



# TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 09, 2020 7:00 PM

### Meeting Audio Link:

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### Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is a virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present on screen is Selectman Wendy Sears, Selectman Rob Keator, Treasurer MaryAnn Fitzsimmons and Kate Lacasse, Administrative Assistant. And members of the public that will be able to join chat when it is Audience for Citizens. Gary called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Additions to Agenda – None

III. Approval of August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- MOTION: W. Sears made a motion, which was seconded by R. Keator to approve the August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurers Update

- Treasurer M. Fitzsimmons stated auditing will start on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. M. Fitzsimmons will be present to answer any questions that may arise.

- M. Fitzsimmons stated she has been working with Ernie Mellor, the director of Emergency Management, and FEMA in order to recoup some expenses due to Covid-19 and the Tropical Storm last month.

V. Tax Refund – Michael J. Holland \$375.82

- MOTION: R. Keator made a motion, which was seconded by W. sears to approve the \$375.82 reimbursement to Michael j. Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Tax Refund – Jala Perkins \$681.23

- MOTION: R. Keator made a motion, which was seconded by W. sears to approve the \$681.23 reimbursement to Jala Perkins. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Parish Hill Road, Town Owned Property Sale

- MOTION: W. Sears made a motion, which was second by R. Keator to table the discussion regarding the Town owned property sale. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Report of Selectmen

- W. Sears stated that she has been requesting a meeting regarding the Quinegaug Tech Park. W. Sears stated she can't seem to get information on the status of the project.
- R. Keator stated the Local Emergency Services Plan is almost complete. The plan will then be reviewed by First Selectmen G. Greenberg.
- G. Greenberg discussed break-ins and vandalism that has been taking place throughout the town.
- G. Greenberg stated that Emergency Management Director, Ernie Mellor has moved out of town, it might not be long before the town is in search of replacement for the position.

- G. Greenberg read a letter he had received from William Smallwood into the record. The letter was drafted with concern surrounding the Region 11 bus contract. William Smallwood asked the following questions:

1. When will you provide the taxpayers an accounting of what you paid your previous bus contractor verses what was budgeted and contracted?
2. Did towns pay you as budgeted?
3. Why didn't you pay previous contractor as stipulated.
4. What was the new total bid for the contract? Was it cheaper than previous?
5. Did anyone on this board have any contact with EastConn prior to deciding not to honor contractual obligation?
6. Do you recognize that your contract may to the lead in the bankruptcy of more than 70 year old local business?
7. What plan has the board enacted to subsidize the three towns for transition from a tax paying, taxpaying contractor to a tax exempt contractor?  
(15-20 buses - \$2,500 per bus depending on age)
8. What is currant balance of undesignated fund?

- General discussion ensued.

#### IX. Audience for Citizens

- Jeffrey Jakubowski spoke in concern of the bus contract.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: W. Sears made a motion, which was seconded by R. Keator to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Lacasse, Administrative Assistant