

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 10, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan, Lynn Sweet
In attendance:

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes from the August 3rd meeting were read and approved. A request for an extension on the KRT 2021 Statistical Revaluation contract was reviewed and signed. A timber tax abatement was reviewed and signed. The Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for September 7, 2021 was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 21, 2021.

A motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting. The August 10th Selectmen's Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.

Public Hearing August 10, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan, Lynn Sweet

Selectmen Young called the Public Hearing to order at 5:50 PM. He announced that the public hearing was being held pursuant to RSA 31:95-b to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding. Notice of the public hearing was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, on the Town website and published in Foster's Daily Democrat on August 2, 2021.

Following a brief discussion and in the absence of any questions, Lynn Sweet moved to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the ARPA grant funds for purposed allowed within the guidelines. The motion was seconded by Brian Monahan. A vote was taken:

Scott Young – Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The motion passed.

Lynn Sweet moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Brian Monahan. A vote was taken:

Scott Young – Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The public hearing was adjourned at 5:55PM.

Multi-Board/ Departmental Heads Meeting August 10, 2021

In attendance:

Scott L. Young - Chairman Board of Selectmen	Charlie Moreno - Chairman Planning Board
Brian J. Monahan - Selectman	Tim Reed - Planning Board
Lynn M. Sweet - Selectman	Don J. Clifford - Planning Board
Scott Whitehouse - Fire Chief	Phil Auger - Planning Board
Mike Richard - Police Chief	Donald Coker - Planning Board
Greg Messenger - Road Agent	Charlie Burnham - Zoning Board
Mark Messenger	Jean Ewen - Zoning Board
David Copeland - Building Inspector	Aaron Leff - Zoning Board
Dan Howard - Ass't Building Inspector	Scott A. Young - Conservation Commission
Bob Fletcher	

The Multi-Board/ Departmental Heads Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Mr. Young asked each attendee was asked to introduce himself/herself, mentioning their position or board representation. Bob Fletcher, who will be taking minutes for Planning and Zoning Boards was also introduced.

In response to requests made at the last Multi-Board/ Departmental Heads Meeting, the Selectmen reported that the town has purchased a large screen TV for presentations by and to the 2 boards. It will eventually be mounted on the wall. Also purchased was some recording equipment which has been working well, though it has some difficulty picking up "low" tones. The Selectmen will be purchasing additional microphones and amplifiers. The purchase of a podium was also suggested as we are currently borrowing one from the school. The Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission all hold meetings during the month in the conference room of the Town Hall; varying setup in the room is required for the different meetings. The new recording equipment is available for use; the Selectmen asked each board to allow time for set up, putting away the recording equipment, and returning the room to good order for the next board to use it.

A lengthy discussion followed about the revisions to the Class VI road ordinance being considered by the Planning Board. Similar revisions were proposed at a well-attended public hearing via the internet last spring. The proposal was subsequently withdrawn; feedback indicated that more information needed to be provided to taxpayers. Since that time, the Planning Board has carefully studied the actual impact of the proposed Class VI road ordinances and prepared a chart detailing the impact. All in attendance were provided with a copy and found it helpful in better understanding the situation. Building on a Class VI road would be restricted beyond 800 feet from a Class V or Class VI road; relief could be sought through application to the Zoning Board. The information, presented by Mr. Auger and Mr. Moreno, indicated that excluding Class A Trails, 30 properties would be fully impacted by the proposal, with other properties impacted to varying degrees. Road maintenance, property owners' rights, restriction of development, and previously subdivided lots were some of the matters discussed. Several questions were raised, and some expressed opposition to the restriction, citing problems this would present on properties on Mousam Road and Old Canaan Road, in particular. Mr. Auger and Mr. Moreno responded that the 800 feet represented more leniency than many towns, where the restriction is 600 feet. The new ordinance presented several other measures for "tightening up" building standards on Class VI roads. As questions were raised, suggestions were made for clarifying some of the language in the ordinance.

The discussions turned to several other matters that attendees felt were should be considered by the Planning Board or at future Multi-Board/ Departmental Heads Meetings.

- Several of the applicants to both the Planning Board and Zoning Board are seeking continuances on hearing their cases. The question was raised as to how many continuances could be requested. The advice of the town attorney will be sought on the matter.
- The need for addressing the Master Plan was brought up.
- Bars and gates on Class VI roads and Class A trails were briefly discussed. Class VI road gates are not to be locked, but Class A trail gates may be locked to prevent ATV traffic. The problem arises in getting through these gates should it be necessary for emergency equipment to access the area. Having a standardized locking system was suggested.
- Further discussion was suggested concerning “temporary” containers and garages. How long can a structure be temporary? They seem to be skirting the building regulations.
- When a proposal necessitates a special exception from the Zoning Board and a site review from the Planning Board, which should come first? This situation has come up in a couple cases in the last 2 years. It was suggested that the 2 chairmans address this with Natalie at SRPC and/or get a legal opinion.
- The “unbuildable” classification and the assessment of docks were mentioned as matters to

The next Multi-Board/ Departmental Heads Meeting will be November 16,2021 at 6:00 in the conference room.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.