

# MINUTES *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** December 20, 2021 **Present:** Frank Emig, Ray Leonard, Jim Jennison, Mark McIntire, Gregg Bascom, Jennifer Bland, Rob DeValk, Gregg Thibodeau, Mark Girard, Sarah Vogel, Rob Vogel, Kathleen Gay

## **Flood Response:**

1. Work update:
  - a. Crane Brook: Motion JJ/RL to open Crane Brook Road from Sugar House Road to Bascom Farm Road following placement of barriers as needed, passed.
  - b. Forest Road: Motion RL/FE to open Forest Road on receipt of DOT approvals pending, passed, JJ (N).
  - c. Other: Revisit closing of Holden Hill Emergency Lane 1/3/22; Motion JJ/RL to open Sam Putnam Road, passed.
2. FEMA update: Damage Inventory in progress.

**Approve minutes:** BOS meetings December 6, 2021: Motion RL/JJ to approve, passed. **Bill manifest:** Motion JJ/RL to approve with addition, passed. **Payroll manifest:** Motion JJ/RL to approve, passed.

## **Highway Department Report:**

1. MM reported work focused on winter road and equipment maintenance.

## **Public Input:**

1. Gregg Thibodeau referred to recent email discussion with Upper Valley Regional Planning regarding a culvert inventory. MM noted the department has a list of culverts with description and location. It was noted the UVRPC proposal will be on the Planning Board's December agenda and the Selectmen's January agenda. GT also noted need for boundary confirmation of Town owned lots off Crescent Lake.
2. Sarah Vogel provided additional information about the dog training she would like to hold in the Hall. FE noted the board voted to deny the Hall use request because the historic building's porous floors would hold odors from pet waste. RL and JJ did not change their positions from the December 6 vote.
3. Kathleen Gay responded to the Board's request that she prevent runoff from her driveway onto Mulligan Road. KG noted efforts she has made and that recent damage to Mulligan was from storms not runoff and the road doesn't receive adequate maintenance. MM noted the Town has not gotten to all of the roads needing attention following the summer storms and that he would meet with KG. It was also noted that maintenance of driveway culverts is the responsibility of property owners.
4. Rob DeValk asked for confirmation from the State that unexpended Library and Conservation Commission funds need to be returned to those entities.

## **Action items:**

1. Building permits: LeClerc shed, Coffin Hill Road: Motion JJ/RL to approve, passed.
2. Intents to Cut: None.
3. Compliance: Motion JJ/RL to sign Simmons follow up letter, passed; Motion JJ/FE to sign noncompliance letter to Lester and Kathy Tallman and copy Floyd Oster, passed.
4. Tax deed repurchase: Motion JJ/FE to sign repurchase deed for John Patten, passed.
5. Conservation Commission appointment request: Motion JJ/RL to appoint Scott Travers to CC, passed.
6. Town Hall: Motion FE/JJ to suspend Hall rentals/use except by Town boards as a Covid precaution, passed with consensus to review in 30 days.
7. 2022 Budget second review: There was discussion about repayment of the flood repair loan of \$2,100,000. FEMA reimbursement cannot be budgeted because it is still an unknown quantity. After reviewing various possible tax rate results there was consensus that the Town could budget to repay \$100,000 annually and should request confirmation from Mascoma that this is an acceptable level of repayment. The budget defers deposits to some Capital Reserve Funds and road projects in order to fund additional flood repairs needed in 2022. Final BOS budget review before the Budget Committee convenes will be 1/3/22.
8. Gove Road: FE recommended requesting a building permit renewal as project was not started within one year of permit date. Revisit 1/3/22.

## **Other items.**

1. Nonpublic: Motion FE/JJ to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3IIb,c, passed, 9:15PM. Returned to public session 10:15PM.
2. 2022 Budget: There was consensus not to increase the Highway wages line at this time.
3. **Meeting adjourned:** 10:15PM; Next meeting 1/3/22; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt