

Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 1, 2021
4:30 PM Town Hall/Zoom

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Barbara Gomez

Present via Zoom: Paul Madore

The meeting was called to order at 4:32.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: August 4, 2021

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


Selectman's Report

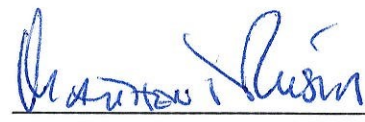
- M. Riiska reported that John Rotolo, who owns the property at the top of Bald Mountain, would like to take responsibility for part of the road from the top down to his house. This would not affect any other property owners. M. Riiska will contact an attorney and we will need to go to a Town Meeting to get approval to abandon this section of the road.
- Affordable Housing Plan – The Town of Norfolk is working on an Affordable Housing Plan through a committee including Jocelyn Ayers, Kate Johnson, Tom Fashbender, Tom McGowan and Matt Riiska. The plan is almost completed and a forum will be held on Monday, September 27th to roll the plan out and answer questions. The Affordable Housing Plan will be posted on the website prior to the forum.
- An end of summer picnic sponsored by The Norfolk Foundation will be held on Friday, September 3rd on the Village Green.
- Landfill Solar Project – The Solar Committee held a meeting on Monday and the Town has been approved by Eversource to move forward with the project. M. Riiska has contacted a municipal attorney who will be working with our consultant Kurt Mayland, to make sure that the Town is protected in the contract and benefits as much as possible. The project should provide between \$25,000 - \$30,000/annually and will need to go to a Town Meeting for approval.
- NVFD Tanker Truck Replacement – The fire department decided on the lowest bid from Midwest for \$327,901.00 (Freightliner) which includes all the features they were looking for. The NVFD will be earmarking \$60,000 from their annual appeal to go towards the purchase. Midwest is very backed up and the estimated delivery date for this truck is 1/10/23. We will need to go to a Town Meeting for approval and put down a deposit of \$11,606.90 (10% of the chassis cost). The balance of the chassis \$211,832.00 will be paid out of the Capitol Reserve Account when the truck is delivered. Although the old tanker truck will be converted to a plow truck we may need to purchase a smaller plow truck in the meantime.

Selectmen's Report (continued)

- Tax Collector ordinance – We need to draft an ordinance to make the Tax Collector an appointed position. This was approved at the last Town Meeting. The ordinance will need to go to another Town Meeting.
- Botelle School slide – needs to be replaced at a cost of \$42,000 - \$44,000. Discussion was held regarding funding possibilities.
- American Rescue Plan Act – The Town received \$241,199.00 this year and will receive the same amount next year. M. Riiska is creating a committee to assist with spending options. There is a list from the State of 66 approved categories to spend the money on.
- M. Riiska read a letter from Chelsea DeWitt, Town Treasurer, regarding various stock dividends being taxed (copy attached and a permanent part of this record). Chelsea has been in discussion with our accountant regarding options.
- M. Riiska has been approached by the EDC and Website Committee regarding the Town taking over the website. Our Assistant Town Clerk, Deb Nelson, currently posts all minutes and agendas but we would need someone to work on the other website areas. Matt will attend the Website Committee Meeting on September 15th at 5:00 p.m. There are a number of people who would like to see the website more user friendly in the way of calendars for municipal meetings and community events. It was suggested that we take a look at the Town of Cornwall website. The Town will need to accumulate the website costs from the EDC for next year's budget.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


Submitted


Approved