DRAFT MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

August 23, 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

**Visitors:** Gail Philippi, Joe Meadows, Dallas Parmenter, Earle Albert, Norman Fuller

**SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING THE FIRE TRUCK REFINANCE WAS HELD AT 5:45 pm.**

**Town Officials: First, Second and Third Selectmen, TA Cohen, CEO Harriman**

**Visitors: Joe Meadows and Gail Philippi**

**TA Cohen called to Order at 5:51 pm.**

**Selectman Blanchard Motion for Selectman Steeves to be Moderator.**

**Selectman Jewett 2nd. All in attendance in favor.**

**Selectman Steeves read proposed Article.**

**Article 1: Shall the Town of Liberty (1) approve a capital acquisition project consisting of the refinancing of a lease purchase agreement for a fire truck, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of $350,000 to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $350,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. **TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS**
   1. **Bonds outstanding and unpaid: $**
   2. **Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan): $ -0-**
   3. **Maximum amount to be issued if approved: $350,000**
2. **COSTS**

**At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.85% for an eleven (11) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:**

**Principal $350,000**

**Interest $ 54,863**

**Total $404,863**

1. **VALIDITY**

**The validity of the bonds and the voter’s ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.**

**Selectman Jewett Motion to Accept as Read.**

**Selectman Steeves 2nd.**

**Discussion.**

**Selectman Jewett Motion to Call to Vote.**

**Selectman Blanchard 2nd. All in attendance vote to accept.**

**Selectman Jewett Motion to Adjourn**

**Selectman Blanchard 2nd.**

**Adjourn 5:57 pm**

1. **Open Select Board Meeting: 5:57 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: August 16, 2021 - approved
3. **Officials/Public Comments –**
   1. Selectman Blanchard asked about ARPA funds proposed use. Selectman Steeves responded that previous Article states unless there is a Special Town Meeting to decide other uses, it seems that money would go to the tax base. “We have an article. I read the Article that allows us to accept it and says specifically. It is open for discussion but for now, our article states that.”
   2. CEO Harriman informed that the Planning Board voted at their last Meeting to raise the After the Fact Permit fee to be $2500. Selectman Steeves Motion to accept that amount change, Selectman Jewett 2nd.
   3. Gail Philippi asked about the silt fence across the bridge on Water Street and the 10 acres with old stone
   4. bridge.
   5. Joe Meadows reports that the SWBCC should have feasibility study criteria in the next couple of weeks to be able to bring it before the Select Board. Asked about minimum buildable lot size and if a permit is needed for an alarm system.
   6. Selectman Steeves – She asked Attorney Kelly once more “If public funds can be used to plow private roads” to which he responded that we cannot and if you live on one of those roads you must recluse yourself from discussion regarding that matter. Selectman Blanchard said that he spoke with Michael Lichtenstein with MMA and he said that is not the case. Selectman Steeves said no further discussion.
4. **Business:** 
   1. **Sand Shed** – Selectman Jewett still waiting for report from engineer.
   2. **Auction** – Auction company to be at Community Hall at 9:30. Selectman Steeves will meet them there. Selectman Blanchard asked if all woodlots had been cut by us. Discussion of various lots. Dana Valleau and Tammy Reynolds had that information.
   3. **51 Main Liquor License** – Selectmen signed it. Wrote in no amplified music after 8 pm. Selectman Blanchard asked why 8 pm. Discussion of historically has been 8 after some neighbor complaints.
   4. **Mowing Contract** – October 15, 2021 through October 15, 2022 and add bids for 22-23 and 23-24. Discussion of price based on services requested, and three-year contract. Selectman Blanchard to get definitive answer from MMA regarding multi-year contracts.
5. 11th Hour –
   1. Joe Meadows comment as a community member that discussion on the road issues repeatedly is wasting time. Selectman Steeves tried to say vote last week is to not discuss further. Selectman Blanchard questioned Town Management regarding the people on the three roads, procedure, petition and Special Town Meeting. Selectman Jewett stated Selectman Steeves had talked with the Town Attorney several times with the same response. Selectman Steeves said when Shoreland Zoning Ordinance comes down from the State, the Town can make it more strict, not less strict. Gail Philippi asked why no one from the three roads had been to a Select Board Meeting recently. Selectman Steeves repeated the vote last week is to not discuss further.
   2. Selectman Blanchard asked if Select Board is obligated to stay from 6-8 pm. Selectman Steeves said that if it is posted as such, then yes.
   3. Selectman Steeves highlighted the events of the meeting for a newcomer. Selectman Blanchard asked if it was the Town Attorney or MMA that Selectman Steeves had spoken with. Selectman Steeves said the Town Attorney.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 6:43 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**