

Selectmen Minutes
Date: May 18, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

OPEN MEETING: *Dick opened meeting at 5:00 pm*

ATTENDANCE: **Dick, Richard, Jon, Sue, Jessica Waler, Jason Hopkins, Peter Gabbe and Bill Silver**

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT: **no comment**

ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: *Richard motion to accept the minutes as written, Jon seconded the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.*

APPROVE WARRANT: 10— *Richard motion to approve W10 with the addition of Matt Benner's estimate for the Sand & Salt Shed ditching & back fill for \$3680, Jon seconded the motion the additional Bill, no further discussion, so moved.*

SIGN WARRANT-9 *Selectmen signed W9*

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Appeal Board & Planning Board: David Libby for AP to meet Jessica Waller and Jason Hopkins-interested on being on the PB—***The Selectmen introduced themselves to Jessica and Jason. Selectmen asked if they had any questions, no concerns were made. Selectmen approved having Jessica and Jason to be added to the committees. Richard made a motion to add Jessica Waler to the Appeals Board, & Jason Hopkins to the Planning Board, Jon second the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved. Sue explained they would need to come into the town office to be sworn in and she would have their Binders and a copy Land Use Ordinance ready for them. Sue also explained she would email them a packet that needs to be done and a new municipal officer class that they should.*
- **Broadband Committee-** *Peter and a couple of members of the committee met with Tidewater. The committee sent out 4 RFI's and Tidewater is prepared to apply for a Bond that the town does not want to do. Tidewater would like \$50K as a commitment to move forward and they also would like a letter stating that fact. The Selectmen asked Peter when he needed a decision and he said tonight. The selectmen were not happy with the quick response needed. Peter said that a motion was made at the NBB's last meeting-motion to move that the committee approve our continuing due diligence with Tidewater Telecom to arrive at project parameters that are realistic, that support the town's best interest, and that meet with Select Board approval, including that our ARPA funds are only used in support of extended access on public roads and not TT capital assets. The NBB is asking for \$50k from the ARPA fund to commit to this project. There are certain criteria's that need to be met to move forward. There is also due diligence to be met, a selected area where the grant \$\$ can be used & a selected list with the best return. We will be on Tidewaters list once we commit to the \$50K. Richard asked about the \$17,500 already committed? Peter & Bill would like that to be in a reserve fund for those who may need it for future broadband plans. Jon explained we will be having another meeting about spending the additional money and we have a lot of projects in mind, like road infrastructure, culverts, Dick said yes & the AED's for FD and FD Doors for \$14K. The money will go quick taking \$50k off the top. Richard asked again so you would like an additional \$50k on top of the \$17,500 already approved. Peter- yes, we are. Richard said-he would support the \$50,000 ARPA commitment if it included the unexpended previously committed \$17,500 money earmarked for an engineering study. Dick said we are not committed to this until Tidewater gets the bond for the Town. Peter said that is correct but if you choose to go this way without the \$17,500 which we were putting into reserve to help out those who can't afford the \$200 to get service what do we tell people. Richard proposed \$50k total which would include the \$17,500 already given to the Broadband Committee. Dick felt the \$7500 was enough for reserve. Dick asked -I thought the \$17,500 was for engineering & the NBB also has gift money to help out as well? Peter-yes, we do \$9900 & we are not putting the \$17,500 toward engineering.*

There was a lot of back & forth between Dick, Richard & Jon with Peter & Bill. Dick said we could commit to \$40k plus \$10K from other funds already approved to the NBB leaving the broadband \$7500 in reserve. The total commitment would be \$57,500. Dick made a motion to approve an additional \$40k for Broadband, taking \$10k from 1st approved fund allotment totaling \$ 50k for tidewater, leaving \$7500 in reserve, Richard-second the motion, all in favor- 1-No, duly noted we have Jon voting No on this extra money for Broadband, no further discussion, so moved.

- **Selectmen to discuss & sign the Public Remote Participation for any and all meetings.**
Selectmen signed the new Public Meeting Policy, no further discussion needed.
- **Approval- W9- ARPA funds expenditure for H Chester Wright- RIP/Rap- Repairs Oyster Creek Bridge \$1189.00-** *Richard motion to approve the money for repairing the Oyster Creek storm erosion repair from the ARPA Funds, Jon second the motion, no further discussion, so moved.*
- **Mary-emailed a request & asked if the Town would consider ditching road in front of Dunbar Cemetery-E Neck Rd this year between 2 culverts?** *This has already been taken care of by Dale Wright.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: *Richard wanted the Selectmen to be aware that the cost for fixing the sign cost will be \$400 instead of \$100. Do we want to put the money into it or not? The Selectmen voted not to put the \$400 into it for now.*

OTHER BUSINESS:- *Selectmen would like to change the meetings from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm*

OLD BUSINESS:

- **LCTV Quote vs EES Quote?** *We have not received a quote from EES. Selectmen feel the quote received from LCTV is good. Selectmen need to vote on accepting this bid.*
- **Laurel Ames-to discuss Alewives Festival at some point.**
- **Town of Nobleboro & Waldoboro joining forces on Duck Puddle Rd and the flooding-Tabled.**

ADJOURNED:

DATES TO REMEMBER: Selectmen's Meeting-6:00 pm Wednesday, June 1st ,15th ,29th