



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN Special Meeting January 12, 2022

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MEETING MINUTES

- I. The meeting was Called to Order at 7:05pm
 - Gary Greenberg, First Selectman stated this is a virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present is Selectman Rob Keator, Selectman Wendy Sears, MaryAnn Fitzsimmons, Treasurer, John Beck, Emergency Management Director, Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant
- II. Approval December 15th, 2021, BOS Meeting Minutes
 - **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve the December 15th, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Wendy Sears seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- III. Approval of Tax Refund for Toyota Lease Trust - \$137.29 & Honda Lease Trust - \$320.38
 - **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve a tax refund in amount of \$320.38 to Honda Lease Trust, Wendy Sears seconded, motion carries unanimously.
 - First Selectman Greenberg would like to be on the record that he is confused by this and believes the refund goes to Honda Lease Trust and not the operator of the vehicle.
 - **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve a tax refund in amount of \$137.29 to Toyota Lease Trust, Wendy Sears seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- IV. Appointment of New Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Isabelle Kisluk
 - **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to appoint Isabelle Kisluk as Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Wendy Sears seconded, motion carries unanimously.
- V. Report of Selectmen
 - Wendy Sears gave an update on the Adhoc programming subcommittee met on 1/5/22, gathering information on how the insurance model would work. Waiting on detailed budget from Hampton. Will be changing how to designate capacities of schools. Meeting on 1/13 for a workshop session. Angela Machka has resigned from committee and will be looking to fill that position.
 - Gary Greenberg gave a update on the Governance subcommittee - They close to finishing up their work and would like the full committee to meet in the next couple weeks to talk about next steps. Will include presenting what they have come up with to the Boards of Education in both towns and then charting a course forward to present to the Town.

- Gary and MaryAnn met with the Recreation committee members Peter Martin and Monica Lindsey. Talked about past finances with the committee. They have a budget within the general fund and also have funds in an auxiliary fund which is where their fundraising money goes. They had done some fundraising that was designated towards specific projects at the park. When the funds were turned over to the town to be deposited, they were not clearly identified as being for a specific purpose. MaryAnn will take care of straightening that out. MaryAnn went over the accounting practices and how they can access that money. Talked about the ARPA money that was specifically identified for water and sewer projects. The Rec Committee has some great ideas about projects that could be done at the park that fall into this area.
- Progressing with engineering with the bass road bridge. The power company has moved a pole that was in the wrong place.
- Met with architect for town hall renovation. They are developing the plan that we can then use to solicit bids to make the plans for the renovation.
- Gary met with the Canterbury Selectman and members of both departments to discuss combining services. The two departments are proposing to provide ambulance and firefighter services to both towns working together. They have not provided any numbers, would like the selectmen to develop those. Gary will be meeting with Chris Lipke on 1/13/22 to work on this. Discussion was held on what those services would entail.
- We lost our bookkeeper as of the end of December. In talking with MaryAnn about this position, the biggest issue we face is how little we pay and how small of a job it is which makes it very difficult to attract a candidate that will stick around. The job has gotten immensely complex. The amount of work MaryAnn is undertaking is very disconcerting. MaryAnn and Gary have been discussing combining the town and school finance office. Our choices will be to outsource it all or ask NECOGG to hire someone who can do this for us and a couple other towns. Budget time is coming up and we may need to build a budget that reflects the reality of the job market, the requirements of the job and the business of being a town. Discussion was held.
- The Republican Town Committee met last night and disbanded. There is not enough support to keep it running. There is no Republican nominating slate so anyone running for office will have to petition to be on the ballot.
- The distribution of test kits and masks was very difficult to navigate. We really need to implement a communication system. Gary will be meeting with John Beck to work on this.
- MaryAnn Fitzsimmons – Audit was filed with the State by the deadline. She will be posting the audit report on the finance department's webpage.

VI. Audience with Citizens: None

VII. Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm made by Rob Keator, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion carries unanimously

***Respectfully submitted,
Wendy O'Connor
Administrative Assistant***