



**TOWN OF SCOTLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 25, 2020
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is the virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen. This is our first meeting like this and hope everyone can stay patient with us. We will eventually figure out how best to incorporate public comments in the media. 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. Purchase of Temporary Bridge: Gary stated that one option presented at the last meeting which was the least expensive and most attractive was to purchase a temporary bridge for approximately 15,273.90 plus additional costs. We need a motion to authorize spending up to \$110,000. Rob motioned, Wendy seconded. Discussion followed. MaryAnn stated that there was money in the Town Aid Road Fund to cover the costs. Rob motioned to approve the expenditure for up to \$110,000. Wendy seconded **Motion carried.**

III. Broadband Access for First Selectman: Gary stated that we do not need to address this as this is a moot point, it was unavailable.

IV. Revised Budget Schedule: Gary stated the budget deadlines can be moved up 30 days. He would recommend the new dates be moved to Public Hearing on June 4 and the Town Meeting on June 18. It also stated that we have been given the authority to pass a budget without either. Discussion followed. Gary stated that the RD11 Board has been given the directives and have been ordered not to have referendums this year. Wendy motioned to move the meeting dates to June 4 for Public Hearing and Town Meeting June 18. Rob seconded. **Motion carried.**

V. Discussion of Executive Orders and their Impact on Meetings and Hearings: Gary stated that virtual meetings are encouraged. We needed an administrator and we will be paying \$125 an hour. This will be for all meetings held. The cost will be refundable through FEMA part of our Emergency Declaration. No action.

VI. Tax Refunds - Jean Burdick - \$6.27, Waldron Beaugard - \$21.43: Wendy motioned to approve the refund for Nancy Beaugard for \$21.43, Rob seconded. **Motion carried.** Rob motioned to approve the refund for Jean Burdick for \$6.27, Wendy seconded. **Motion carried.**

IX. Report of Selectmen: Rob stated that the Emergency Medical Plan was cancelled so no update.

Wendy stated she sat in on the webinar by CCM. There was discussion on Emergency Family Medical Leave Act, an addendum to the Family Medical Leave Act. Discussion followed.

Gary stated that the Town Hall hours have been cut back to Mon. and Thurs. 9 - 1 and Wed. 3 - 7 pm. Public can make an appointment if it is something that cannot be done online. The Library is also closed at this time.

There will be a Blood Drive on March 31st in the community room that will be sponsored by Christian Fellowship Church.

The Route 14 bridge project is still on for shutting down one lane on April 1st and will be closed on June 22nd.

Gary stated that we will be paying employees through the end of the fiscal year. There is discussion about paying the bus company. They are under contract so it is his feeling that they should be paid. It is an ongoing discussion with RD11. Gary did state that the bus contract decision was strictly a School Board decision. Wendy stated that she is aware of small business loans with little or no interest, but wondered the process and length of time it would take.

Discussion followed.

Wendy questioned the budget process and if we heard from all departments. MaryAnn stated that the spread sheet is set with two year actuals and current year actuals to date. Still needs to check with the Fire Department to see if they have made progress on their budget.

Gary stated that we are going to carry on as if we can pass the budget the usual way or consider the options.

Wendy asked if the school is revising their budgets to be more in line with ours, with actuals.

MaryAnn stated that the SES finance department is working on their budget presentation to be consistent with the Towns.

XI. Adjournment: Wendy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rob seconded, **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:46

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Wilson, Administrative Assistant

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