

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– November 18, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Margo Connors  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Betsy Holcombe, Nancy Martland  
Brian Beaulieu, Paul Reid, Doug Amsbary, Hugh Hawkins

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of November 4, 2024 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Jennifer advised the board that the DRA would be getting tax rate information to our office this week.

The board received a copy of the State Driveway permit for Neil Pilotte 1740 Route 117.

ACT will have their rescheduled Weather Program at the Meetinghouse on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The town Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer received a response regarding addresses that were missing from the data base for fidium fiber sign up. Jennifer has notified the three recipients.

Margo asked to have the new Tri Town Transfer Station agreement sent to Planning Board member Kyle Kinsey. The board signed the current agreement.

There will be a several month delay on the Crane Hill project.

The board must use the balance of the ARPA funds prior to December 31, 2024. The board will investigate the best and acceptable use.

COHOS sent a new contract for this year's tax compilation. The cost is up this year and Jennifer advised that this will be the last year for a compilation as once the bridge project starts and the money is over one million dollars coming in, we will need a full audit.

The SAU sent the dates for the Lafayette Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting in 2025.

Septic Approval for Map 211 Lot 10 was received. Niemeyer on Garnet Hill Road.

The board signed the 2024 Municipal Assessment Data Certificate.

HUGH HAWKINS met with the board to discuss some concerns with availability of courses offered at Profile. Mr. Hawkins inquired if Sugar Hill had any means for school choice. Mr. Ellms did not believe the town did as we provide public education from K-12 in the two districts that we are part off. The board will research the legality of the request. The board understood Mr. Hawkins concerns.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Unanticipated Funds**

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the \$26,900.37 in FEMA funds for the 2023 December storm, seconded by MR. ELLMS,

The board explained that they would like the funds to go into the general fund and then they will produce a warrant article in the same amount to have the funds transferred to the Highway Department Non-Lapsing Account.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board then discussed the new building permit fees worksheet and agreed to increase the solar fee from \$100 to \$200.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday November 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator