

# **MINUTES** *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** August 30, 2021

**Present:** Frank Emig, Ray Leonard, Jim Jennison, Mark McIntire, Gary Baber, Dan Giuesepone, Judy Aron, Gregg Bascom, Glenn Elsesser, Tom Esslinger, Dave Clark, Mike Aron, Rob DeValk, Jennifer Bland

## **Flood Response:**

1. Update: FE opened by reporting on today's meeting with FEMA noting the complexity of reimbursement criteria.. JB reported on the tour of damage sites noting that Crane Brook, Forest, Derry, Charlestown/Luther and Sam Putnam were being cited as priorities. There is a question as to whether the Town wants to assume a State loan to cover its percentage of repair costs. This would lengthen the time before FEMA funding could begin. After considerable discussion there was consensus the Town could not agree to a loan at this time because committing to long term repayment requires Budget Committee and voter approval.
2. TE supported a temporary opening of Crane Brook Road and noted that the alternate route now in use passes over a section of road which may be private and thereby cause a liability for abutters. JB noted that reconstruction of Crane Brook without required permitting would likely not be reimbursable. Wetlands permitting is very slow at this time as the Department of Environmental Services is understaffed.
3. JA reported on the Alstead post office's refusal to deliver mail to residents of Derry Hill and noted the postmaster has the authority to make that decision. Our federal delegation has not been responsive.
4. JB and GB relayed the engineer's concern for the Forest Road bridge. MM is working with JP Trucking for a temporary fix to the washout. Motion FE/JJ to close the bridge until the work can be done, passed.

**Approve minutes:** BOS meetings August 16, 2021: Motion JJ/RL to approve as edited, passed.

**Bill manifest:** Motion RL/JJ to approve with addition, passed.

**Payroll manifest:** Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

## **Highway Department Report:**

1. Record keeping postponed to 9/7/21.
2. Burn pit: MM reported clearing required area around pit. There was consensus to have the forest ranger inspect and to apply for a Class 4 permit.

**Public Input:** See above

## **Action items:**

1. Building permits: Tassinari residence, Heino Road; Sotiropoulos, fire rebuild, Beech Road; Motion JJ/RL to approve both, passed.
2. Intent to Cut: None
3. Timber Tax warrants: Motion RL/JJ to sign, passed.
4. Auction follow up: Deeds signed.
5. Revaluation: Hearing results reviewed; Motion RL/JJ to accept the new values, passed.

## **Other items.**

1. Next meeting to be TUESDAY, September 7, due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:30PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt