

**TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Selectmen**  
**Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Jim Jennison; Ray Leonard; Kathi Bradt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Jennifer Bland, Highway Admin. Assist.; Collin Crosby, Road Agent

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Greg Bascom; George & Teresa Collins; Linda Christie; Glenn Elsesser; Frank Emig; Torrey Greene; Ray LeClair; Steve & Lori Murray; Bob Porter; Bill & Mary Hildreth; ; Gregg Thibodeau; Rob Vogel; Carole Wallace

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Jim seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 6:01 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) at 6:23 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.***

**FLOOD RESPONSE:**

- Kathi said we had our weekly check in with FEMA after 2 weeks off. We have a new FEMA person working with us and are trying to get him up to speed.
- Approve/sign letter to contractor. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***
- Carole's email: Carole said she stands by what she wrote and hopes it was discussed in NPS. The Board had no further statement.
- Sign R&D contract for Charlestown Rd. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

**MINUTES:** Meeting minutes of 4/17: on a motion by Ray, seconded by Kathi; Kathi mentioned the error stating 200k from "CRF". This is part of the budget and should be "capital projects". ***The Board voted to approve minutes with this correction. Motion passed.***

**BILL MANIFEST:** On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

**PAYROLL MANIFEST:** On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Worked on trucks; Took down posted signs; Finished ditching on Gove Rd.; Worked on culverts;
- Contacted the contractor that will be paving River Rd. Suppose to be meeting this week to get an estimate on the cost to the town to continue up to the bridge.
- Charlotte asked the board to consider using some of the funds from the extra one time highway money we received last year for this. Will bring it back to the next meeting.

**PUBLIC:** Kelsie Horan, solar panels. Kathi said that when we were looking at this before we mistakenly looked at the rural district setbacks rather than the village district. Kelsie meets the setbacks for the village district and the original plan can be approved. Charlotte will let her know.

Carole asked if we had started paying the interest on the loan. Kathi said we would need to start paying in November and at that time we would convert whatever remaining principal into a term loan.

Glenn asked if it would be better to start paying the interest now. Charlotte will ask Melinda to check with the bank.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Building Permits: Building permits: Todd Morse renewal. Bob Porter spoke on this. Said he met with Todd twice and he is doing everything correctly. He's going to do solar, a composting toilet, and water tank storage system. Both Bob and Todd called the state and they said he can have a mini dry well which is only for a sink and shower but no pressurized running water into the house from a well, he doesn't need a septic system. Discussion regarding the request for renewal. Kathi stated the practice in the past is that once the project has started in a year they can keep going without renewing. Charlotte mentioned the application

states "this permit is valid one year from date of issue" Bob's experience in other towns is they have to be renewed every year. Charlotte will put together something for the Board to review at the next meeting on this matter.

- Intent to Cuts: Bascom M242 L10; S Sirkin M201 L145; Richards M229 L71; Hoagland M233 L5&6. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign all of the intents. Motion passed.***
- Report of Cuts: Miller M255 L2.1 & M256 L1; B Bascom M233 L4; G Thibodeau M202 L4.1; Hurlbut M259 L4; P&D Rhoades M259 L5, M252 L8, M259 L11&12; E Rhoades M252 L9 & 10. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and sign all cuts. Motion passed.***
- Tax map annual maintenance contract: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Gregg gave an update on the Catalyst Grant. The letter of intent was submitted April 21<sup>st</sup>. They plan on making decisions by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and if approved we would then submit an application.

George Collins asked about whether Old Claremont Rd is Class VI. Kathi said the small section starting at the hall up to the A Frame is referred to as Old Stage Road and is Class V then turns into Old Claremont Rd which is Class VI through to Charlestown Rd. George said a neighbor, Tom Westerling has posted a private sign the first ½ mile coming in and claims that he owns it. Charlotte will send a letter with copy of tax map. Kathi said the town's right of way is on top of the road.

On a motion by Kathi, seconded Ray; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau  
Town Administrator