MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

March 14, 2022

Melinda Steeves, 1st Selectman

Andre Blanchard, 2nd Selectman

Duane Jewett, 3rd Selectman

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

**Visitors:** Joe Meadows, Lise Herold, Norman Fuller, Josh St. Clair, Dave St. Clair

1. **Open Select Board Meeting: 6:00 pm – Field Trip to Back of Building to investigate flooding damage**
2. **Approve Minutes**: March 7, 2022 - approved
3. **Officials/Public Comments**:
   1. **Lise Harold** – Issue with handling of cats at Liberty Graphics over the weekend with bad weather, 2 kittens left after mother and 1 kitten were taken. She presented her thoughts on the situation and offered to do a “part-time/partnership” for ACO with Heidi Blood for the future.
   2. **Fire Chief Gillespie** – Palermo approved joining Liberty Ambulance Service. Documents will finalize mid-April. Discussion of potential contracts and renewal clause for cancellation for Towns joining Ambulance Service. Fuel costs regarding budget.
   3. **Joe Meadows** – Asking if Selectman Blanchard needs help with getting the Liberty Broadband Committee organized. Selectman Blanchard said he did not feel it was necessary at this time. Discussion regarding Selectmen agreeing a few weeks ago to have it organized before the Feasibility Study for SWCBC comes out, need for someone other than Selectman Blanchard to present information to the Selectboard, Grants and Monies that are available, potential ISP providers, etc. Selectman Blanchard to announce at Town Meeting when the Liberty Committee will meet.
4. Business:
   1. **Town Office Flooding** – Discussion of need for a third door, riser at back door, wide side window, groundwork (basin, ditch, etc.) clean-up costs, etc. Dave St. Clair suggested selling this property and moving the Town Office to the Community Hall. Norm Fuller to get estimate for back door replacement/work. RC Reynolds to get numbers to TA Cohen for groundwork.
   2. **Sand Shed –** Everything gone from Sand Shed. Waiting for correct plans for concrete/groundwork. Preliminary drawings need approval. Drawings do not include that the back wall should be vented – will be addressed in final plans. Francis Stewart will do electrical and lights. Selectman Jewett will reach out to Jim at RUBB for changes in drawings and Hodson to find out when other drawings will be ready.
   3. **Library Insurance Claim** – TA Cohen to get information together and submit claim.
   4. **ACO** – Selectman Blanchard followed up with Pete Nerber regarding Kohl dog bite. Nerber called dog owner and was assured it would be leased if out. Discussion of ACO Appointment for coming year. Selectman Jewett to ask at Town Meeting if anyone has interest in the position.
   5. **Portable Toilets –** Selectboard directed TA Cohen to stay with AAA for the 3 portable toilets needed for the summer.
   6. **Computers** – Discussion of office computers freezing up and being extremely slow. Selectboard directed for TA Cohen to talk with InfoTech to have the three office computer replacements ready to go after approval at Town Meeting.
   7. **Appointments –** Planning Board terms for Betty-Lu Davis and Carol McGovern are up 2022. TA Cohen to call and ask if they are willing to be re-appointed.
   8. **Warrants for Town Meeting** – Selectmen signed. Joe Meadows will pick up and post this week.
   9. **Abatements –** Selectboard signed.
5. 11th Hour –
   1. Selectman Blanchard reports that the library elevator grant is not a possibility.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 7:44 pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**