

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN –June 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019, Special Meeting.

No Tax Refunds were presented by the Tax Collector

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the General Government actuals through May 31, 2019. Don Stein informed the others that the budget was on track to close the year within the budgeted figures, once Town Aid Road was applied to the appropriate line items and projects. TAR funds are provided to the Town on a semi-annual basis and can be used by the Town for a wide range of road projects, including paving, chip sealing, salt and sand, plowing, and other road work. Once the final budget expenditures are known, these funds will be used to bring the budget into alignment as needed. The other areas (such as salaries and the Resident Trooper) are close to the budgeted amounts and the expectation is that the overall budget will return a small surplus to the Town.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the budgeted amount for State grants in the approved Town budget and revenue sheet was substantially below the final figures approved by the State. This will allow roughly \$112,000 to be returned to the General Fund, which will help to keep it at the level recommended by the Town auditor.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that discussions were on-going with the Winsted public works director, Town Manager, the owner of the Mallory Brook Plaza and himself in an effort to achieve a consensus on the route for the sewers and water from Winsted to the Plaza. Hopefully, this will be resolved soon, so the agreements can be drafted and the project can proceed. This is key to the redevelopment of the plaza which will enhance the west end of Route 44.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein presented the attached road plan to the Selectmen, as developed in conjunction with Rich Novak. The plan continues to improve the oldest, most damaged roads, while maintaining the newer roads with chip and crack sealing. The road plan developed several years ago by BETA Engineering will also be updated to help guide future years' plans to assure that the worst roads get the necessary attention.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein and the Selectmen discussed options for the approach that the Town should take for Nature Camp, in light of how the Rec Camp and other Rec programs are managed. After discussion about the experience of the leader of the Nature Camp who has been doing this camp for over 20 years and also has a long history of running a pre-school program, the Selectmen felt that the Town could make an exception for the Nature Camp in terms of allowing Molly Sexton-Read to run the camp as she has in the past without the supervision of the Recreation Director. She would have to abide by all safety requirements and provide an agreed-upon fee to the Town. The Town would cover the insurance and handle the payroll for Molly and her counselors, but she would be allowed to establish the other parameters and pay scales for the camp. This is considered to be an exception based on the long history and experience of this individual and her successful past performance.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to authorize Don Stein to apply for a second grant from the Farmington River Coordinating Committee for \$14,003 to assist with the cost of the Farmington River Riverbank Restoration project. There was an earlier grant for \$20,000 which has been provided by the FRCC for the first 5 tasks, which total \$21,794. With that grant, the cost to the Town for these tasks is only \$1,794 plus the requirement to delineate the wetlands in the designated area north of the Little League ballfield on West River Road. This new grant will cover the engineering effort for the regulatory approvals and the construction, and the Town would be liable for its part of the regulatory activities and the construction. However, neither of these grants require that the Town move forward on the construction phase of this project. There has been a Hazard Mitigation application made to FEMA to cover construction, and this situation will be re-assessed once all of the engineering and regulatory activities are completed.

Don Stein also informed the Selectmen that he had found a qualified building inspector to replace Jerry Waters who is leaving the Town. The new inspector, Dave Langworthy, is fully qualified, and will start on June 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

**Draft Road Plan for FY 19/20 – June 2019**

Funding/Revenues		Expenditures	
FY'19 Budget	\$ -	FY'19 Budget	\$ 85,000
FY'20 Budget	\$ 175,000	Town Hall improvements project (LOCIP)	\$ 15,000
TAR Balance as of 6/1/19	\$ 124,107	Electrical Upgrades	\$ 5,000
LOCIP Available as of 6/1/19	\$ 142,061	Road projects	\$ 230,500
FY'20 TAR (summer payment)	\$ 97,666	Day Road	
		W. West Hill	
		Pine Mountain Circle	
		Chip Seal	\$ 150,000
		Crack Seal	\$ 10,000
		BETA Engineering survey	\$ 13,000
	<b>\$ 538,834</b>		<b>\$ 508,500</b>
<b>2019-2020 Paving projects</b>			
	<u>Day Road</u>		
Drainage	\$10,000.00		
Grind grade and roll	\$10,000.00		
Pave, curb, aprons	\$60,000.00		
Total			\$80,000.00
	<u>Pine Mtn Circle</u>		
Drainage	\$2,500.00		
Grind grade and roll	\$10,000.00		
Pave, curb, aprons	\$80,000.00		
Total			\$92,500.00
	<u>W. West Hill - section</u>		
Drainage	\$10,000.00		
Grind grade and roll	\$10,000.00		
Pave and aprons	\$38,000.00		
Total			\$58,000.00
Total			\$230,500.00
<b>2020 - Harness/Stirrup/Bridle (0.8 miles)</b>			
<b>2020 - Wallens Hill Road (1.0 miles)</b>			
<b>FY'20 TAR (winter payment)</b>	<b>\$ 97,666</b>		
<b>FY'20 LOCIP</b>	<b>\$ 41,462</b>		
	<b>\$ 139,128</b>		