

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes January 12, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Andrew Artimovich, Chair  
William Faria  
Ken Christiansen  
Phyllis Thompson  
Robert Mantegari

Artimovich called the meeting to order. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view report.

Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector, had the following building permits to be approved this week:

- Richard Gagnon, 5 Wilson Way, Stud and insulate basement walls: signed by Board.
- Letty Bedard, 198 Middle Road, New basement; signed by Board.
- Kevin Crowley, 134 Pickpocket Road, New 3/4 bathroom and plumbing for new bathroom: signed by Board.
- Frank Hartmann, 457 Middle Road, Electric upgrade from 200-400amp: signed by Board.
- Michael Laham, 81 Rowell Road East, New dwelling: signed by Board.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christiansen to approve the public minutes of 1/5/2021 as written. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Deputy George Abele reached out to the Chief about potentially putting canine, Dax, back in service with the Sheriff's department. He would need to pay the town \$2500 to re-instate Dax. Abele would like to offer \$1000 for the equipment. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to accept \$3,500 to put Dax back in service and sell the canine equipment including the kennel. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Police Chief Arcieri would like to propose a phone stipend for the part-time police officers. This is to reimburse them a portion of their costs to use their personal device. Arcieri proposes \$300 annually (\$25/month). Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria to reimburse part time officers \$25/month (up to \$300 annually) for use of their personal device for business purposes. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Police Chief Arcieri introduces new part-time police officer Alexander Hodosi. Hodosi comes to us from NH Marine Patrol with a part-time NH police certification. Eventually, he aspires to be a full-time police officer, however, he is presently a full-time student at the University of New Hampshire working towards his bachelor's degree in homeland security and his duties being a three year member of the Army National Guard. Officer Hodosi is a certified EMT and firefighter and works for the Chester Fire

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Department. In 2019, Officer Hodosi was awarded probationary member of the year award from the Chester Fire Department.

Daphne Woss, Town Clerk swore Officer Hodosi in. Chief Arcieri pinned Hodosi with his badge. Please join us in welcoming Officer Hodosi.

Artimovich opened up Public Hearing at 6:25pm regarding the proposed Town of Brentwood Regulations for Excavations in the Management of Town Streets and Public Rights of Way (ROW) with the following hearing.

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to exercise the Town's authority to manage its Public Rights-of-Way in a non-discriminatory, competitively neutral manner. The proposed Regulations will: (1) regulate construction, excavation, or work within Town Roads and Public Rights-of-Way; (2) require that persons or entities comply with a comprehensive application process before engaging in any such construction, excavation, or work within Town Roads and Public Rights-of-Way; and (3) impose various surety and permit requirements to protect the integrity of Town Roads and Public Rights-of-Way in the future. I will not read the Regulations out loud, because they are lengthy, but copies have been made available at the Town Clerk's office and a copy is here.

Artimovich asked if anyone wished to speak on the proposed regulation. Skip Williamson, 224 South Road, asked if this was a new or amended regulation. Clement said this is a new regulation. Glenn Greenwood, Town Planner, said the town has always had a right to regulate the use of the right of way. This creates a very clear process to oversee ROW, and it is a proactive measure. Artimovich asked if there was any other public comment. Hearing none, Artimovich closed the public hearing at 6:30pm. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to adopt the Town of Brentwood Regulations for Excavations in the Management of Town Streets and Public Rights of Way. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria – aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

The 2021 IRS mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.56. We currently pay \$0.54. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to increase the Town's mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.56 per mile for 2021. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Clement had prepared optional advisory warrant articles for recycling.

The Town currently pays more per ton to recycle than the price per ton to dispose of trash refuse. Christiansen advised we have a meeting in February and he will get current prices then. Faria said that this is more than a cost issue to a lot of people in town. They want to recapture and reuse trash. Christiansen said we should bring it up at Town meeting. Greenwood (Planning) said if it's not plastic it gets sent to a landfill. Kim Leo, 23 Lebreux Street, asked if we can look at other facilities. Christiansen answered that this will be part of the discussion at the Town meeting. Christiansen thinks there will be tremendous push back at Town meeting if the town were to stop recycling.

Thompson made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to recommend the following advisory warrant article: Currently the Town pays more per ton to recycle than the price per ton to dispose of trash refuse. The Town currently pays \$69.95 per ton to dispose of trash refuse and an average of \$125 per ton for recycling (56% more than trash disposal costs). The Town expends approximately \$480,000 per year on trash collection, disposal and recycling costs. At the current rates and if costs to recycle increase over

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time, do you want the Town continue to sponsor a recycling program? Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Clement prepared an alternative advisory article for consideration. Do you want to form a subcommittee to evaluate the benefits and costs for the Town to continue to sponsor a recycling program? Thompson and Christiansen said this wouldn't be advantageous. This article will be tabled.

Richard Chamberlain, Town Moderator, presented the HB 1129 regarding virtual town meeting, postponing, or going ahead with the Town meeting in March. Chamberlain explained that the last town meeting had 175 in attendance and that Brentwood did a wonderful job with the primary and Presidential elections this year. We are living in a very different COVID world with 12 active cases in Brentwood. Chamberlain asked the Board what they are thinking for an in-person or Zoom Town meeting in March. Artimovich said that his hope would be for the State Legislator to come up with relief for the Town. Faria said to postpone and hold later in the year or go forward as currently planned. Chamberlain said as late as July if needed. Artimovich stated to postpone and hold outside at the BRC, in the field, set up tents, speaker systems, would be the best option for town meeting. Artimovich said that Woss and team did a fantastic job with the Election. It will just take a little longer for set up, etc. Woss agreed. We have to see what the Legislator has to say. Faria said he heard this is going to be talked about in next few weeks. Mantegari agreed outside is the best idea. Need to consider what budget will look like. Artimovich said he does not see us having a meeting in March, whether executive order expires or not. Clement said that the town reports have to be available one week before vote. Artimovich asked about absentee ballots. Chamberlain explained that it sounds like they will extend order for absentee ballots. He said that is it a great idea to postpone Town meeting and do in spring. Faria made a motion not to adopt HB 1129, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thompson. Faria -aye, Thompson – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

The Supervisor of the Checklist states he is a firm supporter of what has been discussed regarding the Town Meeting and agrees to postpone until spring. The Supervisor of the checklist are on board with our path. Doug Cowie, School Moderator, mentioned that this is going to be tough for our town and it makes sense to have one meeting for both town and school in spring outside. Faria said there is an in-person school board meeting scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> and he will suggest at that time. Thompson said the Moderator can declare emergency and we can postpone our meeting – RSA 40-4. Clement thought legislation allows for postponement in 72 hour increments. Woss said she will call them to clarify. Mantegari said we can look at in a couple of weeks.

The Chair of the Budget committee, Levitsky asked how this will affect our budget hearing. Clement explained that if we are not moving forward with HB 1129 it will not affect us. Levitsky said the virtual option is fine to go ahead with and asked how the Town will be funded if the meeting will be delayed. Artimovich explained that we will continue to spend at the 2020 budget until the Town meeting. We will not spend at new budget level until post meeting.

Mantegari made a motion for Artimovich to sign the PA34 for Wilson Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christiansen. Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, Faria - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari attended the Library meeting last night. Clients are frustrated by the “appointment only” and feel that staff are abrasive – they feel like they cannot get our service. There is concern over the \$10,000 impact dollars. Mantegari explained that they can be utilized. Clement explained that the \$30,000

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budget committee shorted the benefits budget could be offset by using more impact fee dollars on the debt service budget.

Artimovich attended the budget meeting last night. The School Board passed a 2% increase on a \$6 million budget. There was discussion on bringing the cafeteria back to inhouse control. There was a move to put \$19,000 into budget to bring a Food Manager back. The School thinks they can bring the Food Service back for \$25,000. This was not approved. There will be a motion to approve at the next meeting. Leo, (Zoom) stated she feels it would be more than \$25,000 for a food service. Artimovich stated that there is money in the budget that will offset to make that whole. Alina Arida (Zoom) 25 Lebreux Street, agrees with Levitsky and stated that she will do her best to straighten out their accounts. She stated there is a disconnect between cost and revenue & salaries for people no working due to COVID.

Leo (Zoom) – regarding the Library – there’s no elevator to access downstairs. The Amphitheatre needs to be fixed as this is a huge benefit for the Town. Artimovich explained that the Library has Trustees that run the Library. The Town monitors the budget and what is approved we give to them. They have a public meeting which is posted.

At 7:25 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2nd by Christiansen to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II for (l) legal and (c) reputation. Faria - aye, Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

At 7:47 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2nd by Christiansen, to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Faria - aye, Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christiansen to accept the bid for Mill Road Bridge construction and award the contract to A.N. Whipple Construction for \$125,200. Faria - aye, Christiansen –aye, Mantegari – aye, Thompson - aye, and Artimovich - aye. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parkhurst

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WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT

**DATE:** 1/12/2021


**Citizens General Fund:**

Previous Balance:	233,167.66		
Deposits:	60,530.35		
Payroll:	21,674.31	DD: \$21220.49	CK: \$453.82
FICA:	5,347.28		
to Impact Fees			
A/P: Regular	\$149,531.19		
void checks			
From MMA			
TO MMA	100,000.00		
Account Balance:	17,145.23		
Interest Earned YTD:			

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**MMA:**

Unrestricted Balance:	6,560,297.40
Total Invested Funds	6,560,297.40
Interest Earned YTD:	

  
Jonathan Ellis, Treasurer  
Joyce A. Gallant, Deputy Treasurer

