

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**At 5 PM, NOVEMBER 9, 2021**  
**MEETING TIME—5 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Attendees: John Rzasa (JR); Gerald Lilly (GL); Allan Moeller (AM); Mike Faass (MF); Sonia Lilly; Gary Blau; Paen Lilly; Joe Wiley; Dave Probert; Lisa Hewitt; Steve Lilly; Melanie Gaczi**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by JR

**3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS—AM motioned JR 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved 3-0**

**4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS—GL motioned; AM-2<sup>nd</sup>; Approval 3-0**

**5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday November 23, 2021, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Follow up on Swap Shop Issues—Linda Biden and Judy Getchell. Melanie Gaczi advised that neither Linda or Judy could make the meeting and she was there in their place. Melanie wanted to know if the Selectmen had been able to reach Patsy Rollins, they advised they had been unsuccessful, but they planned to go to the Swap Shop this weekend to speak to her specifically about how she has handled turning around volunteers.
- B. Follow up on Red Zone and Internet Options—MF provided a summary information he has recently regarding Red Zone. He explained that it is indeed Wi-Fi, the customer must place an antenna in their yard which is then picked to their closest Tower. MF explained it is a stop gap measure and not a permanent solution.
- There were questions from the citizens regarding using ARPA funding, it was explained that ARPA funds can be used, but only under specific guidelines that are always moving at the US Treasury level. It was further explained that the initial estimate done about 2 years ago, just adding the taller poles estimate was between \$1.5 Million and \$2 Million.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Insurance Claim—Pownalborough Hall Roof Leak—Claim has been issued; estimator was there on Tuesday to view damage; it is expected to be done by Friday of this week.
- B. Trio Upgrade? MF explained that upgrade is something we don't need to immediately, but it will need to be done ultimately like by the end of next year. MF learned 11/10/2021 morning from TRIO that all of Trio will be web based only. We presently are using the Sequel Version of Trio.
- i. Feedback for Assessor—GIS—The GIS portion of the upgrade will not be taking place until late in the third quarter of next year. And MF confirmed that the town does not need to upgrade anything until late next year particularly because until our re-evaluation is done, the GIS services will not work.
- ii. Feedback from Planning Board Chair—GIS—deferred to Assessor's opinion.

**8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- A. Transfer Station—Shed work still not started, board has decided to explore finding another contractor. A recommendation was to have JR speak to Mason Dubord about taking on the project.
- B. School Report—no report
- C. Town Office—MF updated Board that both Ann and Lisa have been brought up to speed with taking over his responsibilities effective 11/10/2021. He further advised that they have all of his contact information. Selectmen thanked Mike Faass for the job he has done this year. JR. motioned to appoint Lisa Hewitt as Interim Town Administrator until a suitable replacement could be found. 2<sup>nd</sup> by GL and Approved 3-0.
- D. Roads—AM reported that they have been battling Beavers and he was not sure if he is winning the war yet. Joe Wiley and he are going to build a “Beaver Deceiver” to prevent the beavers from clogging up and causing flood of existing culverts. Allan reported Blinn Hill will start the paving process in the morning. Should be completed by next Tuesday.  
AM also reported all the grading has <sup>not</sup> been completed. He also reported that Evan Holbrook has an interest in purchasing the grader.
- E. Fire Department—Steve Lilly, Fire Chief reported that all hose testing is completed; Ladder and Pump Truck is going in the testing shortly; Town of Randolph Fire Department gave Steve 4 Air Tanks, which are much newer than anything that Dresden Fire Department has. Steve reported he has resolved the Grover Tire and Auto and has reduced his old invoices by \$810. Steve reported that we are supposed to be getting a new corrected invoice. GL also noted that we probably need to take Grover off the list for repair work since these over year-old invoices which we never received in the town office until recently. Discussions about having Dumpster brought in to remove old equipment and consider adding a Shed on the Complex for the storage of equipment that is now stored off sight. Steve also reported that Engine 2 is out of service and is being towed from the Mills Station to the Pownalborough Station so the mechanic can work on it. GL asked Steve if by chance he gets an actual work schedule from his company, he advised no and sighted several examples. GL had hoped that Steve could actually provide a schedule so that a he could be available at least once of month and could send in an email report. Sonia Lilly offered to come to the meetings with a written report. GL said that was fine as long as there was not issues involving finances such as the problem with Grover. JR also reported that he has been working Lincoln County to see if we could all use the same systems thus providing better overall coverage.
- F. Water Department—MF provided the Water Report that states the Water Department had passed on the required tests on the town water.

**9. CITIZENS BUSINESS**—Dave Probert advised the Board that one of Red Blinking is out and needs to be replaced, AM advised he would call Adam Carlton at the state to see who could do the replacement. Joe Wiley asked about House Markers for 911 which Richmond does for their citizens, the Selectmen advise they would look into it. Joe also reported he would be scanning another 4-5 old record books from the 1840's this Friday.

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**10. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**—question was asked by Gary Blau about sending out to the Communicato to everyone. It was explained the costs factors are high especially the postage. And it does take almost 8 hours to do the Communicator without any interruption.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**—Motion to adjourn by AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GL, Approved 3-0 at 6:20 pm

Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2021 *with changes:*

John P. B. as a  
Sam Kelly

Board

of

Alan Moller SR

Selectman

