

TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 13, 2021 - 7:00pm

Meeting Audio Link:

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MEETING MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order 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, Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant, John Beck, Emergency Management Director and representatives of the fire department.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Additions to Agenda: None
- IV. Approval September 22nd, 2021 BOS Meeting Minutes:
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the September 22nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Robert Keator seconded, with an amendment to the selectman's report, change perimeters to parameters, motion carries unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report: No Report
- VI. Additional Appropriations and Line Item Transfers: Pay increases for DPW employees. Pay increase for Day Staff at the Fire Department of \$2.32/hour raising the hourly rate to \$18.00/hour.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to the public works foremen's salary of \$6,500, seconded Wendy Sears, motion carries unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to the public works road assistant salary of \$9,500, seconded Wendy Sears, motion carries unanimously.
 - Fire Department pay increases tabled until next meeting due to a calculation error.
- VII. Approval of Tax Refunds
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$67.11 to Alain S. Bourassa, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$530.71 to Robert F. & Lucille M. Brautigam, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$134.22 to Christopher C. Clark, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$19.48 to Alan P. & Debora R. Dubina, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$60.99 to Catherine Grow, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$22.99 to Martin C. Huff, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$29.60 to Richard J. McAvoy, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$5.92 to Mark B. Mills, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.

- **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$715.39 to Guy F. & Pauline M. Passarello, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Robert Keator made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$21.00 to Joel A. Powers, seconded by Wendy Sears. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$152.65 to Joel A. Powers, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$95.89 to Susan M. Powers, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$245.70 to Sharon Hanjian Rondeau, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Approval of Appointment to the Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD): Jill St. Clair has volunteered to represent Scotland. Wendy Sears would like to request that a Jill let us know when meetings take place.
- **MOTION:** Wendy Sears made a motion to appointment Jill St Clair to the ERTD, seconded by Robert Keator. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. Report of the Fire Chief:
- Ambulance has been out of service for 3 weeks. Having issues with engine power lose and sent it to dealer. Expect it to be back in service by end of business week. Have been working with mutual aid partner in Canterbury, dual responses for in town and helping cover Canterbury. We were denied the grant of ambulance replacement. Discussion was held.
 - Chief Beaumont would like to address the rumors concerning the ambulance or the fire department. Would like the BOS to help by directing people who have any questions or concerns to his office so he can address them before the rumors get out of hand. Discussion was held.
- X. Report of Selectmen
- Hampton/Scotland Adhoc Committee have had 2 meetings on 09/29 and 10/06. Have made good headway on gathering information and putting data together. Looked at what the approach would be for number of students per class, how many specials per grade there should be and how long they should go. Looked at putting enrollment figures together with number of students per grade. 10/6 meeting was a work session. Talked about what needs to be accomplished by next meeting. Looked at all staffing requirements. Discussion followed.
 - The Adhoc Governance Committee has retained an attorney. It is going to cost the Town around \$1500.00 - 2500.00. In the process of drafting a preliminary shared services agreement for the schools. Have been meeting in Executive Session and has caused some concern. The reason being is until we can find an agreement that is satisfactory and will work, to have plans out there in public that won't work can cause issues. As soon as there is an agreement that is satisfactory, discussions will be public. Hoping to create a shared services agreement wherein the towns together form a body/committee comprised of members from both towns Boards of Education that runs the school, and will function to give contracts, etc. Both towns Boards of Education will remain important, viable and quite involved on the operating committee.
 - Have contracted with an architect for town hall renovations. Cost will be \$12,000. Will be at town hall on Tuesday to talk with staff.
 - Met with engineer in regards to bridges. Will be focusing on the Kemp Road and Bass Road Bridges.
 - DPW job is posted. Have many interested people in town who are qualified.
 - Kylee is working on organizing and digitizing all our ordinances so they can be put online and be easily searchable.
 - Hampton/Scotland Adhoc Interdistrict Committee now has its own website and we are hoping to go live soon.
- XI. Audience for Citizens: None
- XII. Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm made by Wendy Sears, seconded by Rob Keator. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy O'Connor
Administrative Assistant