

**Town of Croydon**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Town Hall, Croydon NH

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
  - a. Chairman: Russell Edwards
  - b. Selectman: Amie Freak
  - c. Selectman: Joe Marko
  - d. Administrative Assistant: Melissa Prunier
4. APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - a. Sign previously approved minutes from January 10, 2023 – signed and filed
  - b. Review and approve draft minutes from January 24, 2023 - Amie motioned to approve – Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved. January 24<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing minutes Joe motioned to approve – Amie 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved
5. AGENDA ITEM(S)
  - a. New Items:
    - i. Sullivan County commissioners -. Joe Osgood Sullivan County update,
      - a) Sullivan County Comprehensive Economic development strategy 2022 – Biggest project is the nursing home renovation project – not up to code – 5 years in planning. 1930 building will be demolished, 1970s building will be renovated and brought up to code. 3.5 year project – 9% increase (\$.25 per thousand) – COVID money will be used first, won't see tax impact this year.
      - b) Sullivan House: Sober housing / treatment center– tax money used to purchase the old Eagle Times building – people coming out of treatment program to go to supervised short term housing with drug testing.

- c) Lead paint abatement – county wide grant \$1.7 M – need more applicants to apply – HUD rules. Key is get lead away from kids – kids and income eligibility
  - d) Discover Sugar River Region – UNH Cooperative extension – work regionally to publicize the region and sustain and grow. Meeting to launch website next week. Call county office for more information.
  - e) Trails Project: Map and identify the trails in our area.  
Sctrailsplan.com
  - f) Natural Resources/Conservation district: Grant money received to purchase cider press. Bird and Mushroom identification – more info in packet of information left.
  - g) Grant writing: \$40,000 in budget for grant writing services – on retainer to help towns write grants (as capacity allows)
  - h) Adult education: Local businesses having trouble finding employees – use grant money and town money to offer classes at Claremont and Newport Tech centers. Working with Tech centers for more classes in the future.
  - i) Community Development Block Grant: help Towns with local large projects if their grant money was already used.
  - j) Drone: Being used by Police and Fire – and been given more information on
  - k) Looking for LNAs. Classes at the Tech Center and local in house trainer to teach teenagers to be paid for training and come out of the program with LNA.
  - l) Impact on taxes for this year – salary increases for County staff. Will not be flat this year after a few years of it not changing.
- ii. Town meeting discussion:

- a) Town Meeting will be at town hall – Town report is going to publisher tomorrow – Warrant article has been signed and will be printed in the green section of the town report.
  - a. Question from Ed Spiker: What if we exceed the capacity of town hall ~ we would adjourn the meeting temporarily and move to the fire department and reconvene there. Town Hall can hold 100. Fire Department can hold 150 in big room with other options if needed. Russ has spoken with Jason Rook regarding we “may” need it if capacity is exceeded.
- iii. Recommendation for Dominic DeMaggio to the Zoning board to Bruce Jasper. Digging into laws and working with Bruce, for Zoning board, people should be letting the select board they are interested in the board, then the Select Board would recommend to the Moderator. Joe made motion to recommend Dominic DeMaggio to Bruce Jasper for Zoning board, Amie 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed. Melissa will let Bruce know of the recommendation tomorrow.
- b. Old Items:
  - i. Website email – Civic Plus website did not come with email – looking at other email providers – Looking at Proton with Aaron McKeon – Russ needs more information to provide. How many emails do we need (one for Town Clerk, Administrative assistant, one for each of the Boards) do we need any others. Possible for Health officer.
    - a) Kim Burkhamer – website has page for each of the boards, clerk, transfer station, and highway department. Do we want to talk with the school board regarding merging the websites so we only have one. We can have alerts created from our website (agendas, emergency alerts, meeting minutes) but people would have to go into website and sign up. Would like to see another page added for Animal control officer and or health officer.
    - b) Grantham website has great communication including a newsletter that goes out to public.
    - c) Need to get together to gather more information about what should be on our website. Email selectboard with any additional ideas you would like to see on the webpage.

- ii. Loon Lake Property Sale: Bidder that won property lives in MA. After several attempts to contact bidder we contacted lawyer regarding closing. This week Kristi put together a package of information for our town lawyer that will send to their lawyer – in hopes the property will be sold in the very near future so we can stop paying the HOA fees for Loon Lake property association.
- iii. Status of old cemetery property: Need to verify which property it is as we may have an abutter that may want to purchase property.
- iv. Sand Hill property – Information was given to Jane.
- v. Correspondence:
  - a) Several trainings coming from NHMA and NH Planning Commission regarding planning, development, and local government.
  - b) Resignation from Ed Little (Custodian) – position offered and accepted by Carl Davis
  - c) Building permit: for YMCA Camp Coniston to move one building and building new arts and crafts building. Signed by all.
  - d) Current use application: Russ will check with Kristi tomorrow on what next steps need to be taken.

6. Public Comment:

- a. Ed Spiker: Warrant article that he submitted was previously “not recommended” has that been updated. No, at this time it will be read as not recommended by selectboard but Russ will make the statement that with new information that was provided they are changing their recommendation.

7. ADJOURMENT: Joe made the motion to adjourn; Amie 2<sup>nd</sup>; meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9. To Do / Follow up items:

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Prunier

**SIGNATURES ON FILE AT TOWN HALL**

Chairman signature

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