

October 10, 2023

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

Guests: Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Jason Crocker, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Jerry Hutchinson

1. Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00 p.m. -Tim led the pledge.

2. Tax Abatements (3) and Supplements (2): M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$6,500 in valuation, \$149.50 in tax dollars, for Barbara and Robert Cook for the 2023 -2024 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a total tax abatement of \$524.80 in tax dollars, for Eric and Jon Englehardt covering three years. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a total tax abatement of \$64.00 in tax dollars, for Eric and Jon Englehardt covering three years. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a total supplemental tax of \$524.80, for Harold Dwyer III covering three years. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a total supplemental tax of \$64.00, for Harold Dwyer III covering three years. Vote 5-0-0

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Public Hearing – General Assistance Appendices Update: Terry opened the public hearing. There was a brief discussion on the supplement for households with children under 5. Those maximums did not change. These limits are set by the State and then adopted by the Town. Terry closed the public hearing. M/M/S LeeAnn/Tom to approve the appendices updates. Vote 5-0-0

2. Public Hearing – Planning Board Appointment – Jamie Carden-Leventhal: Terry opened and closed the public hearing. No comments. M/M/S Tim/Tom to move Jamie Carden-Leventhal from an alternate member to a regular member, term to expire 9/24. Vote 5-0-0 There is now one vacant alternate position available on the Planning Board.

3. Minutes – September 25, 2023: M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

4. Old Business: Gary questioned the status of repairs done to the Rail Trail sewer line. Shiloh stated that the request for quotes had been sent to 6 contractors and they received 3 quotes. The work was awarded to Castonguay’s and the temporary repairs were completed last week. The sewer line was stabilized, insulated and the surface area in several locations was repaired. The permanent repairs will be designed over the winter with work to be completed next spring/summer.

5. Junkyard Permits – Belanger & St. Pierre: M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the Junkyard Permit renewal for David Belanger. Vote 5-0-0 - M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the Junkyard Permit renewal for Ben St. Pierre. Vote 5-0-0

6. Hutchinson Road – Temporary Bridge: Shiloh told the Board that she had not received all of the needed information for the Board to take action. She is waiting for a response from a 2nd bridge company as well as information on permitting from DEP and the Army Corp of Engineers. She reviewed the concept with the Board. The center of the current temporary access would be removed (culverts and fill) and the temporary bridge would be placed on the current temporary approaches. This would allow the access to stay in the same place so that permanent work could take place in the spring without impacting the temporary access. Jerry Hutchinson stated that he was ok with the temporary access remaining but questioned whether he had any liability since it is on his property. Shiloh will follow up on this. He also asked about debris removal, including a 7-foot culvert, that had washed onto the back of his property. Shiloh stated that they were considering making debris removal part of the overall permanent repairs due to the tracking necessary for FEMA. It was suggested that jersey barriers be placed on either side of the original road washout to prevent anyone sliding down the hill from going into the washout. There was also a question regarding Fire Dept. access. Shiloh will follow up with the Fire Chief. Jerry thanked the Town for the efforts everyone has put into this. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to table this item until more information is available. Vote 5-0-0.

7. May 1st and June 29th Storms: Shiloh provided the Board with the attached update and reviewed the information. She stated that she would also put it out on FB and her email list to inform the public.

8. Other Business: Gary asked about the new hire at the Transfer Station. Shiloh stated that the employee had resigned. They are going back through the applicants and, if needed, will readvertise. The mechanic and truck driver/labor positions at the highway garage have been filled.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shiloh A. LaFreniere