highway Crew position has been posted in the paper for three weeks now. No applications or calls have been received. Shosa will discontinue the newspaper ad but will post the job opening on the Town's Website and Facebook page.

Road Agent Smith discussed the Ogontz Bridge repair that is set to start in the first week of October. An employee that works at Ogontz Resort, David Pratt, has volunteered to build a foot bridge to assist with foot traffic during the necessary repair. Trudell will confirm this with the Ogontz Resort Manager, Ryan Midgett.

**Public Matters:**

- Stephen Delphino discussed safety concerns over recent criminal activities that have occurred at different residences within the town over the last two weeks. The BOS explained that the State Troopers are Lyman's law enforcement and that such concerns should be discussed with them. Delphino asked if firearms could be used on trespassers and the Selectmen explained that should someone enter a residence uninvited they believed that the use of firearms for self-defense is legally permitted but that this should be confirmed with the State police. They also stated that they did not believe firearms could legally be used to inflict bodily harm unless it was in self-defense.

Delfino discussed concerns over the recent revaluation and his increased tax burden due to the 2020 revaluation. The Selectmen advised him to file an Abatement for 2022 and explain why he believes his property assessment is incorrect.

Delfino also asked about any tax credit exemptions that he may qualify for. The BOS explained that the Veterans Credit and Elderly Credit are the only tax credits available through the town besides Current Use Land Credits. Delfino stated that he would come to the Town Hall during normal business hours to collect the necessary application for the Abatement and Elderly Tax Credit.

**Old Business:**

- The BOS will meet with one of the property owners that was sent a certified letter regarding Zoning Violations at the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- A BOS discussed a second property owner that received a certified letter regarding Zoning Violations. The property owner has complied since receiving the notice.
- Capitol Alarm System submitted an estimate to add the annual fire extinguisher and emergency lighting inspections to their yearly alarm inspections. The BOS have decided to remain with the current company that completes these annual inspections.

Beane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ho-sing-loy, all voted in favor.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 6:00 pm at the Lyman Town Hall.

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