

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:02PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 via ZOOM meeting. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis present. John Tripp present at 6:12PM.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 4/7/20. So voted.

Approval of warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant # 21 - \$319,639.94, General Warrant #1050 - \$ 25,829.55, Debt Warrant #1051 - \$68,290.68, General Warrant # 1052 - \$ 51,369.38. So voted.

Bates Observatory: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept a quote from Jeff Samuelson pertaining to work on Bates tower. So voted. Money for the repair will be taken out of the restoration fund.

The Board discussed the issue of the Board of Health voting to not release the number of confirmed COVID cases in Town. The Board of Selectmen don't have the authority to override the decision of a duly elected Board. This is a public health crisis managed at State and Town levels. Although the Selectmen disagree with the decision to not release the numbers, they understand that there are many variables and that the Board of Health is following the guidance of the Governor and Department of Public Health.

6:15PM Pole Hearings for Donovan Rd and Old East Brookfield Road: Kim from National Grid joined the ZOOM meeting. The first pole is on Donovan Road and is a support pole for monitoring and communication for more reliability. Mr. Tripp asked about the location and Kim confirmed it is across from Country Auto. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the pole petition. So voted. Second pole is on Old East Brookfield Road for a new residential customer. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the pole petition. So voted.

The Board discussed details regarding extending bills to June 1<sup>st</sup>. People will have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to pay in full or the interest will be back dated to original due date. Mr. Kiley will write something up and send it to Ashley so she can update the website. The Town sign will be updated and Mr. Kiley will issue a CODE RED call with the details.

Mr. Tripp said the Jason Benoit put up no littering signs in town.

Mr. Kiley said that Chief Smith has received the speeding signs for Main St. Mr. Tripp volunteered to help put the signs up if needed.

Mr. Tripp confirmed that Jeff Samuelson knows to leave the bricks at Bates.

There being no further business, at 6:30PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Barre