

**APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS.
AMENDMENTS FOUND IN
JULY 29, 2020 MINUTES**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
@ The Levi Stewart Library's
Jones Nutter Auditorium
July 15, 2020 – 6 P.M.**

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Chairman Whitney opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge.

A. Board Members present: Chairman Roger Whitney, Alden Bolstridge, Kerby Littlefield, Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr

B. Employees Present: Lois Jones, Steve Brown, Matt Caldwell, Tony Bennett

C. Residents Present: Jeff Dorman-Firefighter

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.

A. Item 6E. Community Center Request.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

A. June 24, 2020. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the minutes, as read. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

A. Payroll Warrant #29. Selectman Carr made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the warrants. All in favor.

B. AP Warrant #30. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to approve the warrants. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Commitment Information and Set Mil Rate. Assessor Matt Caldwell was present to present the information and different scenarios for mil rates to the Board. Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to set the mil rate at 20 mils. Four in favor. Selectman Littlefield opposed.

B. Fernald Ave. Reconstruction Bid (Opening Postponed). Due to the mandatory pre-bid meeting with the contractors, and the amount of amendments that needed to be set by the engineer, the bid submission date was postponed for one week.

C. Special Selectmen's Meeting for Fernald Ave Bids – July 22, 2020. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to award the Fernald Ave reconstruction bid opening and awarding on July 22, 2020 at 6pm. All in favor.

D. Paving. Discussion on paving was postponed until the awarding of the contract for the Fernald Avenue project.

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E. Community Center Request. Selectman Carr discussed the possibility of holding a community-wide yard sale in an effort to raise funds for the community center. This would require waiving the “yard sale permit” fee to the Town, those fees would then go towards the Community Center. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to waive the “yard sale permit” fees for those individuals that sign up with the Community Center Committee to participate in the Community-wide yard sale. All in favor.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Fire truck. Firefighter Jeff Dorman was present to report that both trucks, truck 351 and 352, were pump-tested to determine which truck to keep and which truck to sell. Both trucks failed, but truck 352 was still usable and will draught water. Truck 351 wouldn’t pump or draught. It was decided by the Fire Chief that the Town needs to sell truck 351 and keep tuck 352. The Board agreed and Manager will advertise on MMA to sell truck 351 for a minimum of \$10,000.

Item 8. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

A. Dennis-Mentioned the possibility of a Peddler’s fee because of the proposed craft fair that is scheduled to occur at a residence from now into November. This by-passes the yard sale permit requirement and isn’t technically a “yard sale,” but rather a group of vendors gathering to sell product. He asked if the CEO could take a look at it.

B. Jim-Commented that the “Tire Store” that is on Nokomis Road is in violation of the Town’s ordinance – there is a lot of junk there and he has no junkyard permit. Manager will discuss with CEO.

C. Kerby-Commented that the portable classroom is most-likely renter ready and perhaps we should clean it up and rent it while waiting for the rest of the Community Center to be in rent-able condition.

D. Alden-Also commented on the “Tire Store” and agreed it needs to be checked with CEO. Also, asked if there was a follow-up to the water filtration complaint from earlier in the summer. Manager stated she had turned it over to DEP and had not heard anything back from the resident, so it was most likely resolved. Second, he mentioned that there are still some street lights out. Manager commented that she had been looking into LED lights and was gathering information. It depends on if the Town owns or rents the streetlights, if we can install LEDs. Also mentioned there are some bushes at the intersection of Bolstridge and Cider Hill Road that is hindering vision of intersection. He commented that public works is doing a good job.

E. Roger-Commented that the Manager should probably check in with the resident on the water filtration system – not hearing anything doesn’t mean it’s fixed. Manager will check in with resident. Asked if Manager can review the Spectrum franchise agreement – it’s supposed to be a yearly correspondence to the town, with a map of service to show growth. Manager will search for prior years’ correspondence to find contact person at Spectrum. Finally, commented that it has been six months since hiring the Town Manager and asked if there was a need for a review. Manager commented that she was happy with her position and the way things have been going so far, but, ultimately, it is

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the Board's decision. All Selectmen agreed they were happy with Manager's job performance and didn't see a need for a more in-depth review, at this time.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

Item 10. ADJOURN MEETING. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager