

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
4:30 PM Town Hall/Zoom

Present: Matthew Riiska, Paul Madore and Barbara Gomez

Present via Zoom: Sandy Evans, Ruth Melville and CATV

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: June 2, 2021

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

LoCIP Projects

M. Riiska reported that the Town of Norfolk has been awarded \$32,000 in LoCIP money from the State of CT for the past couple of years. This money can be put into an account and carried over year to year for various capitol improvement projects. M. Riiska reviewed the process which includes the following upcoming projects.

- Replacement of fuel tank at Public Works Garage – We will be replacing the current tank, which is 22 years old, with another 2,000 gallon tank. The cost of the new tank which includes all the computerized dispensing apparatus will be \$36,620 and will take approximately 3 months to get. **MOTION** S. Evans to approve purchase of the tank using LoCIP funds. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.
- Replacement of exterior lighting at Town Hall – The estimated cost of five new lights will be \$42,000. The lights will be the same design as The Norfolk Library lights. **MOTION** S. Evans to approve Town Hall lighting project using LoCIP funds. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.
- Replacement of sidewalks on Route 44, Frog Building to Shepard Road – Public Works department will be removing old sidewalks. The new sidewalks will be paved (asphalt, not concrete). The cost of putting in concrete sidewalks is too expensive and they would deteriorate rapidly with the winter salt used on the State road. The cost for the paving will be \$41,830 plus the expense of a small area of cement work for a handicap path on Shepard Road required by the State. **MOTION** P. Madore to approve the sidewalk project using LoCIP funds. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Assessor Position

- M. Riiska has been in contact with a couple of assessors in the area. The current assessor in Goshen will meet with Matt to fill in temporarily. She suggested that we post the job on the Litchfield Area Assessor's Association website. We need to get someone in place as quickly as possible.

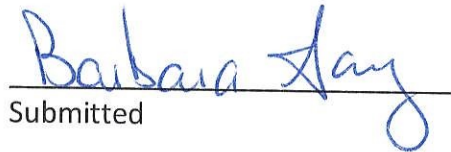
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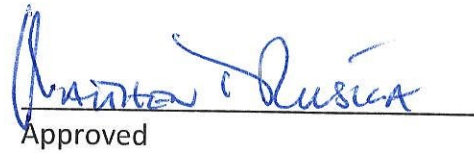
- Town policy regarding substance abuse for employees & volunteers – With the current legalization of marijuana in Connecticut we need to review & revise our current policy. M. Riiska will be contacting CCM and CIRMA for guidance. Employee drug testing discussed for public works and bus drivers.
- Town policy regarding possession of firearms on Town property – M. Riiska would like to put a policy in place to restrict firearms on Town property. He has been researching other Town policies.
- Town policy regarding the discharging of firearms – Numerous people have contacted the Selectmen's Office over the years concerned about individuals target practicing on their property. In addition to safety concerns, the noise is a nuisance. M. Riiska has had conversations with the State police regarding this, and they are very limited on what can be done. The State statutes say hunters must be 500' from any building which houses residents, domestic animals or combustible materials but if you are on your own property it is 250'. Most regulations are vague and difficult to enforce. We need to open this up for discussion and see what we can come up with.

Selectman's Report

- American Recovery Act Funds – The Town has received \$241,199.72 from the American Recovery Act. The State gave no indication on how we can spend the money only that we will be required to document how it is spent. We will be receiving the same amount next year.
- Fire House Committee Update – The committee choose Silver, Pettrucelli & Associates from Hamden as the architect. There will be a meeting next Wednesday, 7/14/21 at 6:00 pm at the NVFD.
- Update on Road Projects – Public Works has been very busy the past few weeks prepping the area along Old Colebrook Road where numerous trees have been cut. Distinctive Tree has done a very professional job. Paving will probably begin at the end of August. The end of Laurel Way has been completed and repaved. The Town will receive approximately \$25,000 from the Sewer District to offset the cost. Most of the prep work was done by Public Works. If we could squeeze in a few more sidewalks on Station Place we will do that as well.
- NVFD Tanker Truck – The 1999 Freightliner truck has been leaking for some time and can no longer be repaired. They can replace the truck for about \$330,000. M. Riiska will discuss at the next BOF Meeting. The new truck will take about 18 months to get. We plan to take the old tanker truck and convert it to a plow truck.
- EMS Building – M. Riiska talked with the Town's IT guy about installing security cameras around the EMS building. No charge for installation but there will be a charge for the electrical work. New firehouse will include security cameras also.

MOTION P. Madore to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.


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Approved