

Board of Selectmen & Assessors Meeting
July 26, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.
Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Present: Board of Selectmen(BOS) Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, David Levesque. Staff member Michelle Cameron, Interim Town Manager. Peter Drum, Town Attorney.

Minutes transcribed by Shelly Clifford, Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Call to Order:** Lind called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Amendments to the Agenda (Pending Approval):**
 - 3.1 Agenda item 8.1 Jim Murphy: Tax Commitment for FY2022
4. **Minutes:**
 - 4.1
5. **Public Comments On Items Not On The Agenda:**

Jessica Wrobel & Jenny Birch (Attorney representing Ms.Wrobel /Husband, David Cunningham) who reside at 1 Cunningham Island Rd. Ms. Birch gave a brief update on the discontinuance of the causeway. There had been question as to what part of the road was town owned and what was private. Ms. Birch provided the board with a deed showing that the cos way is part of the town road. Joel Lind, BOS Chair stated all legal documents would need to be given to the town attorney for his review.
6. **Selectmen Future Agenda Items:**
 - 6.1 None.
7. **New Business:**
 - 7.1 Jim Murphy, Assessor's Agent – gave a brief summarization of the FY2022 tax commitment for the town; along with the recommended tax rate of **15.30**. Tor made motion to accept the recommended tax rate, Rob seconded. **Passed 5-0.**

In closing he did suggest the town could place an insert of their choosing into the tax bill mailings at a very minimal fee, the board decided on a volunteer sheet showing the need for various boards and committees.
 - 7.2 Fred Brewer, William H Brewer & Co gave an overview to the BOS of the completed town audit for FY20 explaining all the financials. Lind thanked Brewer and stated of his years on the board, Brewer had provided the best explanation of an audit, making it understandable.
 - 7.3 Seth Hagar, Road Commissioner - Gave an update on various roads/projects that have been completed by Hagar. Future projects were discussed that he's working on with MDOT for the town.
8. **Board of Assessors:**
 - 8.1 See Agenda Item 7.1
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - 9.1 Community Room Audio/Visual Proposals – There were two proposals given to the BOS by Larry Sidelinger, Director of LCTV, he provided distinctions between the two. Discussion ensued with concerns for cost, for use: meaning others being trained on how to operate the system in case of the need for back-up purposes; along with providing good, quality visibility service for the watching audience.

Motion to accept LCTV proposal with equipment as listed, along with the ability to negotiate the number of meetings was made by Rob, David seconded. **Passed 5-0.**

10. Town Manager Report and Communication:

Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) A - Personnel, C - Real Estate, D - Labor Contracts, E- Legal, H - Consultation With CEO Concerning Enforcement Action

- 10.1 Streetlights Update - Adjustments with schedules of lightning have occurred. Discussion ensued on purchasing shields at a minimal cost to the Town.
- 10.2 America Rescue Plan-COVID-19 Recovery Funds Update – There is no date set for the distribution of fund, the state will be receiving 6.7 million dollars; currently Newcastle is slated to receive, \$180,000, however, that amount could change. Michelle stated this is in the early stages of determining town's necessity.

11. Fiscal Warrants:

- 11.1 Town Warrant-FY2021: \$58,077.30
- 11.2 Town Warrant - \$395,466.71 - Motion to accept both warrants made by Tor; Rob seconded.

Passed 5-0

12. Executive Session(s):

- 12.1 Motion to move to Executive Session was made by Karen; Rob seconded.

Passed 5-0

13. Adjournment:

- 13.1 10:00 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Rob; Tor seconded.

Passed 5-0

Upcoming Events