

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
4:30 PM Town Hall/Zoom

*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore and Barbara Gomez

*Present via Zoom:* Phylis Bernard, Ruth Melville and CATV6

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* September 1, 2021 and September 20, 2021

**MOTION** S. Evans to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting as presented.  
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION** S. Evans to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021 special meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Cemetery Committee Appointment*

M. Riiska reported that the Cemetery Committee has not met in some time because of COVID and we need to appoint a new committee member. After Matt explained the committee's responsibilities and ongoing projects Sandy Evans volunteered to be a committee member.

**MOTION** M. Riiska to appoint Sandy Evans to the Cemetery Committee. Second P. Madore.  
Abstained: S. Evans. Motion carried.

*22<sup>nd</sup> Annual 10-Mile Run (Greystone Electronics)*

Will Graustein of Greystone Electronics asked permission to hold the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual 10-Mile Run on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual a check was included as a custodial fee to utilize the Town Hall restrooms.

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the road race and use of the Town Hall building.  
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

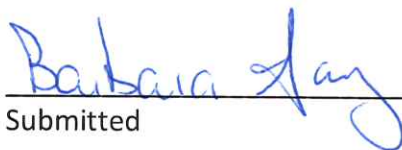
*First Selectman's Report*

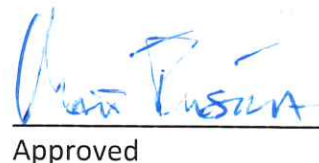
- Firehouse Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to review the work that Silver Petrucelli has been carrying out. The survey has been completed and they are working on their wetlands analysis to figure out where a new firehouse can be positioned. Preliminary sketches will be available at the meeting.
- M. Riiska has submitted a building application for the Town Hall lights and we will be using LOCIP funds to cover the cost. The lights are identical to the library lights and will be positioned for the safety of residents using the building at night as well as light pollution.
- NVFD Tanker Truck was approved at the Special Town Meeting last week. The NVFD has provided \$60,000 and a down payment of \$11,607 has been sent. The Board of Finance has approved \$30,000 from the Norfolk Trust. Additional funds from the Joseph Battell Trust and all other funds will be moved to a special account that has been opened.

*First Selectman's Report (continued)*

- Mountain Road Bridge – There has been a modification to the design to eliminate the guardrails and add stone to match the bridge. Cardinal Engineering will be submitting any modifications to the wetlands permit for approval prior to going out for bid.
- Maple Avenue – The engineering work is moving along.
- River Place Bridge – WMC Engineering should be done with their work at the end of the month and then it will be going out to bid on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We should choose a vendor by the middle of December. This bridge is under federal reimbursement of 80%.
- Landfill situation – The Planning & Zoning Commission has asked that we submit a special use permit application for the Public Works Department's use of the town farm portion of the landfill. There is quite a bit of information on the special use permit that requires licensed and certified professionals. M. Riiska contacted one of the engineering firms we use and their proposal came back at \$24,000, with an addition \$4,500 for the wetlands portion of the permit. M. Riiska feels there needs to be further discussion with Planning & Zoning. M. Riiska contacted the State of CT DEEP for documentation of when the landfill was capped in the early 90's. Unfortunately the State of CT employees are only in the offices on a part time basis and therefore we are waiting. As a reference, someone did provide the amount of materials needed to cap our landfill (approximately 27,000 yards). As a reference for use of the town farm site – We have 10.5 miles of dirt roads. If we used 6 inches of materials on a dirt road it would be approximately 1,800 yards of material per mile. If we were to purchase that material it would be \$35,000 - \$40,000. Instead we bring it in, process it, store it and use it as we need.
- Congratulations to the Land Trust on a great event last weekend.
- Rails to Trails hosting the Tour de Forest on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations on the success of the Haystack Book Talks.

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 5:08 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

  
Submitted

  
Approved