



# TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:**  
**Scotland Volunteer Community Hall**  
**47 Brook Road**  
**Scotland, CT**

## MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order 7:02pm:
  - Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is an in person meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present is Selectman Wendy Sears, Selectman Rob Keator and Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant, and members of the public.
- II. Additions to Agenda: None
- III. Approval May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes:
  - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes, seconded Rob Keator, motion carries unanimously.
- IV. Set Mill Rate for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year:
  - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion to set the Mill Rate at 39.00 Mills for Personal Property, Real Estate and Motor Vehicle, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.
  - First Selectmen Greenberg explained the Mill Rate analysis (attached to minutes). Discussion was held.
  - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion withdraw the motion to set the Mill Rate.
  - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion table setting the Mill Rate pending more information on the town's debts, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.
- V. Audience for Citizens:
  - Jenn Nelson stated that setting the mill rate for the advantage of the treasurer is a very bad precedent to set. Sees no reason to raise the motor vehicle mill rate. Discussion was held.
  - Dennis Labelle asked about the increase to town government, the reduction in the assessment for RD11 and the \$70,000 deficit. Discussion was held
  - Kim Martin asked about the stimulus money that will be coming in. Gary stated we are getting \$500,000. There are very specific ways the money can be spent. Kim would like to see Mill Rate go down to give residents some relief. Discussion was held.
  - Jenn Nelson added that we need to be competitive with area towns to get people to move here.
  - John Beck would like to see the community have a tax break even if it's for a little bit.
  - **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion table setting the Mill Rate pending more information on the town's debts, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.

- VI. Tax Refund – Robert & Joyce Beaumont \$105.00
- **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$105.00 to Robert & Joyce Beaumont, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Resolution for Affordable Housing Plan Grant: State has requested that every town submit an Affordable Housing plan. The cost estimate for providing this is between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The State is making available \$500,000 in grant money. Discussion was held.
- **MOTION:** Rob Keator made a motion to approve the resolution for Affordable Housing Plan Grant, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Report of Selectmen
- Gary reported we got our business straightened out with RD11. Dennis Labelle was very helpful in the process.
  - We will be opening up Town Hall next week.
  - Gary would like to work on smoothing out the bumps with RD11.
  - Town has been approached by WW dispatch to take over our emergency communications.
  - Earlier today someone called Town Hall about a KKK flag being flown at the farmer's market. Gary spoke with Diane Quercia and it was not a vendor. Gary has suggested if this happens again, that Diane should call the Town Hall.
- IX. Audience for Citizens:
- Dennis Labelle gave an update on happenings at RD11.
  - Dennis Labelle stated on June 7<sup>th</sup> BOE received a letter from 3 Town Selectmen regarding the offset to the assessment; Scotland's cut will be \$169,958.00. Dennis received phone calls from a reporter at the Chronicle asking about this before he even saw the letter. He would have liked the opportunity to have a discussion before the press contacted him. Discussion was held.
- X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 made by Wendy Sears, seconded by Rob Keator, motion carries unanimously