

Minutes from 8/11/2021

1. Call to Order: At 6:00 PM Chair Viens called the meeting to order. Selectmen Viens and Drenkhahn were present. Town Administrator Robin Woodaman and Selectmen Hanson were absent with notice. Also in attendance were Maureen Criasa, Karen Ponton, Bill Ricciardi and Jill Weed and Code enforcement officer Bill Doucette.
2. Agenda Review: Agenda was reviewed, no changes were made.
3. APPROVAL OF Minutes: Minutes from August 4, 2021, meeting were reviewed, Mr. Drenkhahn moved to approve the minutes as presented electronically, Mr. Viens seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
4. Appointments:
 - a. Conservation Commission Chair – Maureen Criasa. Ms Criasa briefed the Select Board regarding proposed vegetation control spraying by the Electric Coop. According to Ms. Criasa the Town website had posted notice of the spraying in April but not in great detail. Many residents expressed concern and contacted Ms. Criasa with concerns about safety and potential impact on aquifers and wetlands, especially Prime wetlands. Ms. Criasa reported that she contacted the State Dept. of Agriculture and the Coop directly and was able to obtain a copy of the State permit, a list of the herbicides to be used, detailed maps, MSDS sheets and additional information regarding the chemicals to be used. Armed with this information she was able to allay concerned residents and correct much of the misinformation and “rumors” that were circulating. She also worked with the Health officer to disseminate the information and requested that Town Hall forward all calls regarding the spraying to her attention. Ms. Criasa stressed the need for the Town and the Coop to work more closely to publish accurate, detailed information to residents in the future. She asked for the following steps to be taken:
 - i. The Selectboard to send a letter to the Coop asking them to notify the Conservation Commission of all proposed spraying.
 - ii. Permission for the Conservation Commission to produce simple flyers with detailed data on spraying in the future.
 - iii. For the Conservation Commission to write a letter to the Coop recommending that all spraying plans be published in the Coop Newsletter mailing to its Members.
 - iv. The Board agreed to all these requests

Commission Update: Ms. Criasa briefed the Board on recent changes to the Commission noting that she has been appointed as the Chair of the Commission, and that Barbara

Picard had rejoined the Commission as Secretary and the Board is nearing a full complement of members. There is currently room for 2 additional members and 2 alternates. Selectman Viens will remain on the Board as the Selectmen's Representative.

She also reported that the ZBA had met and considered a request for a variance by the owner of former Town property on Camp Road. The ZBA heard and approved an application for a variance from Luke Dupuis. Because the property is within the wetlands buffer for Snake River Mr. Dupuis will now have to seek a Shoreland and Wetlands permit from the State. She will provide the dates and timing for any required public hearings.

5. Public Input

- a. Karen Ponton reported that the Heritage Commission had received very positive feedback from the 5 Barn Owners whose properties were listed as Historical Properties.
- b. Sharon O'Donnell reported that several residents on Winona Lake would like to see Dave Reilly honored/remembered for his lifelong and selfless service to the Town. She inquired as to what degree the Town can contribute to and assist in this effort. Mr. Viens will contact the Town Attorney and determine what options are available to the Town under State Law.

6. Selectmen's Reports: None

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Road Contract Project Proposal Request – Mr. Viens motioned to sign a request for proposals for roadwork and paving. Mr. Drenkhahn seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Facility Use request – Mr. Viens motioned to approve a facility use permit for Turning Point Christian Fellowship for a Baptism ceremony at the Town Beach. Mr. Drenkhahn seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- c. Mr. Doucette notified the Board of a report that a resident at 451 Dane road had converted a garage workshop to an ADU and that an illegal sign was in place. He requested guidance on how to handle this. Mr. Viens moved to have Mr. Doucette investigate the situation and resolve it per the ordinances. Mr. Drenkhahn seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- d. NPI requested a change in the heating system repair contract timing – Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to approve and sign the revision, Mr. Viens seconded, and the vote was unanimous
- e. New Beginnings requested the Town contribute \$1050 to their ongoing operations.
- f. A request was received to contribute Federal COVID reimbursement monies received by the Town to finance an effort by the Electric Coop to build out their Broadband system.

A there was no immediate benefit to the Town Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to deny the request. Mr. Viens seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

- g. The State DES notified the Town that the latest monitoring report of the former Town landfill had been accepted.
 - h. Mr. Doucette reported that a Stop Work order had been issued for site work on Tax Map lots 218-011-01 and 218-011-002 due to the owner not having obtained a permit. Subsequently the owner did apply for a permit and notified the Town that he intends to convert the land to farming use only.
 - i. The Selectmen reviewed the monthly report from the Police Department submitted by Chief Chase.
 - j. The Selectmen reviewed a Permit renewal request for Rogozinski.
 - k. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Atlantic Broadband regarding price increases for service.
 - l. Sandy Frost submitted a note explaining the recent e coli readings on the Town Beach. – The Town has consistently been significantly under the recommended limits.
 - m. The Town received notice from the State for the actual and expected Block Grants for Road work: \$39,154.
8. New Business: Selectman Richard Hanson submitted his resignation from the Board. He has recently sold his home In Center Harbor and until such time as he finds a new residence in Town, he doesn't feel it is appropriate to remain on the Board. The Select Board accepted his resignation with regret and heartfelt thanks for his service to the Town. A letter acknowledging his lifelong service to the Town will be prepared and sent to him at his new address in Rhode Island.

Mr. Viens reported that when he received Mr. Hanson's letter, he had reached out to a couple of residents about completing Mr. Hanson's term for the balance of this year. Interest was expressed by Mr. Bill Ricciardi, and Mr. Viens had requested that Mr. Ricciardi attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Ricciardi has served on the Town Planning Board for several years and has been the driving force behind the Center Harbor Community Development Association. After a brief discussion Mr. Drenkhahn moved to appoint Mr. Ricciardi to the Board for the balance of this year's term. Mr. Viens seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Ricciardi will serve until Town meeting in March, at which time he will have to run for a special one-year term to complete the balance of the term. Mr. Ricciardi left the meeting to be sworn in by Town Clerk Mary Richardson and rejoined the meeting as a Selectman. After some discussion the Board decided the following:

- a. With the agreement of Charley Hanson, Chair of the Planning Board, Mr. Ricciardi would like to become the Selectman's Rep. on the Board
- b. Mr. Viens will exit the Planning Board as Selectmen's Rep and join the Heritage Commission in the same capacity for a Three-year Term. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to

appoint Mr. Viens to the Heritage Commission, Mr. Ricciardi seconded, and the vote was unanimous. The next meeting will be 8/26/2021 at 4:30 at the Town House.

9. Current Bill Payable – Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to approve paying the Town's bills and approving the General Ledger entries as presented. Mr. Viens seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

10. Correspondence – NONE

11. Public Input

- a. Karen Ponton requested that a letter be sent to Mr' Hanson acknowledging his contributions to the Town over his lifetime. The Board agreed as noted previously.
- b. Ms. Criasa informed the Board that Mr. Doucette and Tyler Driscoll (Health Officer) were both wonderful people to work with.

Additional Business – None

12. Non-Public Session

- a. At 6:59 Mr. Viens moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) and (I) to discuss ongoing litigation.
- b. A discussion was held regarding ongoing litigation with Fairpoint.
- c. At 7:06 Mr. Drenkhahn moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Mr. Ricciardi seconded, and Mr. Viens agreed.

13. Reconvene Meeting

- a. At 7:07 Mr. Viens reconvened the regular Selectmen's Meeting and moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Mr. Ricciardi seconded, Mr. Drenkhahn agreed, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Drenkhahn then moved to have Mr. Viens sign the proposed agreement from Fairpoint. Mr. Ricciardi seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

14. Announcements:

15. Adjournment: At 7:09, there being no additional business before the Board Mr. Drenkhahn moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Ricciardi seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Viens,

Chair, Board of Selectmen