

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 25, 2019**

**Members Present:** Selectman Murphy, Selectman Bennett, Selectman Guthrie

**AA to Board of Selectmen:** S. Theriault

Visitors:

**Public Announcements**

- The Town Offices will be closed on Friday, November 29th
- Don Campbell Concert – Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Middle School at 7:00 pm
- Hampstead Happenings – There is a list of upcoming Holiday Happenings that will be the from December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Waste Oil, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm.

**Visitors Comment**

J. Grimm-Collins Dr- J. Grimm was present to ask about the follow up regarding the conservation easements discussed at the last meeting. S. Theriault stated that she spoke with Peter Bronstein. She went on to explain that the way it is written now it does not allow cell towers (no construction is the wording) adding no cell towers to the easement would be like wearing a belt with suspenders. She also went on to explain that the warrant articles will also be added to the easement (for all five parcels) to add the two. The warrant articles Article 18 and 23 have been attached as direct exhibits. J. Grimm asked if is there a chance for public input. S. Theriault responded not now because it is still before the attorney but is amended to add that. If there need to make any further changes to the easement, it would need the approval of the Conservation Commission and they are not meeting again until January.

D. Cote- Collins Drive- She stated that she saw that utilities are included and believes that would create an exception and she wants that part out of there, or wants it clarified and in writing as started by Selectman Murphy at the last meeting. S. Theriault stated that she saw it as that wanted it in writing if it wasn't clarified, which it was. If there is cost savings, verbal was sufficient she stated. Selectman Murphy stated that from what he is hearing, attaching the two articles for those easements and no construction per the attorney would be covered.

D. Cote stated that per last meeting she understood that no cell towers would be added in there to keep it clear, and asked Selectman Murphy and S. Theriault if it could be in writing. D. Cote reported that it was stated to get it in writing and the cost is the constantly going back to town counsel. S. Theriault said that it is working through the process. S. Theriault stated to D. Cote that she was at the Conservation Commission meeting and it was explained what the utilities purpose would be. Selectman Murphy wants Attorney Bronstein's legal viewpoint why no construction would cover no cell tower. S. Theriault pointed out to Selectman Murphy that D. Cote has an issue with utilities not just a separate statement stating no cell tower. Chairman Bennett stated that utilities would be something like a light in the parking lot. D. Cote responded that she thinks it is ambiguous.

Tim Lovell- He explained that the most important utility is water and they would love to have a water line near the property for firefighting and electrical for a light down the road. He won't cut that off because of what the future might hold and stated that there are no current plans for anything right now. S. Theriault pointed out that any changes to the easement needs to go back to Conservation Commission. Selectman Murphy stated to get a statement from Attorney Bronstein and revisit with CC to understand the term construction and then visit "utilities". T. Lovell stated that the wording utility came from PB. S. Theriault was asked to get clarification.

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K. Kiesling- She stated that she had a concern with construction and utilities- water towers have cell towers on them. She asked if the articles will be amended? That language is confusing and does have loopholes. T. Lovell stated that he doesn't see building a water tower there whereas we already one in Hampstead. In reviewing the "No Construction" it was noted that a water tower would be heavy construction. K. Kiesling stated to T. Lovell that it sounded like he wanted a water tower. T. Lovell said no he was just looking for fire suppression that is all.

### **Department Heads**

#### **Matt Johnson- Recreation Commission**

M. Johnson noted that there are funds left in their 2019 that they would like to encumber the balance for 2020. The lines are 45201-12007 lifeguard salaries-\$4,965.43 and 45202-61000 has \$910.10. They would like to use the excess funds to do work at Holiday Lane fields. Hampstead Area Softball and Baseball (HASB) will be picking up the to move forward for a total \$8700 and want to do for first thing in spring before field in use. Chairman Bennett asked to look at the project and was given a copy of the proposal. Selectman Guthrie motioned to encumber the funds from 45202-61000 for \$910.10 and \$4,965.43 from 45201-12007 for the purpose of work to be done in 2020 at Holiday Lane. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. Chairman Bennett asked M. Johnson if they had gotten multiple prices. M. Johnson stated that HASB shopped around and had multiple prices and they thought this was one of the best. M. Johnson also stated that they thought it was not needed to go out to bid. S. Theriault stated that anything over \$5k needs to go out. E. Pellegrini asked if they can it just encumber the total of \$5k? Selectman Murphy stated that could waive the requirements whereas another entity is paying a portion of the cost and M. Johnson stated that they don't want to lose the opportunity. Selectman Guthrie stated he was okay and that it was good planning. The total to be encumbered is \$5,865.53. Selectman Murphy amended the motion to allow the bidding process be waived for the Holiday Lane Field project- Selectman Guthrie seconded the amendment. All in favor as amended.

#### **Planning Board- P. Carideo- recommendation for the Town Engineer for 2020.**

P. Carideo stated that the Planning Board put out a request for proposal for Engineering Services and there was a meeting held on 11/4/19 where they meet some of the applicants. After that meeting, the Planning Board voted to move forward with Keach Nordstrom Inc for a three -year term beginning 1/1/2020. P. Carideo stated that they are trying to get the transition working and work out something with Dubois & King to continue on some reviews where there are some potential conflicts. He is working on billing rates etc. and if there needs to be an extension on the current contract with Dubois & King now. Selectman Murphy made the motion to take the Planning Boards recommendation and appoint Keach Nordstrom Inc. for Engineering Services for a three-year term beginning 1/1/20. The motion was seconded by Selectman Guthrie. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

*Pursuant to RSA 31:95 (b) the Hampstead Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. at the Town Office building, 11 Main Street for the purpose of hearing testimony and to gather information regarding gifts and grants.*

There was a Public Hearing scheduled at 7:05 pm acceptance of unanticipated revenue to be allocated towards the Forestry Truck for the Fire Department. by accepting this grant, S. Theriault will be able to take \$10,000 out of the budget. The funds received were from the State of NH and the total received is \$66k. The State of NH allocated funds to all the municipalities when the budget was passed for the purpose of offsetting the tax rate or other purpose. The Selectmen were interested in using the funds to purchase the truck outright. There will be a second payment in 2020 for the same amount.

Discussion- Selectmen Murphy thought it was a good use for the money and Selectman Guthrie agreed. Selectman Guthrie made a motion to take action and use the \$66,000 for that purpose (the Fire Department Forestry Truck). Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 pm

Preliminary Review of Warrant Articles-

S. Theriault read through the current list of warrant articles scheduled to be on the 2020 warrant. Each one is listed with the current Article number and subject.

#7 Bond for up to \$1.55 million (check on)

#8 Budget- final numbers will be added

#9- Move the Board to five members at request of Selectman Guthrie to see if the town would consider and ask that the others allow it to go forward (no discussion)

#10- Increase library trustees to 5 members

#11- Police Chief to be appointed by BOS instead of elected- Chief Beaudoin stated that if it passes, he needs to know the effect to his budget whereas on average chief gets \$60k plus, and he gets \$30k and that is what is in his budget. S. Theriault stated it becomes effective in 2021 if it passes. Chief Beaudoin tried to explain that if the Chief chooses to step down after the vote- it will have an impact on the 2020 budget.

#12 Non-Expendable Trust Fund for \$10K- Chairman Bennett asked if this was needed this year. S.

Theriault looked at the last balance and the Selectmen agreed that they were ok with removing it from the warrant. **Selectman Murphy made a motion to delete this article and Selectman Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

#13 Non-Expendable Trust Fund for the Library \$10K- they are currently shy what they need for projected work.

#14 Vic Geary Center \$6000- on their rotation (every three- five years)

#15 Lamprey Health- \$1600 on their rotation (every three- five years)

#16 Center for Life Management \$7200- on their rotation (every three- five years)

#17 Family Promises \$5000 new request can be budget or warrant

#18 Cemetery Trustees \$100,000 cremation wall- They still have the funds in their operating budget as well- A Capital Improvement can be a separate warrant article because it is not a maintenance item. Selectman Guthrie that he has an issue with it in budget after town voted it down in 2019. He went to state that they need to sell the need for it and explain it to the public and understands that it will pay for itself over time. Selectman Guthrie also stated that he supports it as a separate article. S. Theriault will let the Cemetery Trustees know. Selectman Murphy stated that he thinks it should be as a warrant article whereas it is a capital improvement as well. S. Theriault will ask for them to attend the 12/9 and asked if she should take the \$100k out of the budget. Selectman Murphy responded to leave it in both places for now and will be out of one after that meeting.

#19 Solar exemptions- S. Theriault reported that there was a vote to for Solar Panel Exemption prior to the adding of 73:61 73:64 (1978 when it was originally adopted it was for heating/cooling only) now for electricity/heat/cool/pool etc. The article will be to rescind that adoption because most residents aren't able to apply for the exemption and add in a new one. She explained that a request came in through the website about the status of the exemption and it was discovered that it needed to be brought up to date. She gave an example that if the exemption is assessed at \$10k (with a \$15k cost) the resident won't pay taxes on the \$10k. She doesn't know the impact or how many are currently taxed on solar panels. She noted that it would not be retroactive and that there are very few that would fit into the current description. If she needs additional research, she will get for the Selectmen. Selectman Murphy stated that the 1978 article was to provide an exemption for what was allowed back then, this would update it for all the variables that are now available.

#20 Petition Article to exempt elderly from paying the school portion of the tax bill. This article is illegal, but needs to be put on because it met the criteria of a petition article.

Real Estate Taxation and Elderly Exemptions

Danielle Genovese of 9 Stonegate Lane stated the reason she was here along with her husband and a group of friends concerned about their taxes. She asked to speak to the Board of Selectmen about questions she has personally and the effect this tax bill has on people. She stated that the tax bill went up \$500 and this creates an extreme hardship on people on fixed incomes and that they are the most vulnerable and most valuable people in community. She stated that she can't understand why they went up so sharply in six months and that the effect is devastating and it is was a callous disregard for the seniors in Hampstead. She also went on to state that she knows that Selectman can't take it back and that they know that they can file

abatements etc. She stated that their land value is zero yet on the tax card it has \$100,600 under features- that looks like that would be the value of land. Secondly, she stated that she spoke with the Ashford's and asked if they are taxed on the land and was told yes. She then went on to ask if she is paying for the land too it would double dipping. Selectman Guthrie suggested they do one question at a time so they don't get lost. He went on to state that he is in the same situation whereas he lives in Emerson- no land and not taxed on the land, but the owners are.

S. Marsh- MRI the Assessors for Town of Hampstead spoke to the first concerns regarding the features. He explained that it is a market adjustment applied to properties. The assessing is a market cost approach. From the dealer there is a cost and then there is value to the park they are in such as Emerson or Granite Village and it is valued at a different amount. The assessments need to be in line for what they are selling for and it can be like a locational adjustment. Different properties in different locations have different value he stated. The owners of the land are taxed on the income generated from the use of the land. The owner of the property is being assessed at the value (i.e. \$50k at manufacturer) plus the features. Selectman Murphy asked if the value of the property is at \$150k and feature is at \$75k- is that part of the total valuation. S. Marsh said that you pay on what it is worth. If it was a house, they could adjust the value for what they are selling for, and they need to make an adjustment so they are consistent. They should all have the same adjustment.

D. Genovese asked that the Selectmen look at all the elderly exemptions and she gave the income levels a single person is \$32,500 \$40,000 for married couple that falls into the bottom half or bottom third in state from her research and she wants to see that increased and asked the Selectmen to consider putting together changes for 2020, or they understand that they can do it as a petition article. She then went on to read the income limits in other towns that are the closest to Hampstead such as Sandown \$50k and \$70k for a married couple. It was stated that people on fixed incomes have a budget and the current values are too low for the residents to get any significant tax relief. The current exemptions are at age 65 the exemption is \$125,000, at age 75, it is \$150,000 and at 80 it is \$200,000. ST. gave the statistics to Mrs. Genovese that she received from MRI.

Based on the report, the amounts of the actual exemptions listed Hampstead is the highest. S. Theriault then read list of income levels. The actual lowest exemption listed was at \$65K then ours is the highest for all three. Mrs. Genovese stated that she has an issue with the income levels. S. Theriault read some minutes from 2016 that showed at that time, MRI informed the Selectmen that the mobile/modular homes were at 82% of value and suggested the Selectmen look at it more in depth. In 2017, they came back again and stated that they were still selling higher than assessments. The Selectmen decided to wait until the full revaluation. The trend has been going on since 2016 that the values have been less than what is selling for, so the residents were actually given a couple of years of a lower assessment. Selectman Guthrie discussed the abatement form and asked if the Selectmen could take a look at the tax rate and give some relief, the relief comes in the abatements. D. Genovese stated that if someone wants to file one, they need a certified real estate appraisal to follow the sales. She stated that they need to look at people with a fixed income and asked where are they going to go because the prices are up everywhere. They could sell their current place but may not be able to afford another place. Their income stays the same and but the expenses go up. There should be a higher income guideline to apply. Selectman Guthrie asked if they can adjust the values anytime without warrant. S. Marsh stated that it needs to go before the voters to change. Sandown was a petition warrant article which is why it is so high. Selectman Guthrie asked D. Genovese if she is asking for the Selectmen to bring an article forward. She stated that it looks better if the selectmen support it. There was a question of the income is adjusted income or gross income. S. Marsh stated that gross income except for a couple of exclusions. Selectman Murphy stated that the deadline for petition articles is Jan 14th and they would need 25 registered voters and once submitted and correct, it can't be removed from the warrant. D. Genovese asked if she should start the process or wait for the Selectmen to bring forward. Selectman Murphy responded that the Selectmen would still vote to approve or not on a petition article. There was a discussion on the \$500 increase- explained purpose of the revalue and proportionate they were at 82% and others were closer to 100% the proportional share was out of balance this brings it back into proportion- process to rebalance the tax base and that the Selectmen are bound by law to do so. The tax rate

generally goes down, which it did by \$4. Asked if BOS willing to discuss at the 12/9 meeting Selectman Murphy stated that was ok. Selectman Guthrie said that there was merit if the Selectmen bring it forward rather than just supporting it. If the Selectmen chose to not go forward, then they have the option of a petition article. D. Genovese stated that they would need expertise to help write it up. S. Theriault said that she can give them copies of prior ones or other towns, but she asked that they allow the Selectmen to come up with some numbers and work through it first.

J. Bassett- Present for the Elderly exemption and explained that she wants it to be reviewed and modified (read letter to try to stay in homes). She stated that the current level for an 80-year-old should be at the \$200,000 until 85 years and then additional levels for 85-89, 90-95 and 95 to a 100. She stated that she balances her budget with her small income and with her exemption. Her exemption is now too low to cover the tax bill. She asked if it could be modified like a cola. In 2018 her tax bill was about \$1,500 and her exemption covered some of it. This year the tax bill for 2019 is at \$2,836 which is up \$1786.00 in one year on a fixed income and she didn't budget for this. She has been depending on the values and exemption to cover her tax bill. With the new values, she isn't given enough to cover it. She mentioned that maybe they should be grandfathered at a certain age to not have to pay any taxes. She went on to explain that she has been in Town over 55 years and is afraid that she won't have enough money to survive her remaining years. Went on to give her family history in town and stated that she is losing sleep worrying about her bill and how she will pay it and not lose her house. Where she lives is a desirable area now because of the people that lived here and created the town for those that want to live here now. She asked them to remember those that started what this town is currently.

Martha Swiderski- here for same reason she moved in around 1971 (48 years ago) and 10 years later she became a widow so for 38 years she has taking care of her own home because she wanted to stay in this town. Two things she asked about for herself she will be 85 and for the last four years she had the exemption that covered her tax bill. In July she received a letter from CCG and called them and left a message. No answer on 7/18 and called again no response. Two weeks ago, she got a tax bill owing \$1,800. Both houses around her have sold, one was inherited and one died and they renovated. Hers looks the same as it always did, she even painted it herself. The scale should be updated. Paid taxes for over 40 years. Last year she worked on the survey that the State of NH put out (to Derry and Rockingham Nursing Home) talking about all the elderly and the need for a roof over their heads. She stated that she loves Hampstead and her home and wants to stay here. Transportation and housing are needed in town and especially in Rockingham County. State of NH states that they want the older residents to stay and she gave articles about keeping people in their home. The population of the whole country is getting older because we are living longer. She stated that the State of NH needs to step up and do something about the elderly and update the scale. She has had two assessors look at her property and they mention her taking out a loan but she fixes what she can.

Selectman Guthrie to S. Marsh- what if town does make an adjustment in 2020. S. Marsh would be Tax year April 1, 2020. So not adjusted until the December 2020 tax bill. S. Marsh if the taxes are an extreme hardship for someone, they need to still complete the abatement paperwork and let the board make a decision. There is also a deferral that will be taxes paid when sold. Residents have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to meet with assessor and view the property and file an abatement or hardship. Chairman Bennett to S. Marsh does the town have the ability to change the levels of the age groups. S. Marsh responded that the State of NH allows only to 80+ but there are some towns that have stated after certain age you don't pay any taxes, that is always an option.

Richard Parker 41 Granite Circle – He stated that he moved in 2011 hasn't seen any assessors and that no one has ever been to his house. He has evaluated all his neighbors and they went up 60% to 70%. He has a concern with his tax bill and assessment being too high. He stated that he doesn't care about computers and buttons- they do not own the land and shouldn't be that high. Selling the house has to also do with the appearance of the land. Granite Circle is well over 25 years old and they have trees that surround his property that creates more work than some of the other homes in the park along with listening to the acorns falling on his property. He has about 15 to 20 feet in his backyards to trees. He stated that previously he

was assessed at \$87K now at \$150K- if anyone can sell his house for \$150,000, he will gladly move and will give a \$10k to the school fund. The land has a lot to do with the value- he is surrounded by tree. If he had the money, he would have a higher a lawyer for the park and sue the town.

Scott Marsh stated that there were 17 sales in that park alone 6 sales were for \$125k to \$175k and this is what they are sold for- that is the true market. He again stated that if anyone felt that it is out of line to file an abatement. One resident stated that he called Jeff at CCG after the hearings were over and was told to file a veterans' exemption and told about the tax exemption. He stated that he was also told it would be looked at and a letter sent but it was never received. S. Marsh apologized for what happened and offered to sit with anyone that needed to go

P. Brown- Summer Street- She asked about the article that was on the 2019 ballots that passed about if you were 65 or older the school portion would decrease. She wondered why she hadn't seen anything. She was told that it is not a legal article but we can't take it off.

S. Marsh stated that they were here to meet with anybody to go over the assessments and that they want everyone to pay their fair share. A resident in the audience stated that they met with the company and gave their case and nothing changed. S. Marsh will ask for their notes if the resident brings in same information. People need to pay their bill if filing for an abatement and if a correction is made, then a refund would be given with interest.

Discussion concerning warning signage for the West Road/Route 121

Jon Worthen stated that he was speaking as a resident and tax payer. Three times he was almost killed at this section because of cars flying right through the intersection. He stated that they are coming both ways some down Emerson and some up West and just go right through. It was noted that one person was killed there about 5 years ago. Last week he had for the third time a car coming up West Road that took a left on Route 121 going North and never stopped. He stated that he was so close he could have touched the car- but it never stopped and kept going. He hit brakes so hard thought pedal would break off. He was able to see the video from the store but no there was no license plate that was visible. He got out of truck to see if he was hit because it was that close. Selectman Guthrie to J. Worthen had it gone to the safety committee. J. Worthen stated that it had not and wasn't not sure what can be done, but has looked at some things showed a solar powered stop ahead sign. He stated that in two areas he painted "Stop Ahead" coming up West Road and would have done a third but ran out of paint. The current stop sign is on the left-hand side, but a stop sign on the right hand side would take away about 5 parking spaces. The solar powered proposed sign flashes 24/7 and cost about \$1,600 to \$1,860. It would need to be 10-12 feet off Main street for a regular stop sign. This flashing one would be behind the driveway for the gym/courts near culvert. There was a question of the Selectmen want to look at the whole intersection. Last time there were complaints they didn't move forward with the issue with sign island. Chief Beaudoin stated that our projected cost to redo that intersection was over \$1 million with no help on the cost of a street light. J. Worthen reported that in 2019 there have been 4 accidents and in 2018 there were 6 there (general area with half in the winter and half in the summer). People are going through the intersection at 30-35 mph even though there is a Stop sign on left hand side along with flashing red light. Selectman Guthrie asked if the sign was moved to the right if they would lose one parking spot. Chairman Bennett stated that the Stop sign would get wiped out right away. J. Worthen stated that he thought about 3 or 4 spots and it would be a pain to plow. It was suggested to do this light for a start and paint one more stop ahead on the road. If something else is done later, can use the sign somewhere else. Selectman Murphy said that it was cheap fix to see if it fixes the issue, spend the 2k and see what happens. Selectman Murphy also stated that GPS will send drivers that way and it was suggested to see if we could get that changed. Selectman Murphy suggested no through traffic be posted. T. Lovell asked if there was any weight limit because Busby trucks fly through there and cut through almost every day. J. Worthen will reach out to them and redirect them. He stated that they are usually empty but will reach out to them. T. Harrington will look into information on reaching Bing to take road off as a cut through. J. Worthen will look to see where he can get sign- Chairman Bennett suggested that he reach out to Derry DPW and see where they get signs. Selectmen Murphy motioned to allow the Road Agent to put in a 24/7 solar blinking sign with a cost not to exceed \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Selectman Guthrie. All voted in favor 3-0.

J. Worthen also reported that he is working on RSMS program to get the 2020 budget costs and should have a preliminary plan for budget

### **Old Business**

**911 Paperwork- Emergency Notification Systems (NH-ENS)**

T. Harrington reminded the Selectmen that back in October she presented the new 911 Emergency Notification System (ENS) and that there needs to be one point of contact, normally the EMD. That person would then name the people (normally the Fire Chief and Police Chief) as people authorized to call for the ENS. There is a secondary part for non-emergency alerts- example given was one that could have gone out when Halloween was moved. This one people need to sign up for and it could be done through the website. We would keep that database whereas the other one would be the 911 database.

**Selectman Murphy motioned to sign up and name Chris Dane as the point of contact. Chairman Bennett seconded the motion and they voted all in favor. T. Harrington will complete the form and put on credenza for the Chairman to sign.**

### **Liaison Reports**

*Selectman Guthrie-* Library Trustees are still working on longevity pay for their employees which he is following to do something similar for the town employees. He also announced that he attended the annual NHMA conference. He also stated that he represented the other board members at the Ecumenical service at the Meeting House. He noted that Reverend Ysenka is looking to keep it going and that it was fairly well attended.

*Selectman Bennett-* Had nothing to report

*Chairman Murphy-* Had nothing to report

### **AA Report:**

*Lion's Club came in with Lights of Hope-* You would buy a kit and on Christmas Eve put them out and light them up. The Lion's Club wants to still do the wall across the street at the old cemetery and the walkway around the meeting house. They will light up on Christmas Eve and pick up on Christmas Day. Selectman Guthrie had a question on fire safety. S. Theriault stated that they will put it away from the structures. We had those concerns last year so they keep them away from there. All were okay with it.

*FSA-* There are some changes for 2020. The new limit allowed is \$2,750 from \$2,700. There is also an option to allow up to \$500 to carry over that isn't spent at the end of the year to use in the next year. Chairman Bennett asked if there was any cost associated with it. S. Theriault responded no, but there is a bookkeeping nightmare if the funds don't get spent and they need to redistribute it to those that were in the plan. If there is funds left in someone's FSA at the end of the year, the funds are returned to the town to distribute to those that were in the plan- example someone at the max gets the highest portion of the funds left- it gets distributed to the people in the plan, not the person who had it left over. The Selectmen were asked for the increase in the limit and rollover. Selectman Guthrie asked why the rollover request wasn't done in the past- S. Theriault stated that there was a grace period and wasn't available back a few years ago. The limit does change every few years and she bring it every couple of years. T. Lovell stated that as an insurance salesman- the rollover is a good thing for the employees, situations change that allows the funds to carry over. Great perk for the employees,

**Selectman Murphy motioned to increase amount for 2020 to \$2,750 and allow the \$500 rollover. Selectman Guthrie seconded the motion. Chairman Bennett asked if it is it up to \$500 or a max of \$500. S. Theriault stated a max of \$500. J. Worthen asked if you rollover the \$500 can you still put in for the max of the \$2,750. S. Theriault believes you can because you won't know at the time of election if you would have any funds left. All yes.**

*Communications Group-* there are now three people interested. There was an outline submitted that he would like to see them work on. She can pull that correspondence and see where these people would fit in.

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Chairman Bennett asked if they would be given access to website S. Theriault responded that it was up to Selectmen, but the new website is much easier access to the website. She will get the correspondence and then they can meet the three people interested.

### Activity Log:

Read the list- Highway Handbook- some more documents sent CB needs to meet with JW new date 1/1/20. There were no changes on the other items.

### Appointments:

#### Town Historian

Selectman Guthrie stated that the Town Historian, Maurice Randall passed away a year or so ago and it is time to move on and name a new historian. He stated that Rob Morris is currently Chairman of the Historic/Heritage Commission and Historical Society and would be a perfect person to be in that position. There was a question about a term, but there is no specific term to the position.

Selectman Guthrie made the motion to appoint Robert Morris as the Town Historian with a second by Selectman Murphy. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### Deputy Treasurer-

T. Harrington stated that the reason for the request was that a Deputy Treasurer was appointed about ten years ago but once the appointment was done, there was any paperwork filled out at the banks and it was actually discovered that the appointment goes with the Treasurer's term. His current term is up March 2020 so the request for Deputy Treasurer is only through March 2020.

Chairman Bennett made the motion to appoint Leslie Reimitis as the Deputy Treasurer with a second by Selectman Murphy and they all voted in favor.

### Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for candidates:

- o Zoning Board of Adjustment, alternate member- monthly meeting
- o Trustees of the Trust Funds, alternate members – meetings as needed
- o Budget Committee- monthly meetings (would need to run in March 2020)
- o Conservation Commission, alternate members- monthly meeting
- o Communications Committee- meetings as needed

### Appointments

There were no appointments

### Correspondence

There was none

### Visitors Comments

D. Cote- She stated that she has seen the same issue regarding the West Road intersection, and that the flashing sign may help, but the stop sign on the left is the wrong side. Moving it to the right loses parking spots, but for safety it would be worth it and that it should be in the line of sight. Chairman Bennett this is the first step to see if it helps, if not then back to the drawing board. D. Cote asked J. Worthen when Central St be relined- J. Worthen stated this Wednesday based on weather.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputations at 9:34 pm. Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote:

Selectman Guthrie, yes: Selectman Bennett, yes: Chairman Murphy, yes.

Chief Beaudoin present:



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A motion was made by Chairman Murphy to close the non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputations at 11:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Chairman Bennett. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Selectman Guthrie, yes: Selectman Bennett, yes: Chairman Murphy, yes.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (e) potential litigation at 11:08 pm. Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote:

Selectman Guthrie, yes: Selectman Bennett, yes: Chairman Murphy, yes.

A motion was made by Chairman Murphy to close the non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (e) legal matters at 11:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Chairman Bennett. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Selectman Guthrie, yes: Selectman Bennett, yes: Chairman Murphy, yes.

A motion was made by Selectman Murphy to seal the minutes of both non-publics under RSA 91A:3 II (c) and (e). the motion was seconded by Chairman Bennett.

Selectman Guthrie, yes: Selectman Bennett, yes: Chairman Murphy, yes.

Selectman Murphy made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 pm. Chairman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

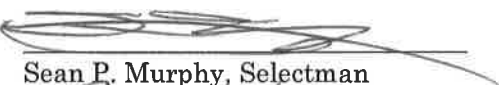
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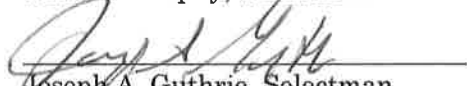
Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

Chad R. Bennett, Chairman



Sean P. Murphy, Selectman



Joseph A. Guthrie, Selectman

