BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

PRESENT: Mrs. Diane Vayda; Chairman, Mr. David J. Pierce, Vice-Chairman, and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk
ATTENDEES: David Brown, MJ Haesche, Melinda Czub, Dean Wisniewski, Steve Carroll, Ian McElwee, Tim Morrell and Rebekah Cornell

Called meeting to Order at 6:07 PM

APPOINTMENTS
Motion to appoint A.J. Kiernan to the Cultural Council made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.
Motion to appoint Eric Von Bleicken to the Housing Authority made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.
Motion to appoint Brian Wildes to the Highway Department as an Equipment Operator/Driver/Laborer with an effective date to be determined pending a successful CORI and pre-employment physical with the requirement of applying for and/or obtaining his hoisting license made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

MINUTES
Motion to table the Minutes until the next meeting which is scheduled for November 2, 2021 made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

WARRANTS
Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 22 P9 dated November 4, 2021 in the amount of $76,728.27 made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY
The recent resignation of Daniel Bigda from the Planning Board allowed for a vacancy to be filled until the next election. Notice was posted on the town's website for letters of interest to be submitted to the Selectmen's Office no later than October 22, 2021. Mr. David Brown submitted his letter. Mr. Tim Morrell did as well, however, his letter was not received until after the deadline had passed. Mr. Wisniewski (Planning Board member) asked several questions of Mr. Brown and was very excited to have a new face express an interest in serving. With no further discussion and with no objections, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint David Brown to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy until the May 2022 election made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.
*Planning Board took a unanimous vote as this is a joint appointment. The Selectboard thanked Mr. Morrell for his interest as well.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
The STM has been scheduled for Monday, December 13th at 7 PM. A discussion took place on the draft warrant that was presented for review. Only a few articles were submitted along with some housekeeping matters. The draft will be sent to counsel for review as to form. (An article for an Associate Planning Board member and demolition delay by-law will be addressed at the ATM in June)

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

NEXT MEETING DATES: November 2, 2021 – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NEPBA, LOCAL 83A & 83B.
November 16, 2021 – 6 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mrs. Vayda; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous at 7:50 PM. (Mr. Pierce left at 7:45 PM due to a work commitment)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra

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Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

11/16/21

Date Approved