

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 2, 2021

MEMORIAL BUILDING

1:30 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen present: Dick Hendl and Amy Lewis

Others: Whit Smith and Peter Abair

In light of Tamara's resignation from the Board Dick and Amy decided to do some reorganizing in the functions of the Board but also in distributing what Tamara's responsibilities were. Amy felt it would be best for Dick to step in as Chairman. Dick then nominated Amy as Vice Chair. Dick seconded the motion to support those two changes. Amy and Dick both voted in favor of the motion.

There were four functions that Tamara held on the Selectboard, Highway, Budget, Cemetery and Conservation. Amy will be the new representative to the Budget Committee and the Cemetery Commission. Dick will now represent the Highway Department and the Conservation Commission. Janet informed Amy that as the ex-officio member on the budget committee she is able to cast a vote.

Dick announced that last year's tax rate, the town's portion was \$3.83, the total was \$19.58.

What we have received from the state for 2021 puts our tax rate for the town at \$4.01, an increase of \$0.18, with the total being \$19.83 which is a \$ 0.25 increase. With all the budgetary requirements that may be placed on the town this year and the unreserved fund balance not being all that robust, Dick feels we should accept the tax rate at the total of \$19.83.

After some discussion on the budgeting process Dick made a motion to accept the tax rate of \$19.83. The motion was seconded by Amy. Dick and Amy voted in favor of the motion.

Pete Abair announced to the Board that Troy has given his notice but will work through the end of the month. Which means we need to start looking for a replacement. Pete does have a prospect; Tim Hayes is possibly looking to come back if the position is open. Pete did say that Eddie will be available for plowing as well.

Pete asked who will be filling in the third Selectmen seat. Dick informed him that there was more than one person interested in sitting in and felt it wouldn't be fair to appoint someone if others were interested, so we will let the election make the selection.

Pete said the paving down at Durgin and Crowell is finished and looks good. Pete said the grinder has been sitting down at the interstate since they finished. Pete asked what they would charge to bring it to Sanborn Hill and do the grinding. Pete was told they could probably throw it right in with the price they gave for Durgin and Crowell. Janet said that we might need to find out if all the engineering studies are done over there first. Amy said that is in the works. Pete figures if they

are willing to grind it, get it ground so Pete can grade it, compact it, and plow it. Pete is headed to talk to the operator now to see if he had a chance to look at the road.

Dick asked Amy what the result of the two engineers going up to Sanborn Hill Road. Amy said the one who's doing the survey of the road has the videos and site plans. He is in touch with Mr. Lindquist's engineer. Amy will touch base with him this afternoon and find out where things stand because we should be hearing something. Amy said he is focusing on is with the thickness of the asphalt on the road, how much of the degradation of that can be attributed to the hauling as apposed to regular wear and tear.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.m.

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