

Town OF Lowell

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

JUNE 22ND, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM BY CHAIRMAN MARK COFRAN.

♪ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** ♪

ROLL CALL: MARK COFRAN, LORRIS BRIGGS, MAT MCINTYRE, KERRY MCINTYRE, DENISE MYRICK, TONY HALLETT, JOAN GAUTHIER, JOSH MCNALLY, GERRY THURLOW, JOHN SMITH, RUSSELL LOVEL AND DAVE WILSON

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION MADE BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8TH, 2021, VOTE 3-0.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

MAIL: NOTHING AT THIS TIME

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES:

FIRE CHIEF REPORT- NOTHING AT THIS TIME

TREASURERS REPORT- JESSE GAVE OUT CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DEPOSIT SUMMARIES.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT- 30 DAY NOTICES ARE OUT.

WARRANTS:

WARRANT 25- A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT WARRANT 25, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,793.37. VOTE 3-0.

WARRANT 26- A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT WARRANT 26, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,990.43. VOTE 3-0

WARRANT 26A- A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT WARRANT 26A, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2257.37. VOTE 3-0.

WARRANT 27- A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT WARRANT 27, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6240.77. VOTE 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

BLT- JOHN SMITH PASSED OUT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. SIGN COSTS WERE DISCUSSED AND HAS BEEN PLACED WITH PHOTOS BEING PASSED OUT. GOOD REVIEWS HAVE COME FROM THE PUBLIC. PERMITS FROM LOWELL HAVE BROUGHT IN \$110.00 AND BURLINGTON TOOK IN \$405.00. IRELANDS HAVE STOPPED TAKING TIRES BECAUSE OF THE LANDFILL. DECISION IS TO COLLECT THE TIRES FOR NOW AND IRELANDS WILL GET THEM TO THE RECYCLE CENTER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT TO DO WITH TIRES IN THE FUTURE AND MAYBE A POSSIBLE FEE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING DOORS. PHOTOS WERE PASSED OUT. WAITING ON A CONTRACTOR FOR QUOTES.

DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTEER WORK ON BEHALF OF THE SELECTBOARD.

THANK YOU FROM MAT AS WELL

SCHOOL HOUSE- IN THE PROCESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

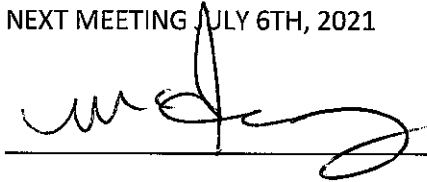
GERRY THURLOW- RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE ON THE TOWNS REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS ACROSS ALL PROPERITES BY 10% TO MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENT FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. PRELIMINARY 2022 STATUE VALUATION. MOTION BY MAT TO RAISE ALL PROPERTY BY 10%, SECONDED BY LORRIS. VOTE 3-0

HOWLAND FIRE CHIEF- MAT EXPRESSED HIS NEED FOR INFORMATION IN THE PROPER DECISION MAKING FOR THE TOWN REGARDING FIRE/EMS SERVICES. ASKED CHIEF MCNALLY THE PLANS OF HOWLAND FIRE. JOSH DISCUSSED THAT HOWLAND FIRE HAS PROVIDED FEASABLE SERVICES FOR ALL COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS REGIONALIZATION. JOHN SPOKE ON BEHALF OF BURLINGTON AND THE MERGE WITH HOWLAND. HE STATED THATTHE COST HAS BEEN MORE AFFORDABLE TO THE BURLINGTON TAXPAYERS AND HAS GONE WELL FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES. DENISE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HOWLAND.

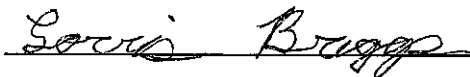
MAT SPOKE ON A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND THE ARTICLES TO BE LISTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT. TONY ASKED ABOUT LOWELL BEING A FULLY FUNCTIONING FIRE DEPT PER RICK SMARTS STATEMENT. MAT STATED THAT THESE WERE QUESTIONS HE WAS ADDRESSING AS A NEW SELCTMEN.

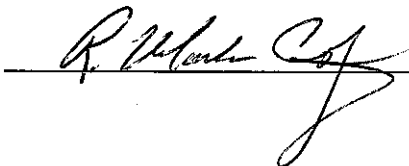
ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY LORRIS TO ADJOURN AT 5:51 PM. VOTE 3-0.
NEXT MEETING JULY 6TH, 2021



MAT MCINTYRE



LORRIS BRIGGS



R. MARK COFRAN

BUDGET REVIEW- JULY 5TH MEETING TO BE HELD.

TOWN PROJECTS/MAINTENANCE-

SIDING- MAT DISCUSSED TWO QUOTES THAT HE HAD RECEIVED. THE 1ST QUOTE WAS AROUND \$37,000 AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL SPRING OF NEXT YEAR. THE 2ND QUOTE WAS GIVEN FOR \$35,266 AND THE OPTION OF WRAPPING THE WINDOWS AS WELL. IF WE COMMIT TO BOTH THEN HE WILL TAKE 7% OFF AND CAN COMPLETE THE WORK THIS YEAR. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAT TO ESTABLISH A PROPOSAL WITH L&H ON THE UPCOMING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES TO BE HELD THE 12TH OF JULY. LORRIS SECONDED. VOTE 3-0.

IT: SERVER COMPUTER IS SET UP AS WELL AS ALL OF THE BATTERY BACKUPS.

SUMMER ROAD MAINTENANCE- TANNERY, FOGG BROOK, ESCUTARSIS ARE FINISHED

LRAP-NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

SAND SHED MAINT. STILL WAITING ON THE ELECTRICIAN. AN ONLINE POST HAS BEEN CREATED REGARDING IDEAS WITH WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER SAND WITH SOME RESPONSES FROM RESIDENTS. MAT HELD CONVERSATION WITH FORMER WINTER ROADS CONTRACTOR AND WILL BE MEETING WITH HIM THIS THURSDAY TO REMOVE ALL OF THE MATERIAL AND RESCREENING ALL OF THE GRAVEL.

CEMETERY AND GROUNDS- NOTHING AT THIS TIME

POLICIES REVIEW- NEW POLICIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT AND REVIEW WAS HELD ON THE PREVIOUS THREE.

FORECLOSURES- MAT DISCUSSED THE FORECLOSURE ON COLD STREAM PROPERTY AND THAT IT HAS BEEN SETTLED WITH NEW OWNER. TOWN WILL PROCEED WITH BID PROCESS OF PROPERTY ON WOODMAN MILL RD.

TOWN RESPONSIBILITY IN ENSURING "LICENSE TO OPERATE" HOLISTIC DETOXIFICATION FACILITY- MAT SHOULD BE RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT THAT DEALS WITH MARIJUANA.