MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

August 16, 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, Emergency Management Director Elise Brown

**Visitors:** Carrie Peavey, Kate and Joe Meadows, Dallas Parmenter

1. **Open Select Board Meeting: 5:58 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: August 9, 2021 - approved
3. **Officials/Public Comments –**
   1. EMD Brown – Belfast is testing new AM channel and now has ability to do mass texting
   2. FC Gillespie opened discussion requesting that minutes be more written to accurately show more details of the Meetings. Led into further discussion of Town Meeting, roads being plowed, Road Committee and process for Meetings. Since Meeting minutes are in written form with more complete information and Meetings are now recorded, should the minutes be transcribed, capture entire conversations, or just capture general information but include all decisions and votes? Selectmen instructed TA Cohen to keep original written Minutes and recordings of Minutes and it will be posted on the website that those will be available in the Town Office. Approved Minutes will be posted on the website. The approved Minutes will include general information but, if someone would like something included in the Record, they may ask for it to be included in the approved Minutes either when they speak during the Meeting or when the Select Board votes to approve the Minutes.
   3. Discussion of the fact that the snowplowing of the roads has been discussed numerous times, there has been a Road Committee formed so more specific directives could be given. Selectman Blanchard questioned the ability for the Select Board to enter a 3-year snowplow contract. Carrie Peavey and RC Reynolds pointed out historically this is what has been done and that for years there has only been one bid for the snowplowing contract. Selectman Jewett Motion to put discussion of plowing of the 3 private roads to rest until next Town Meeting. Selectman Steeves Motioned that the Road Committee be able to come up with wording for Articles for roads moving forward and to end all discussion on roads in Select Board Meetings going forward. Selectman Jewett 2nd. More discussion regarding clarification of directives for the Road Committee, the Petition that had been presented regarding the snowplowing of the 3 private roads, winter road standards. Selectman Steeves to ask Attorney Kelly again about the snowplowing issue.
4. **Business:** 
   1. **ARPA Funds Proposed Use** – Selectman Steeves states that funds would be going toward 2022 tax base/appropriations unless we have an article for how to be set aside. Selectman Blanchard asked about the use of $12,000 that is to be used for Broadband feasibility study. Joe Meadows explained process of SWBCC to get an idea of amount of funds that would need to be appropriated for feasibility study. They will know a more precise number in a few weeks.
   2. **Sand Shed** – Selectman Jewett met with AE Hodson. They should have a report by next week with direction on what needs to be done.
   3. **Fire Truck Re-finance** – Special vote to be done August 23rd at 5:45 in the Overlock Room.
   4. **Internet** – TA Cohen spoke with salesman from Consolidated regarding fiber-based internet for Town Office. Price is substantially higher. Discussion of options. Joe Meadows to come in and speak to Consolidated with TA Cohen.
   5. **Mowing Contract** – TA Cohen to pick a date and get information for putting Contract out to bid. FC Gillespie asked to check cost to add Fire Department.
   6. **New e-mail addresses** – InfoTech should have new email addresses ready this week. Discussion of needs for Office Suite and old emails to be transferred.
5. 11th Hour –
   1. Kate Meadows – concerns regarding speed on Main Street. RC Reynolds will address concerns.
   2. Kate also mentioned possibility of a Town Flag. Selectman Steeves asked it be put on Facebook page to see if there is any interest then we could do a contest. Kate Meadows is willing to head it up.
   3. Planning Board – Selectman Steeves asked Dallas Parmenter if full Board was in attendance at last meeting. Answer was yes.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 7:19 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**