



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN May 27, 2020 7:00 PM

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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 Liz Wilson, 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 7:00 pm.

II. Additions to Agenda: Gary asked to add Schedule Budget Process to the agenda. Rob motioned to add this to the agenda, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried.**

III. Approval of Minutes May 13, 2020: Wendy motioned to approve, Rob seconded, and Wendy stated that on page 3, I asked for an update on Route 14 Bridge **schedule** not signage. Rob motioned to approve as amended, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried with corrections.**

IV. Discussion of 2020-2021 Budget: MaryAnn stated this is still a work in progress. Discussion followed. Gary stated that we may end up using \$60,000 in UDF to keep taxes the same. MaryAnn stated that they are working on the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. Zeigler Road will be paved this year, but there will be no chip. Discussion followed. Wendy asked if we should also look at our other bridges. Discussion followed. Rob asked about improvements to the Town Hall for COVID-19. Gary stated we will be paying for Dutch doors (barriers for public contact) with the hope that we will be reimbursed next fiscal year. Wendy questioned the request that all departments be reduced by 3%, yet heat and utilities have increased. Discussion followed. Wendy questioned Public Safety and the

EMD in-kind service has increased. MaryAnn stated they have overspent each year, so it has been increased for accuracy.

V. Tax Refunds- Thomas H. Pelc \$354.86 Sec 12-81 (Serviceman with Disability): Rob motioned to approve the refund, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tax Refunds- Thomas H. Pelc \$383.86 Refund of excess Payments: Wendy motioned to approve the refund, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

VI. Review of Town Green Sign Policy: Gary stated this should be tabled until June 10th meeting. Wendy motioned to table the review of Town Green Sign Policy, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

VII. Approval of New Vendor for Assessor's Software. Gary stated that the Assessor has requested to switch to eQuality from Vision. Discussion followed. Rob motioned to approve the contract tonight, with the contract beginning July 1st, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried.**

VIII. Report of Selectmen: Gary discussed the Governor's conference call that there can be no Town Meeting for passing of the budget. Therefore, I am proposing that we cancel the Public Hearing on June 4th and have a virtual Public Informational session the purpose is to have an opportunity for people to, in a virtual setting talk about the budget with us and with each other. The budget will be posted on the website 24 hours in advance and at the BOS meeting on June 10th process public comment and vote on the budget. Rob motioned to cancel the Public Hearing and hold a Public Informational session on June 4th, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried.**

Gary stated there is an issue with how we need to go about electing a member to the Regional District 11 Board. It is supposed to be done at a virtual town meeting; however they have not told us exactly what that means or how to go about it. Library is trying to figure out how to reopen. Gary stated that we are looking a possibly opening the Town Hall June 20th.

Gary stated the footings are poured and looking at June 11th for the bridge to be delivered. Gary stated that the Route 14 Bridge will be closed on June 20th.

Gary stated that on the Governor's call Ken Henrici was on and requested that PHHS hold their outdoor graduation with all precautions being addressed. The state said it cannot be done.

Rob stated that at a public forum the possibility of having the Scotland Economic Development Committee prepare a report to kind of tell us where they are at and what they have discovered. Gary stated he will get in touch with them, maybe some time in the near future we will address it.

X. Audience for Citizens Jen Nelson asked will the email communication for the budget be public? Rob asked if she wants the public posted, like a rolling public hearing? Discussion followed. Jen asked what the tax increase will be. MaryAnn stated that it is a flat budget.

XI. Adjournment: Wendy motioned to adjourn, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Wilson, Administrative Assistant

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