

Board of Selectmen Meeting March 16, 2021 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Edwards at 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Chairman: Russell Edwards – Present

Selectman: Joe Marko – Present

Selectman: Ian Underwood – Present

Staff in attendance: Brianna Aubertin

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Review of minutes from 2/23/2021 meeting. Accepted with minor changes due to typographical errors, no change to content.

AGENDA ITEMS

Vouchers and other standard business that comes before the Board for signature and correspondence from various agencies.

Chairman Russell Edwards went through the Select Board town email to see review different webinars available to Select Board members as well as specific items that need to be taken care of.

-Town Member Concern: A member in town brought to attention that loggers have been working on Barton Road even though the road is posted. Chairman Russell Edwards will follow up with the Road Agent to look into this issue further.

-Auditors will be in town on April 9, 2021 and they have already contacted the Town Clerk and the book keeper of Trust Accounts.

-CCI: Town received a quote of renewal for Firewall maintenance (~200/month), Chairman Russell Edwards will look into different services as well as exactly what our monthly contract covers.

-Town received some information on the next state re-evaluation and wanted confirmation on whether or not one will be completed with Avitar. Chairman Edwards is going to double check with Avitar as well as looking into what other towns do for town re-evaluations to try to decrease the spending for reevaluations every year.

-Annual Facility Report: This year there were some additional questions added to the report regarding what goes through the transfer station. Selectman Joe Marko confirmed that all town waste goes through Casella except very few items.

-Lieutenant Kokoski: Regarding radar from town cruiser, he didn't have any suggestions on radar. The only offer Chairman Russell Edwards has received was to give it to Aaron Cady (from Communications) for him to work on. Chairman Edwards is going to contact New London, Newport, and Grantham to see what they would pay for the radar.

-Year to Date Activity from NRRRA (Recycle Group): This year was on the glass bin, the town had 7.20 tons that cost \$40/ton for a total of \$288. The cost for municipal waste is ~\$120. The town has saved a lot from segregating the glass (~70/month). Select Board will look into when the bin should be emptied for the future.

-Animal Control Officers: Chairman Russell Edwards was going through each town NH listing of Municipality officials. Grantham contracts with Upper Valley Humane Society that houses any animals that are picked up by the police they do not have an animal control officer listed. Sunapee has an animal control officer listed, Chairman Russell Edwards contacted him and waiting to hear back. He is going to see if the officer would be interested in contracting out to be our animal control officer as well.

-NH Votes: Document attached the lists of absentee ballots rejection rates.

-Primex Spring Training: Town insurance provider is having 2 different zoom meetings (coping with complaints and contracts be careful with what you sign). Both are free zoom meetings on April 14th, 2021 and April 21st, 2021. Chairman Russell Edwards is forwarding to Selectman Ian Underwood to look into.

-Labor Law Training: Event is on March 23rd, 2021, Chairman Russell Edwards is sending to Selectman Ian Underwood.

-Cyber Security Alerts: The town has nothing vulnerable threats to worry about at this time.

-Eversource: Annual ERP (Emergency Response Planning) meeting on April 28th, 2021. Chairman Russell Edwards is forwarding to Selectman Joe Marko, this meeting is to confirm the emergency contacts for the town in case of emergency.

-NH Department of Environmental Services: Chairman Russell Edwards will sign up for.

-NH Municipal Call-Ins: Weekly call-ins Select Board members can tune into to listen to issues other towns may be dealing with. Chairman Edwards will forward to Selectman Joe Marko and Ian Underwood.

-Department of Transportation: Requesting information.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Attached to document.

APPOINTMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Select Board Policy:

Selectman Agree that the policy is finally up to date besides adding a few things to the policy including: forms designed for presenting information to the board, and adding change history page. The policy was accepted and approved on 3/16/2021. The start date for policy to take place will be April 1st, 2021 meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7PM at the town hall.

Town Meeting:

Select Board Members reviewed town meetings, and discussed items that can be improved for future meetings. Some of the improvements include:

- Adding visual charts during meeting ex: Transfer Station expenses
- Revisit items earlier in the year and get a jump start on the budget expenses
- More preparation and adding amounts and information on town website
- Explain long range plans for town decisions (Making specific items transparent for town members).
- Figure out how often transfer bins are emptied

Website Additions:

The Select Board Members will post the specific website at Coniston store. The approved minutes and agenda will be posted on the website. The url for the town website is Croydon-nh.com

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-Select Board discussed the possibility of opening the dump on Wednesdays before May, will follow-up with transfer station worker.

-Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission: Determine whether invoice was paid; book was given to the Planning Board.

-Renting Town Hall: Set up a schedule for this and possibly prorate it. Select Board will talk to maintenance worker and see what maintenance would be needed and whether there should be a minimum amount to rent hall and or hours to rent it.

-The Select Board will write a thank you letter to the fire department thanking them for setting up as a back up for the town meeting.

-Chairman Russell Edwards will look into whether or not the town could get a lowered interest rate for the Samuel Morse house if we refinanced.

-Possibility of linking insurances for the town and school, can we use the school insurance as a back- up. Chairman Russell Edwards will check with Primex and Health Trust to see if this is possible.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman confirmed the next Select Board meeting will be held on 3/23/21 at 6PM. He then called the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Aubertin