

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska

Present via Zoom: Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Phylis Bernard and Wylie Wood

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

Public Comments

Wylie Wood inquired about the polling place in Norfolk and the number of voters expected. Voting will take place on the 2nd floor at Town Hall and we expect approximately 500 in person voters. All precautionary efforts are being made with masks, social distancing, plexiglass, hand sanitizer, air purifiers and the cleaning of items being reused i.e. pens, voting tables, etc.

Minutes: September 1, 2020

MOTION S. Evans to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointments: EDC – Kate Johnson

Conservation Commission – Mary Vandiver Pace

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Kate Johnson to the Economic Development Committee to fill the vacancy left by Pete Anderson with the term to expire 12/31/20. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Mattie Vandiver Pace to fill the alternate vacancy on the Conservation Commission with the term to expire 2/17/22. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Bus Policy

A bus policy is being worked on but not quite ready yet. Discussion held.

MOTION S. Evans to table the bus policy discussion until the next meeting. Second. P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

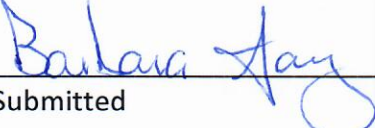
- CDBG grant application for the Haystack Woods Project has been submitted to the State of Connecticut. The Foundation for Norfolk Living is applying for \$1,000,000 for the development of the site i.e. road, sewer system, water lines, grading, drainage, etc. Part of the discussion included the possibility of make the main road going into the development a town road. Town maintenance of the road would be minimal and would include snow plowing the ½ mile of road. M. Riiska reported that tax revenue to the town would be approximately \$40,000 for the 10 units and up to \$90,000 once they get 19 units in.
- Fiber Optic Committee – The committee met twice and are planning on meeting every two weeks. Their goal is to provide the Board of Finance a budget in January or February


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- and a business plan with how it will be implemented. If approved, a public meeting will be held in March followed by the annual budget hearing in April and the annual town meeting in May.
- On October 15th Matt Riiska has a meeting with the group that is looking into a new firehouse. M. Riiska feels that this long overdue and needed for a group of individuals who do so much for the town. The plan that they have been working on is reasonable and uses the existing building for offices, meeting space and storage.
- River Place Bridge – The public hearing held on September 9th was lightly attended but a lot of information was shared by WMC Engineers. They are moving forward with engineering work and are in the process of doing preliminary studies. The bid process will most likely begin in April of 2022.
- Mountain Road Bridge – Currently waiting for information from the State of CT DOT. Once approved we will go back to lowest bid contractor to see if price will be affected. It may be necessary to start the process over.

2/3 Vote – None

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


Submitted


Approved