



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 28th, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Meeting Audio Link:

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MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order 7:0pm
 - Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is an in person and virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present is Selectman Wendy Sears, Selectman Rob Keator, Treasurer MaryAnn Fitzsimmons and Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant, Scotland Elementary School Superintendent Frank Baran, Scotland Elementary Board of Education Chairperson Brynn Lipstreu. And members of the public that will be able to join chat when it is Audience for Citizens.
- II. Additions to Agenda: Executive Session added at end of meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to add an executive session to discuss a pending legal matter after audience for citizens, seconded by Rob Keator, motion carries unanimously.
- III. Approval April 14th, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion to approve the April 14th, 2021 Meeting Minutes, with amendments, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.
 - *Correction Jennifer Nelson asked about the SVFD's 990, or at least their balance sheet, not any question regarding SCBA gear.*
- IV. Treasurer's Report & Preliminary Budget Discussion: MaryAnn was not able to attend due to family emergency. Gary gave a brief update. Town is solvent. Mil Rate should stay the same. RD11 contribution should be going down.
- V. Scotland Volunteer Fire Department Modification of Capital Spending Plan: Chief Beaumont gave an update on the Power Wagon. Repairs to make it road worthy are lengthy and cost to repair is not in SVFD budget. SVFD has a buyer who is interested in buying Power Wagon. Looking into replacing the Power Wagon with a UTV. UTV has more capabilities than the power wagon. Gary did some research and SVFD purchased the Power Wagon, not the Town of Scotland. Gary has requested that the money from the sale of the ET stay frozen in the account, Chief Beaumont agreed. SVFD and the Town of Scotland are working on who has purchased what equipment. Discussion was held.
- VI. Scotland Elementary School Board of Education Budget Discussion – Dr. Baran and BOE Chair Brynn Lipstreu presented the SES Budget. Budget is \$2,374,997, an increase of 1.9% increase which is \$46,041. State ESC funding is going to be cut. Wendy Sears would like to see what can be done with the surplus that the school has every year. Concerns about the people be taxed due to this surplus. Would like an analysis of why there is always a surplus. Discussion was held.

VII. Report of Selectmen

- Gary discussed the stabilization money that Mae Flexer has been working on to help bring attention to the difficulties of rural towns. This is helping us to better engage with the State Department of Education in helping us make changes to our educational system.
- Gary met with the Adhoc Committee for Scotland and Hampton last week. General consensus was too explore the possibility of both towns jointly operating a single school.
- Discussion with Putnam regarding tech park. Wendy Sears will look into what Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Quinebaug Regional Technology Park Development for the town meeting.

VIII. Audience for Citizens: Beth Troeger talked about the need for better communication in town. Possibility of resurrecting the Highland Herald. Gary will look into.

IX. Motion to enter into executive session at 8:18pm made by Wendy Sears, seconded by Rob Keator, motion carries unanimously. Executive Session ended at 8:26pm.

X. Motion to adjourn at 8:26pm made by Wendy Sears, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries unanimously