



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN October 27, 2021 7:00pm

Meeting Audio Link:

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MEETING MINUTES

- I. The meeting was Called to Order at 7:04pm
 - Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is a virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present is Selectman Wendy Sears, Selectman Rob Keator, MaryAnn Fitzsimmons, Treasurer, John Beck, Emergency Management Director, Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant, Valerie Bruneau, SES Superintendent, and representatives of the fire department.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Additions to Agenda – Appointment of a representative from the Board of Selectmen to Affordable Housing Plan Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to add the Appointment of a representative from the Board of Selectmen to Affordable Housing Plan Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Robert Keator seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- IV. Approval October 13th, 2021 BOS Meeting Minutes
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the October 13th, 2021 Meeting Minutes, with the following amendments, Robert Keator seconded, motion carries unanimously.
 - **Changes:** Wendy Sears: Under appropriations on line item transfers, minutes say Wendy Sears made the motion and seconded. Rob Keator seconded the motions.
 - Gary Greenberg under Report of Selection regarding AdHoc Governance, should be Cooperative Agreement not Shared Services.
- V. Request for CNR funds from the Board of Education: Valerie Bruneau, SES Superintendent discussed the possibility of adding air conditioning into the main classrooms of the building. The Board of Education is in favor of this. Part of the last grant that they were eligible for, she did write into the grant for the air conditioning. There is a big push to add air conditioning to meet ventilation. Adding A/C allows for not having to cut down on instructional time due to cancellation of school due to heat. Received a report from Nathan Hall and Ryan Beaumont, SES Building Maintainers, stating that additional air conditioning is needed for areas and they move forward with Crest Mechanical for services. Maximum amount would be \$27,000. Discussion was held.

- VI. Appropriation for Public Safety Department (pay increase for day staff)
- **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$15,200 to increase the Day Staff at the Fire Department raising the hourly rate to \$18.00/hour (increase of \$2.32/hour), Robert Keator seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- VII. Approval of Tax Refund for David & Janice Benedict - \$6.96
- **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$6.96 to David & Janice Benedict, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Appointment of Hearing Officer for Zoning Enforcement Citations
- **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to appoint Michael Savino as Hearing Officer for Zoning Enforcement Citations, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. Appointment of a representative from the Board of Selectmen to Affordable Housing Plan Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission
- **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to appoint Robert Keator as the representative from the Board of Selectmen to the Affordable Housing Plan Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Robert Keator seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- X. Report of Selectmen
- Have hired a new DPW assistant, Michael Savino, starting on November 8th.
 - Wendy Sears – the AdHoc Committee have put together number of students for classrooms and are still gathering information from respective schools. Working on staff, salaries, hourly rates, special education program and services required. Still in process of putting all the information together. Will be meeting on November 3rd. Working on administrative staffing. Next step will be to review all information and start looking at what the costs would be.
 - Governance Committee has been meeting in executive session, because they are trying to negotiate a contract. Making progress towards a mechanism where two towns can operate a school together without creating a regional school district. Hoping to have more information for our December meeting.
 - The town weathered the recent storm very well without any real problems.
 - Wendy Sears and John Beck have been taking G191 course about emergency operation centers and incident command systems. Discussion followed.
 - The new plow truck is here.
 - The architect came to the town hall and started her work, beginning to come up with broad conceptual plans and estimates.
 - Wendy Sears asked Jason Beaumont is something has happened with the tower truck. Jason stated it has been sold to Kevin Barrow, it failed its inspection and cannot be used. Discussion followed. Ambulance is back in service and running well.
- XI. Audience for Citizens: None
- XII. Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm made by Rob Keator, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously.