



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN March 10th, 2021

Meeting Audio Link:

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- I. Meeting was called to order 7:02pm
 - 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 and Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant. And members of the public that will be able to join chat when it is Audience for Citizens.
- II. Additions to Agenda: None
- III. Approval of February 24th, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion to approve the February 24th, 2021 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Gary Greenberg. Motion carries unanimously. Wendy Sears abstained.
 - One correction, Reuben Manning's name is misspelled.
- IV. Tax Refund – Hillyland Farm Inc. - \$18.00
 - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$18.00 to Hillyland Farm Inc., seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.
- V. Appointment of 2 Culture and Recreation Committee Members
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to appoint Tatyana Gronback and Ted Decyk to the Culture and Recreation Committee, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Suspense List of Taxes
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the Suspense List of Taxes from 2004 through 2016, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries unanimously.
- VII. Approval of schedule for Budget Hearing and Town Meeting: Discussion followed on what the protocol will be for holding in person meetings, the executive orders from the state and different ways we would be able to hold in person/hybrid budget hearing and the town meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to schedule the budget hearing for May 6th, 2021 with the time and location to be determined, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to schedule the Town Meeting for May 20th, 2021 with the time and location to be determined, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries

VIII. Report of Selectmen

- Discussion held on the upcoming legislative hearings, in particular, the state taking control of local zoning. Gary and Wendy will have further conversations about possibly speaking at the hearings.
- Gary has been in touch with the engineering firm to do some further estimates to give us a price on how much it would cost them to engineer homegrown solutions to our bridge problems. Met with John Valente, he was very helpful and brought his observations back to the engineer to see if we can find a way to do this, without having to get state and federal money in, will get a price on those types of engineering solutions.
- The new bookkeeper, Patricia Ball has started, and it is going well.
- With the recent power outage, Eversource was more proactive. Once they knew that a road was blocked, they must get out there and they got the road unblocked pretty quickly.
- Gary has been offered a meeting with the State Department of Education to talk about local education issues, this is arranged by Mae Flexer to talk about where we stand and how they can help us make our situation better both at the primary and secondary level.
- Wendy Sears asked about the meeting of the Committee between Hampton Scotland for the elementary school. Gary replied the meeting happened last week, the current state is that the superintendents have met and are going to present this committee with their analysis of potential cost savings by combining mostly staff positions. The Committee will not meet again until sometime next month, the reason for the delay is that, in order to do that analysis, they have to know what their staffing requirements. Discussion followed.

IX. Audience for Citizens: None

- X. Motion to adjourn at 8:02pm made by Rob Keator, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy O'Connor
Administrative Assistant