

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Iris Campbell – Selectwoman, Richard Pelletier - Selectman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Riche' Colcombe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm

1. OPEN SESSION

Vehicle & Traffic Ordinance: Riche' Colcombe said she reviewed the Vehicle & Traffic Ordinance and said there are streets and intersections listed in the ordinance that are not accurate. She reviewed a couple of them which were briefly discussed. Ms. Buono said that although the Road Agent has already reviewed them, she can take Ms. Colcombe' s concerns to him and ask him about her comments. Ms. Colcombe will provide Ms. Buono with her notes and will provide notes.

Summer Rainstorms: Riche' Colcombe said she was asked by Antrim why Hillsborough did not submit any FEMA money figures for the storms that happened this past summer. Ms. Buono said the Town did provide figures to FEMA on a couple of occasions as they were collecting the data to figure out if Hillsborough County had enough to declare a disaster, as we always do. Ms. Colcombe said she doesn't know where Antrim got their information but thought perhaps Hillsborough didn't have many expenses that were outside of normal work hours. Ms. Buono said even though we didn't have an abundance of labor hours that qualified, we had other expenses we submitted and said she is concerned that Antrim is spreading inaccurate information.

Release of Water: Riche' Colcombe said the Antrim Fire Chief wants to coordinate a meeting with Stoddard about the fact Stoddard did not notify anyone about the release of water during the major rain event this year. Ms. Colcombe asked the Board if they wanted to be part of that conversation. Ms. Colcombe will send the meeting date to Ms. Buono who will forward it to the Hillsborough police and fire chiefs in the event they would like to attend. Ms. Colcombe then asked when the Sawyer Bridge (a/k/a Bridge to nowhere) will be open. Chairman Bailey said he thinks the cracks are on a rebuilt façade but it needs to be looked into.

2. MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated September 27, 2023. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for October 25, 2023. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- Timber Tax Abatement – Map 1 Lot 27 \$199.60
- Intent to Cut – Map 5 Lot 59 Beard Road

4. MANIFEST

Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 18909 – 18937 a/k/a Vouchers 42 & 43 in the amount of \$203,931.82 (includes 247 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 030397 – 030486 a/k/a Vouchers 33 & 34 in the amount of \$964,656.97. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

** A/P Checks include payment to Hillsborough County in the amount of \$767,931.00

5. BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Ms. Buono presented the Board with a work session meeting schedule for their review. The meetings will be held at the fire department.

6. WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR

Due to the retirement of Jim Bingham, there is a part-time position open in the welfare office. Ms. Buono said she is covering the office until a qualified candidate is hired and said she is currently speaking with a retired Town Administrator, who has welfare experience, about taking the position on.

7. DEED PROPERTIES

Ms. Buono said the Conservation Commission has reviewed the tax-deeded properties which have been chosen to be placed out for sealed bids and pulled out a couple. She said the next step is public postings, newspaper ads and letters being sent to those who are on a deed property selling list which should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

8. MANAHAN DOCK

Ms. Buono is searching for someone to complete the work of rebuilding the dock at Manahan and said the building inspector is assisting. She said one contractor asked if the town is interested in an aluminum dock and after a brief discussion, was told that they would be open to that. Ms. Buono will request a quote for the Board to review.

9. CURRENT BUDGET STATUS

Ms. Buono explained this is the time of the year where she monitors the budget closely and due to low funds, she currently has the departments on a temporary spending freeze until the tax rate is set and bills go out.

10. COMMUNITY POWER

Selectman Pelletier reported the Community Power Committee approved a tentative plan, as soon as he has the plan, he would like it placed on the town website. Their first meeting in December

will be a public hearing, after the hearing the committee will vote on the plan. Next step is a warrant article at Town Meeting.

11. KIMBALL HILL ROAD

Ms. Buono notified the Board that on October 26th she and the Assistant Highway Foreman, Dennis Yeaton will be, Ms. Buono and Dennis Yeaton from the Highway Department will be meeting with Mr. Lacey and Mr. Dacey regarding Kimball Hill road which is a class VI road.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

A true record
Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman