MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

June 21, 2021 6:00 PM

Melinda Steeves, 1st Selectman

Andre Blanchard, 2nd Selectman

Duane Jewett, 3rd Selectman

**Town Officials:** Town Administrator Beth Cohen, CEO Don Harriman, Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, Emergency Management Director Elise Brown, Road Commissioner Tammy Reynolds

**Visitors:** Joe Meadows, Sara Salley, Bob Keegen, Eileen Keegen, Stacey Campbell, Kim Jewett, Bob Kohl, Anna Fiedler and Pete Nichols

1. **Open Select Board Zoom Meeting: 6:02 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: June 7, 2021 Approved with corrections from EMD Brown
3. **Officials/Public Comments –**
   1. **Stacey Campbell –** Discussion of March 29, 2021 Meeting regarding Abandonment of Roads. Discussion of Definitions of Abandonment, Road Specifications, which led into **Bob Keegen** and his questions regarding upkeep of his road, Emergency accessibility (FC Gillespie states they are good getting to Mr. Keegen’s property) and responsibility for damages to Keegen’s road.
   2. **Midcoast Conservancy –** Representatives Kohl, Fiedler and Nichols expressed the interest of the Conservancy to acquire the woodlots that the Town will sell. Discussion of 501(c)(3), payment of taxes and auction/sale.
   3. **Road Commissioner Reynolds** – Letter needs sent about the danger of road blockages on Marshall Shore/Stickney Hill Road. TA to get with RC Reynolds to do letter.
   4. **Sara Salley** – Wants to know why Articles from Petition submitted after the 2020 Town Meeting regarding the 3 roads that were dropped from Winter Maintenance were not put on 2021 Warrant. They had requested a Special Town Meeting which was not given. Selectman Steeves responded that there were Articles in the Warrant regarding this matter, a Road Committee was formed and is in process of working through the issues regarding the roads. Discussion about Special Town Meeting, Road Specifications, Private roads with public easements, Town Process and Policy and cost of plowing. Selectman Steeves Motion to direct the Road Committee to come up with Winter Maintenance Standards. Selectman Jewett 2nd. Selectman Steeves to contact Attorney Kelly. Road Commissioner Reynolds will probably need a Special Town Meeting for repairs to Fuller Bridge soon.
   5. **Joe Meadows** – SWBCC – Desires to know if the Select Board does have a continued interest. Discussion of SCBCC, feasibility study, etc.
4. **Business:** 
   1. **Heating Oil Contract –** Rates and Service Contract information is desired from Tidewater and Maritime and Haskell’s for #2 Heating Oil and Propane.
   2. **Fire Truck –** Bond Opinion Letter by Lee Bright would be $2200. Selectman Steeves Motion to take out of legal to be able to pay for Letter. Selectman Jewett 2nd.
   3. **Change of Banks –** Treasurer Hatfield to give an educated opinion regarding First National.
5. **11th Hour items** 
   1. **Select Board signed the Appointments for Elise Brown as Emergency Medical Director and Carrie Peavey as Animal Control Officer (Keep PAWS contract).**
   2. **Select Board signed the Presumption of Abandonment Papers to be filed with the Registry of Deeds.**
   3. **Chair for Select Board –** Selectman Jewett Motion to have Selectman Steeves be the Chair, Selectman Blanchard 2nd.
   4. **Discussion of various aspects of Select Board position and duties.**
   5. **General Assistance –** Selectman Blanchard desires to have that position.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 8:50 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen**

**Town Administrator**