

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes November 9, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair  
Robert Mantegari  
Andrew Artimovich  
Jonathan Frizzell  
Jon Morgan

Christiansen called the meeting to order.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Recreation register which consisted of 4 checks.

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

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

- Route 125, LLC, 36 Rt 125, install new plumbing: signed by Board.
- William Dunham, 9 Block Drive, plumbing for master bath remodel: signed by Board.
- Christopher Cooper, 272 South Road, electrical for kitchen remodel: signed by Board.
- Garrett Lasewicz, 58 Fellows Road, install roof-mounted solar panels: signed by Board.
- Garrett Lasewicz, 58 Fellows Road, electrical for solar panels: signed by Board.
- Guy Sylvester, 16 Homestead Lane, add toilet to laundry room: signed by Board.
- Derek Butts, 19 Gallant Drive, wire detached garage: signed by Board.
- Michael Schuman, 10 Prescott Road, install roof-mounted solar panels: signed by Board.
- Michael Schuman, 10 Prescott Road, electrical for solar panels: signed by Board.
- Nicholas Brittain, 14 Gallant Drive, install rooftop solar system: signed by Board.
- Nicholas Brittain, 14 Gallant Drive, electrical for solar system: signed by Board.
- Wright Builders, 31 Rt 107, build new 4-bedroom dwelling: signed by Board.
- Katherine Morgerstern, 11 Kadra Street, install roof-mounted solar panels: signed by Board.
- Katherine Morgerstern, 11 Kadra Street, electrical for rooftop solar system: signed by Board.
- Walter Porter, 172 Pickpocket Road, install solar array panels: signed by Board.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to make an edit to the 11/2 minutes with Mantegari stating that he wishes to include how disappointed in Artimovich he is and how embarrassed for Bedard, McConnell and Turer he is, how it is a childish and juvenile attack that was made for a picture, that people got upset about their own behavior and hypocrisy and thinks it was embarrassing for them. Christiansen asked if everyone had read the edit. Morgan – abstain, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to approve the public minutes of 11/2/2021 as amended. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - Aye. The motion carries.

Christian read a letter of resignation from Robin Wrighton from the Conservative Committee, effective 11/3/2021 and said we will respond in kind by saying thank you. Mantegari said he appreciates her service and Frizzell said she was a bulldozer on the committee and was great for the town and cared about the land. Mantegari said she was a huge proponent on getting the conservation commission back to patrolling properties in order to save tax dollars.

Documents to sign:

- 1) Abatement 151 Scrabble Road and 109 Deer Hill Road.
  - a. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the abatements for 151 Scrabble Road and 109 Deer Hill Road. All in favor. The motion carries.

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- 2) PA 29 151 Scrabble Road.
  - a. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the PA 29 for 151 Scrabble Road. All in favor. The motion carries.

Budgets:

- 1) Town Meeting
  - a. Daphne Woss was in attendance to discuss her budgets. Woss said there are 4 elections in 2022 which is why the moderator line has doubled. Everything else remains the same as 2021. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to approve the town meeting budget of \$3601 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 2) Election
  - a. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to approve the election budget of \$10,401 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries. Artimovich asked if the Clerks are getting raises and Woss said they got them last year and it is included. Woss said the printing line includes software support.
- 3) Tax Collector
  - a. Woss said the deputy will be attending conventions along with her in 2022 and this is the reason for the increase. Woss said there will be a clerk in the office to cover during that time. Frizzell asked if the cost covers hotel and food and Woss said yes. Morgan asked if the salary line was already approved and Woss said yes. Frizzell made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve the tax collector budget of \$65,155 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 4) Town Clerk
  - a. Woss said the dog licenses has gone up by \$25 due to prices going up. Frizzell made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve the town clerk budget of \$67,915 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 5) Regional Associations
  - a. Clement said that Rebecca Dunham had met with herself and Parkhurst to discuss this level funded budget. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to approve the regional associations budget of \$17,500 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.

Artimovich said he needs a representative from the BOS for the November 17<sup>th</sup> budget committee meeting, 6.30pm as he is unable to attend. Mantegari said he will be the representative on this date.

Rebecca Dunham spoke to the historical society and asks for the BOS permission for them to pursue a historical status application for the Grange building and needs to apply to the State with a deadline of November 11<sup>th</sup>. Dunham said it will need a signature. Clement said we are closed on Veterans Day. Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to allow Christiansen or Clement to sign the application. All in favor. The motion carries.

Artimovich asked about Smith Road. Clement said the registered letter was returned refused to sign and they have 30 days' notice to clean everything up and then we will start imposing fines.

Julie Velevis, 62 Lyford Lane was in attendance to read out a statement to the BOS regarding the meeting on 11/2. Please see attached statement.

Jim Johnson, 31 Shannon Way asks Morgan if that bothers him and said Morgan is looking disgusted. Christiansen advised Johnson to come to the chair if he wants to speak. Johnson stands and asks Morgan not to stare at him in that way and asked if that was a threat. Frizzell came in between Johnson and Morgan and asked Johnson to sit down. Frizzell also asked a member of the audience to stop videotaping.

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Bill Faria, 209 South Road said for the BOS to stick to town business, do your job as elected officials and stop animosity.

Lois DeYoung, 125 Crawley Falls Road said that people in glass houses should not throw stones, that these words are unproductive and destroying our town and she is embarrassed for our town. DeYoung said that Bedard should apologize to the town and to Mantegari.

Frizzell said he came on here to do what is right and make good changes in the town and is disturbed at how the last 9 months have been, that he has been miserable. He says it is crazy and the Selectboard has become a circus, it has become the Jon Morgan show, it has become about taking pictures with cell phones and tells Mantegari there was no need for him to do that. Frizzell said it has become ridiculous and he feels embarrassed to be on the Selectboard and is not what he signed up for. Frizzell asks Clement to accept his resignation, he is done and not what he signed up for. Frizzell said this town needs to be better than this and that he is embarrassed right now. Frizzell leaves the meeting.

At 6:40 pm Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to go into non-public for personnel. Morgan – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

At 7:16 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Morgan – aye, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

At 7:16 pm Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parkhurst.

