

**TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Selectmen**  
**Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of January 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Jim Jennison; Kathi Bradt; RYANNE Schoonover

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gary Baber; Alissa Bascom; Greg Bascom; Jim Elsesser; Kristen Gowen; Katy Haas; Kevin Hicks; Bill & Mary Hildreth; Claudia Istel; Cheryl Mayberry, Walpole Selectboard; Brenda Melius; Terry & John Mattson; Steve & Lori Murray; Stephen Murrell; Janet Slocum; Steve Varone, Walpole Treasurer; Rob Vogel

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

The Board recognized Steve Varone. Steve presented the history of NH Cooperative School Districts documents as well as RSA 195:25-31. He spoke on Walpole and other towns in the district will be putting a warrant article this year to vote to form a study committee to decide if it is in the best interest of the town to withdraw grades 1-8 from the district.

**2021 FLOOD RESPONSE:** None

**2023 FLOOD RESPONSE:** Received FEMA reimbursement of 108,235.35 for Forest Rd project.

**MINUTES:** On a motion by RYANNE, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to approve the minutes. Passed.*

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

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

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Work report/work plan: None

**PLANNING BOARD UPDATE:** None

**CONSERVATION COMMISION UPDATE:** RYANNE. Met on 1/8.

- Anna White was there from UVRPC and spoke about the Thriving Communities program.
- There is a hard copy of the Conversation Plan at the Library.
- Reviewed the annual report they are going to write.
- Suggested edits for bylaws.
- Gregg reported on the surveyor project on Crescent Lake saying they had about 19 findings and it will take a while to go through them all.

**PUBLIC:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Appointments to ZBA: Daniel Young, full member, Carl Henninger alternate member. On a motion by RYANNE, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to approve and sign both. Passed.*
- Map Contract with CAI: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by RYANNE; *the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.* Steve M. asked if CAI could put a watermark on the map regarding the disclosure as the one on the bottom is small and many times overlooked. Charlotte will ask.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Policy: review language for retirement plan: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by RYANNE; *the Board voted to approve and bring it back in 30 days to adopt. Passed.*
- Jim asked the Board about a town owned property that was taken by deed that he says is his property and would like a quick claim deed from the Town to him. This was property deemed as "unknown owner". Kathi said Charlotte is still researching this.

- There was discussion on whether to have a warrant article to form a study committee as some of the other towns in the district are doing. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to table this until the next meeting, giving them more time to review the materials. Passed.***
- Discussion regarding the unanswered letter sent to Gov. Sununu in June regarding the 50% reimbursement of state funds for the 2021 flood. Consensus was to have Charlotte attach it to a letter addressed to the new Gov. Ayotte asking for an update.

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Passed.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Comeau  
Town Administrator