MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

August 9, 2021

Melinda Steeves, 1st Selectman

Andre Blanchard, 2nd Selectman

Duane Jewett, 3rd Selectman

**Town Officials:** Town Administrator Beth Cohen, Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, CEO Don Harriman, Road Commissioner Tammy Reynolds

1. **Open Select Board Meeting: 6:01 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: August 2, 2021 - approved
3. **Officials/Public Comments –**
   1. Refrigerator in Town Office needs replaced. Selectman Steeves Motion to purchase one from Don Harriman for $350, Selectman Jewett 2nd. Mr. Harriman to deliver it this week and remove the broken one.
   2. RC Reynolds - Discussion of paving and brush cutting. Road Committee to meet Tuesday after Labor Day.
   3. FC Gillespie – $28,000 Grant used for EMS training. Discussion of ambulance service, sharing services with Palermo, Montville and possibly Searsmont.
4. **Business:** 
   1. **ARPA Funds Proposed Use** – Letter received from Waldo County informing that the $20,000 check will be mailed on August 31st. Selectman Blanchard gave copy of his desires for ARPA money uses. Discussion regarding possible uses of ARPA money, letter to go in tax bills, Montville had Special Town Meeting to accept and expend.
   2. **Sand Shed** – Selectman Jewett to meet with AE Hodson this week for assessment and recommendations.
   3. **Fire Truck Refinance** – Special meeting to be held August 23rd before the Select Board Meeting. Will be posted 7 days prior. Selectman Steeves will be Moderator. Discussion ensued regarding need for Special Town Meeting. Selectman Blanchard voiced his concern that procedure was not followed to act on Petition within 6 months. Selectman Steeves informed that previous Select Board had contacted Town Attorney, the Road Committee was formed and the article that was on the Warrant was passed over this year to give time for the Road Committee to meet and give direction.
5. 11th Hour –
   1. InfoTech working on new email and talking with FC Gillespie about First Net.
   2. Selectman Steeves said RC Reynolds and FC Gillespie have a good hand on the community and asked them to let the Select Board know of any needs that may arise.
   3. TA Cohen informed that we are still waiting for the quote from Consolidated regarding fiber internet for Town Office.
   4. Discussion of Broadband Coalition questions and feasibility study.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 7:21 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**