DRAFT MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

June 28, 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, Dana Philippi, Gail Philippi, Dallas Parmenter

1. **Open Select Board Zoom Meeting: 6:01 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: June 14, 2021 approved with change to wording of where the money will come from for the Fire Truck Loan and that it is not a completed deal.
3. **Officials/Public Comments –**
   1. **July 5th Holiday – No meeting**
   2. **RC Reynolds –** Should not need a Special Town Meeting regarding the Fuller Bridge repairs. Selectman Blanchard requests there still be a Special Town Meeting scheduled for discussion and voting of other issues.
   3. **Dana Philippi –** He has issue with Town Meeting (calling to vote when discussion still open, etc.). He suggests we get a new Moderator for next Town Meeting and mail Annual Reports out. Suggestion of Public Information Sessions prior to Meetings were also discussed. Also feels that Boot Drive should be done elsewhere. He does not support the selling of the Town woodlots. Discussion regarding American Flag at the Fire Department. FC Gillespie will have new one by July 4th,
   4. **EMD Brown** – Base Radio backup at the Community Hall will be installed. Ability to purchase supplies requested. Selectman Steeves Motion that EMD Brown have ability to expend funds. Selectman Blanchard 2nd. Volunteers needed for mapping of off-Road trails. Discussion of IT Security concerns. InfoTech is in process of tightening security with Town computers/email.
   5. **FC Gillespie –** Selectman Steeves asked if he has suggestions regarding Health Officer. Selectman Blanchard suggested local doctor/nurses. Stipend is $250/year. TA to send Manual to FC Gillespie. Ambulance transition is moving forward. Discussion of details of transfer of files, assets, employees, direct deposit, etc. Security Conference recently attended. Discussion of cell phone use for evidence at scenes, etc. Boot Drive collected $3300 in 3 hours. Chicken BBQ will be held July 4th. Selectman Blanchard asked the current state of vehicles. FC Gillespie responded that we have a 15-year plan.
4. **Business:** 
   1. **Auction –** Discussion of valuation, deed procurement, tax rate, and procedure by which auction would be conducted. Looking to the first week of August as next available date for auction.
   2. **Cemeteries –** Discussion of locations and information needed regarding cemeteries.
   3. **Broadband –** Selectman Blanchard presented, Motion that 2 Articles he drafted be put on for Special Town Meeting, Letter for Select Board to request ARPA monies. Discussion ensued. Motion to be held until more information is given to Select Board. Other Town Select Board Members to come to next Meeting (July 12th) to discuss.
   4. **Brown tail Moth** – Selectman Blanchard presented Action for the Town to take to declare the Brown tail Moth a Public Nuisance. Discussion of problem, possible solutions, pros and cons of filing. Selectman Blanchard request to Motion for Select Board to vote. Selectman Steeves and Selectman Jewett do not want to sign.
   5. **Heating Oil Lock**-in – Discussion of which Haskell Oil would be available to us. Tidewater does not service Propane so we cannot go with them for the Community Hall. TA to negotiate with providers and get the number of gallons used by the Fire Department for the past 2-3 years.
   6. **Audit** – TA to schedule.
   7. **Transfers for Clerk –** Select Board signed various transfers for New Clerk.
   8. **Fire Truck Refinance –** Selectman Steeves spoke with Lee Bragg regarding Bond Opinion Letter. Mr. Bragg suggests Bond Pool for lowest interest. Selectman Steeves Motion to go for Bond Pool. Selectman Jewett 2nd.
5. **Warrant -** Approved
6. **Adjourn: 8:28 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**