



**TOWN OF SCOTLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**April 8, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order:** Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is the 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. Gary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Additions to Agenda:** None

**III. Approval of Minutes March 11, 2020 and March 25, 2020:** Rob motioned to accept the minutes of March 11, 2020, Wendy seconded. No discussion, **Motion carried.** Wendy motioned to accept the minutes of March 25, 2020, Rob seconded. Gary stated that in paragraph 2, under Purchase of Temporary Bridge, should read 'purchase of temporary bridge for approximately \$15,273.90' should read cost of **\$73,900** plus additional costs. Wendy moved the motion, Rob seconded as amended. **Motion carried.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** MaryAnn gave the Treasurer's Report (see other document).

**V. Authorize an Additional Appropriation of \$19,500 to the 'Miscellaneous COVID-19 Expenses' in the new 'Declared Emergency Expenses' Department:** MaryAnn explained that she has set up the new department to help track expenses for the COVID-19 for reimbursement due from the Emergency Declaration. Discussion followed. Wendy motioned to approve the additional appropriation, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

**VI. Discussion of Ongoing Payments to Library Employees:** Gary stated that we are still unsure of how CT unemployment and the Federal program will work. We will be seeking advice from the Attorney and under the Executive Order, I will proceed with the Attorneys advice without seeking a Special Meeting. Discussion followed. Discussion followed.

**VII Discussion of Ongoing for School Bus Contract:** Gary stated the town pays \$83,100 a year to transport students from town to RD11 and to the commuter lot. The contract is with the SES Board of Education and RD11. The Executive Order was for the bus contracts to be paid for drivers and fleet operations. Discussion

followed. It was the consensus of the BOS for the First Selectman to express their interest in having the BOE negotiate with Savino Transportation Co, to cover the expenses.

**VIII. Executive Order Regarding Late Tax Payments:** Gary stated that the State has given a mandate to either extend deferred taxes from July to October or reduce late penalty on taxes. After discussion with the Tax Department it would be in all four towns interest to defer payments to October 1st. We must report to OPM by April 25th with our decision. Discussion followed. Wendy motioned to move forward with the deferment program for tax collection, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

**IX. Administrative Assistant Job Search:** Gary stated the Administrative Assistant is leaving at the end of June and is letting the Board know that we will begin the job search through advertising and using websites. We will include the two applicants that came forward earlier.

**X. Report of Selectman:** Rob stated that he has been walking around town roads and wanted to say that the Highway Department is doing a great job with the tree situation. Great dedication and the speed in which they are working to help.

Gary stated that the Blood Drive was on March 31st and went very well due to the outstanding job of our dedicated Emergency Management Director, Ernie Mellor. He has been on top of the COVID 19 situation also. Route 14 bridge construction started on April 1st and will close on June 20th. The Bass Road Bridge is underway and should be ready by the middle to end of May. Gary has been very busy between Webinars and conference calls. Our budget is running as usual and again hopes to have a town meeting in June. SES has deferred action on their budget, they are working very hard to meet the 3% decrease requested. The Fire Department has stepped up and offered to pay the stipend for the employees. The Fire Department will need to hire and Gary will exercise Executive Order to authorize the hiring.

Wendy stated that Dr. Baran received notice that Greensleeves has been sold to a conglomerate, but does not expect any changes.

**XI. Audience for Citizens:**

Dennis LaBelle stated that Superintendent Ken Henrici, Joe Savino and myself had a phone conference to go over the Executive Order for the bus contract. The RD 11 is willing to pay actual and reasonable expenses. They are now waiting for the documentation of that amount. Also the RD 11 2020-2021 budget has been posted on the website. There will be a public Hearing on the Budget on Tuesday, April 21st at 7pm. It will be a virtual meeting. Any comments on the budget can be sent to khenrici.org. Discussion followed.

Jeff Jakubowski questioned if there was any increased cost to the town for the Transfer Station as everyone seems to be cleaning houses. Gary stated that he has been in touch with Alan Cahill from Hampton and so far it has not been a problem.

Zayne Ring stated she wants to thank the Board for their approval of the Tax Deferment program on behalf of the Tax Department. Discussion followed.

**XII. Adjournment:** Wendy motioned to adjourn, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Wilson, Administrative Assistant

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