

# **MINUTES** *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** January 6, 2020

**Present:** Rob DeValk, Frank Emig, Senator Ruth Ward, Mr. Ward, Scott Sanchas, Mark McIntire, Kathy Kathan, Earl Kathan, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook, Glenn Elsesser

**Open meeting:** RD

**Approve minutes:** BOS meetings 12/130/19: Motion FE/RD to approve, passed.

**Sign bill manifest:** Motion FE/RD to approve with additions, passed.

**Sign payroll manifest:** None.

## **Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:**

1. Senator Ruth Ward spoke to the Town's concerns regarding Consolidated Communications limiting new accounts and local access to broadband. RW provided contact information for Consolidated and it was noted that through the State Public Utilities Commission Consolidated has asserted they are not denying new accounts. RW noted that some area towns are joining together to bring broadband in and provided information about that along with grants that may be available. RD noted that in small towns with high road maintenance costs additional spending is the problem.

## **Highway Department Report:**

1. Work update/plan: EK noted ongoing winter road maintenance and routine equipment upkeep and that long duration small storms are as challenging as shorter big storms.

## **Transfer Station Report:**

1. FE asked whether stickers were being monitored in light of the increase in tonnage.

**ConCom Report:** Next meeting January 8.

**PB Report:** Next meeting January 27.

## **Action items:**

1. Building permits: Haynes addition, Crescent Lake: Waiting on DES.
2. Intents to Cut: Taylor, Tucker Road and Sirkin, Gove Road: Motion FE/RD to sign, passed.
3. Compliance: Relihan: In progress.
4. 2020 Budget: No changes. Motion FE/RD to send to Budget Committee, passed.
5. 2020 Warrant: Sale of Town lands article discussed, Need to revisit 1/20/20 with ConCom recommendations.
6. Beryl Mountain Bridge: Revisit engineer maintenance recommendations.

## **Discussion:**

1. FE noted State Education Board meeting January 9 regarding Charlestown separation.

## **Other items:**

1. Nonpublic: None.
2. Next meeting: January 20.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:50PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.