MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

December 27, 2021

Melinda Steeves, 1st Selectman

Andre Blanchard, 2nd Selectman

Duane Jewett, 3rd Selectman

**Town Officials:** Town Administrator Beth Cohen, Code Enforcement Officer Don Harriman, Treasurer Hannah Hatfield, Emergency Management Director Elise Brown

**Visitors:** Joe Meadows

1. **Open Select Board Meeting: 6:03 pm**
2. **Approve Minutes**: December 20, 2021 - Approved
3. **Officials/Public Comments**:
   1. **Broadband** - Joe Meadows opened discussion ofSWCBC Boardposition from which he currently resigned. Selectman Blanchard is willing to take the position. Selectman Steeves Motioned and Selectman Jewett 2nd. Mr. Meadows also suggests a committee be formed to evaluate the options for Liberty. Suggestions of people to be on the committee were discussed. Selectman Blanchard to write up an invitation to form the Broadband Committee to begin meeting after the feasibility study comes in.
   2. **Budget Committee** – EMD Brown reminded Budget Committee begins meeting January 10th. Danny McGovern will be sworn in to replace Joy Hadsell. Selectman Blanchard asked how a citizen gets an Article on the Warrant. Selectman Steeves responded to discuss at a meeting and if money related then it would have to go before the Budget Committee.
   3. **Administrative Report** – Overall at 56% for the fiscal year. Discussion of overages in legal and tech TA Cohen to discuss possible monthly retainer with InfoTech.
4. Business:
   1. **Ambulance Acquisition** –Discussion of balance sheets, possible set up of an Enterprise fund, separate accounts, appropriated monies from Montville, leadership, and good level of care that we have here in Liberty.
   2. **Black Mold** – Selectman Blanchard is getting plan of the building to the Air Quality Inspector.
   3. **Sand Shed –** Selectman Jewett getting estimates together from Hodson. Discussion of potential bid process, contractors, engineers, etc.
   4. **Palermo Snowplow Sharing –** RC Reynolds and Selectman Steeves attended Palermo Selectboard meeting last week to discuss. Palermo just signed their 3 year contract.
   5. **Mowing Contract for Town Dump –** Stevens Lawn Care quoted $500 to add a yearly mowing. Selectman Steeves Motions to accept. Selectman Blanchard 2nd. TA Cohen to do addendum to the contract so it is now $9800/year.
5. 11th Hour –
   1. Resident inquired about the ability to park at the Stevens Pond landing overnight. Selectboard answered there is not to be any overnight parking at the landing.
   2. Discussion of the potential use of ARPA funds for cybersecurity. Selectman Steeves Motion to buy air purifiers for the Town Office, Overlock Room, Community Hall and Fire Department with ARPA money. Selectman Jewett 2nd.
6. **Warrant -** Approved
7. **Adjourn: 7:17 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Cohen, Town Administrator**