

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
July 22, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Alan Hanson-Chair, Neal Pilson, Roger Manzolini

Others Present: Danielle Fillio-Town Administrator, Ron Veillette-Chair of ConCom, Leslie Breeding, Rick Bell, Peter Beckwith-DPW Supervisor, Peter Miller, Miles Garfinkle

Neal Pilson opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Neal Pilson read the read the governor's Order for remotely held public meetings.

Approval of Minutes from June 24th. Neal Pilson stated he had submitted some comments. No other selectmen had any comments. Neal Pilson made a motion to accept the June 24th, 2020 minutes it was seconded by Roger Manzolini and passed unanimously.

FY 21 Appointments

Neal Pilson asked Danielle Fillio to discuss the new appointments that were made and need to be approved by the board.

- a. Agricultural Commission- Mary Jane Piazza, 3 yr. 2022
- b. Board of Assessors- Raymond Supranowicz, 3yr. 2022
- c. Conservation Commission- John Scorpa, Daniel Scorpa 3yr 2022
- d. Emergency Management-Chris Porter, 1 yr.
- e. Emergency Management- Steve Traver, 1 yr.
- f. Fence Viewer- all selectmen, 1 yr.
- g. Fire Chief- Steve Traver, 1 yr.
- h. Gas Inspector- Robert Gennari, 1 yr.
- i. Police Chief- Bill Bullet, 1yr.
- j. Sewer Advisory- Peter Killeen, Peter Lochery 3yr. 2022
- k. Zoning Board Alternate- Peter Killeen 3yr. 2022

Roger Manzolini made a motion to approve the appointments. Neal Pilson seconded and it passed unanimously.

Danielle Fillio informed the board that all the members of the Municipal Building Committee needed to be reappointed. Danielle read off all their names and Neal Pilson made a motion to reappoint all the mentioned members to another 3year term. It was seconded by Roger Manzolini and passed unanimously.

Town Beach and Boat Launch

Alan Hanson stated that he was down there on several occasion and found it well organized with no over crowding and was very satisfied with what he saw.

Roger Manzolini also was pleased with the social distancing that he saw. The only issue was that one group was by the sand/water edge and it made it more difficult for people going into the water to distance themselves from that group.

Neal Pilson also found the beach to not have any of the problems that had occurred over the 4th of July weekend. He stated that he was a bit worried about Labor Day Weekend.

There was some discussion among the board as to what do to over the Labor Day Weekend. The board requested Danielle Fillio to contact Sheriff Bowler to find out if any deputy sheriffs would be available

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for monitoring the beach and what the pay rate would be if the town needed someone for the holiday weekend.

Rick Bell asked if the town could pay back the state so that only town residents could use the beach or if the town could charge a parking fee to non-residents. He was told that no fee could be charged and you can't payback the state. Rick Bell also informed the board that the town bylaw states the beach is for town residents. It was agreed that the bylaw needs to be updated.

Ron Veillette asked how much money the town got for the beach. The exact figures were not known at this meeting but it was many thousands of dollars, it was for both the beach upgrades and the boat launch/fishing piers.

Neal Pilson suggested that more sand be brought in. Danielle Fillio stated that whenever Peter Beckwith brings in more sand, he clears it with Shep Evans, the ConCom agent. Danielle Fillio stated that she and Peter Beckwith had some ideas they have been discussing about beach improvements. Ron Veillette had given the select board some ideas he had for beach improvements. Neal Pilson asked Danielle Fillio to put Ron Veillette's email with his suggestions on the next month's agenda. Ron Veillette mentioned that they would have to go before the Pittsfield Conservation Commission of they planned on doing more than just planting of native species plants and shrubs.

Selectmen's Matters

Alan Hanson

a. The resident that had the drainage issue from the last meeting and was told that she should put in a culvert got in contact with him.

She does not want to put in a culvert because it would put the water onto her field and she doesn't want that. She told Peter Beckwith that what she wants is a deeper ditch and a swale installed so that the water just runs down the road and not onto her driveway entrance. Peter Beckwith says that only works if the resident makes sure the ditch and swale doesn't fill up with debris. She would have to be responsible for keeping it clear of debris. Danielle Fillio stated that the town does what she requests with the ditch and swale and her not putting in a culvert as requested then she would have to agree in writing that the town is no longer responsible for any issues she has with the runoff.

Roger Manzolini asked Peter Beckwith where the water would go if there was a swale put in and he stated it would stay on the road edge that the water would never leave the road, the issue now is her driveway is lower than the road so the water flows toward the driveway.

b. The dogs that are used to chase the geese were at the beach area during the day when people were there, he was wondering if there are geese at the beach area. Neal Pilson said he has seen geese at the northern grassy end.

c. Steve Parson feels he is not being kept informed about what is going on at the town cemeteries. Danielle Fillio doesn't know what he means by that she has kept him informed on cemetery matters. The selectmen asked Danielle Fillio to please contact Steve Parsons. She said she would.

d. Fran Malnati was not happy about not being reappointed as a constable.

Roger Manzolini- no issues

Neal Pilson- We need an agenda item for residents to be able to speak.

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Residents Speak

Leslie Breeding stated she did not want the meetings to be held in-person. Danielle Fillio explained that the meetings would be hybrid, that there would be in-person and zoom at the same time, that the selectmen would be in town hall but that residents could still participate thru zoom.

Rick Bell asked about the email he sent concerning the junk car that is in his neighbors' yard. Danielle Fillio stated that she informed the resident that they are allowed one nonregistered vehicle if it is operable but that no inoperable vehicles are allowed on the property. She told the board that the people who they sent the letter to last month about their junk cars are attempting to remove them but with the back log at the RMV it is taking them a longer time to get the proper paper work for them to be able to be towed away. Danielle Fillio said that if they showed good faith in trying to remove the cars they would not be fined. The board agreed with Danielle Fillio's decision.

Miles Garfinkle asked if a trash can be put in the area between the boat ramp and the beach where the boulders are. Many people use that spot for fishing and then just leave their trash, mostly beer bottles, which he has been picking up. The board asked Peter Beckwith if he could see about putting a trash barrel there.

Peter Miller asked if anything has been done about more cameras at the boat launch, Danielle Fillio stated they are still working on it.

Town Administrator

Danielle Fillio gave her updates to the board

- a. There may be a special town meeting scheduled for September for the sale of properties that the town owns. A town meeting is required since a couple of the parcels were gifted to the town and the residents at a town meeting must vote on allowing the sale of those parcels.
- b. The new ambulance is all set and ready for service. The old ambulance should be declared obsolete so that it can be put up for an online auction of government equipment.

Alan Hanson made the motion to declare the old ambulance obsolete, it was seconded by Roger Manzolini and passed unanimously.

- c. Hazard mitigation grant update plan. We have gotten 1 quote in and would like two more. She stated that we need to form a committee to go over the plan. Alan Hanson asked if we can do this jointly with West Stockbridge.

Danielle Fillio stated that the town is also looking into a Mass. Vulnerability grant which can be done in combination with other towns. This grant would tie into the Hazard Mitigation plan. Danielle Fillio stated she is still trying to figure out if it would be best for the town to submit individually or with other towns.

Roger Manzolini asked Danielle Fillio for a committee member recommendation list.

- d. Danielle Fillio requested the board to schedule an executive session for a discussion with Her and Paul Lisi to go over certain matters.
- e. The plan is for the first meeting in August to be a hybrid meeting unless the sound system cannot be worked out.

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Warrants

The Selectmen need to approve the warrants for June24th-July17th

Alan Hanson made a motion to approve and have Danielle Filio sign them. It was seconded by Neal Pilson and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Alan Hanson made a motion to adjourn at 7:20p.m. It was seconded by Neal Pilson and passed unanimously.



Alan Hanson-Chair

Sept 3 2020

Date