

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021@ 7:00 PM or at the
Conclusion of the Board of Finance Meeting if the time is after 7:00 PM
108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut 06031

Present: Henry Todd (1st Selectman) & Selectmen: Greg Marlowe, Dave Barger and other zoom attendees.

I. Call to order Regular Meeting called to order by First Selectmen, Henry Todd 8:05pm

II. Public Comment (limit two minutes) – Laura Wernitz – regarding a maple trees removed from Bebee Hill and trees on Prospect St. – in the absence of tree warden – should focus on dead Ash trees and not Maple trees.

Colter Rule – Jodi Bronson at Great Mountain forest might be tree warden

III. Approval of Pending Minutes- Regular Meeting April 12th and Special Meeting May 5th which was rescheduled to May 10th

MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlow to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes April 12th and the Special Meeting minutes of May 10th; unanimous.

IV. Treasurer and Tax Collector Reports

MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to accept as presented the March & April Treasurer's report as presented and the Tax Collector's report for April; unanimous.

V. Communications

a. Written- Letters from the following Garth Kobal, Mary Hart and Page Dickie

b. Oral-None

By consensus the following are added to the agenda under New Business

- Request regarding Bike Tour in July
- Recommendation regarding Mary's letter on the Town Clerk position
- Letter from Garth Kobal –July 10/11 & celebration
- Letter from Mary Hart – Miles of Smiles – Stockbridge, MA
- Letter from page Dickie – request town to plant a tree to celebrate arbor day – a tree was donated to the town

Selectman's Report

- a. Discussion of Community Economic Director
- b. Discussion of Values statement.
- c. Aquarion sale finalized and expected financial gain
- d. Change in COG leadership
- e. Discussion of Potential plan for old firehouse.
- f. Changeover to Yucatech complete
- g. Septic system at 107 Main Street
- h. Town meeting addition of rate changes for P+Z-must be done this way because of town ordinance
- i. Sexton change
- j. Memorial Day Ceremonies
- k. Setting dates for town hearing and town meeting-BOF sets these

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business

- a. Appointment of new sexton for town cemeteries- Kent Allyn wishing to retire, Tracey Wilson willing to serve: **MOTION by Marlow seconded by Barger to accept Kent Allyn's resignation with regrets and send letter thanking him for his service and making an appointment of Tracy Wilson to Sexton with thanks for accepting the appointment; unanimous.**
- b. Discussion of Value statement to be placed on website – **MOTION by Greg, seconded by Dave to adopt value statement to put on website; Barger requests be in print at town hall; unanimous.** Should be inclusive with Kellogg Elementary School. Jandi Hanna would like to see this read at next Town Meeting
- c. Discussion of Community Economic Director
- d. Approval of transfer fees for 2021-22 fiscal year – **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe to increase the fees by 50% in 2021/2022 Increase by \$20 and seniors by \$10 ; unanimous.**
- e. Discussion of ideas for old Firehouse – having issues reaching any agreement with Falls Village Inn. Building is starting to deteriorate condition; have several people interested in renting the building; prospect of the Town to renovate the building in such a way that it would pay for itself and generate enough income to make it worthwhile; need parking space in the down town and that would go with the building; should start conversations to do something – Henry things it could generate possibly 3,000 a month rent; Marlowe in support of conversation
- f. Memorial day ceremonies-discussion and vote on holding same – **MOTINO by Barger, seconded by Marlowe, to hold memorial day ceremony at 10am, whatever current social distancing recommendations in place at that time to wear masks; unanimous.**
- g. Bill approval for River Road project- **MOTION by 584.93 for water system; motion by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to approve payment for the River Road project; unanimous.**
- h. New collection agency agreement - **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe, to authorize, Todd to sign the renewal contract with Taxserve LLC for two years; unanimous.**
- i. Bike race: August 1, 2021; **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to approve Tour of Litchfield Hill to go through our town on August 1, 2021; unanimous.**
- j. Town Clerk; request from Mary Palmer; **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to approve Town Clerk salary increase request to increase salary line to 35,000 for the 21/22 FY, but to only pay out ½ a year of the certification fee to be paid in July 2021 and if Town Clerk is staying for the remaining FY, pay out 2nd ½ of certification fee; unanimous.**
- k. **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlow to support to Celebration of Town of Falls Village gathering based on state CDC guidelines and consultation with EMD director; unanimous.**

IX. Adjournment **MOTION by Marlowe to adjourn, seconded by Barger; unanimous.**