

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Vice Chair D. Beijer; she stated there will be no discussion relative to the recent Incident at the Elementary School.

Present: V. Chair D. Beijer; Board Members Gary Madden, Paula Penney & Edward Tasker; Chair R. Therrien via Zoom; Town Administrator Karen Montgomery; Recording Secretary Mary Jane Dascoli

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The Board reviewed and approved the following items: G. Madden motioned to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2022 meeting, seconded by E. Tasker. The Board members present voted in the affirmative; the motion passed; Payroll & Manifest; 1 Abatement; 1 Report of Cut; and 1 Letter of Hire/Appointment – E. Tasker motioned to accept and hire Gail McCullough and Shannon Hinton as Beach Attendants per the letter specified, seconded by G. Madden. The Board members present voted in the affirmative; the motion passed.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Public Input was opened at 5:15pm. Mrs. Margaret Cipriani spoke regarding the Memorial Day Parade and the lack of participants. She mentioned that with a little better communication(s) and maybe advertising done early, the chance for more participation is greater.

Mr. Stephen Royer spoke regarding the Police Dept. asking how many Police Officers we presently have, what the staff ratio is, and when they would be hiring another Sergeant. He was informed that a Sergeant had been hired and will start in another week. Mr. Royer then expressed his displeasure in seeing G. Madden and others laughing on scene, at the Elementary School, while an emergency was ongoing. He added his wife works in the school office, his kids go to the school, and she was texting her husband, who works an hour away, telling him he needed to get there and pick up their kids. G. Madden spoke in reply to Mr. Royers' concerns stating he didn't need to be there that day but he was. He added that while he was there, he assisted and spoke with many parents, officials from both Fire and Police agencies, and School Officials. He said it was quite stressful in the beginning but overall he thought the agencies and departments worked well together. Also, there is talk of an "after incident meeting" to discuss the particulars of this incident. Public Input was closed at 5:22pm.

**At approximately 5:30pm, the Board was notified that the audio and video was not operating.**

**APPOINTMENT:** 5:30pm - Mr. Paul Dudley of Birchwood Hideaway came in to speak with the Board relative to Wes Locke Road and a long standing problem with a culvert there and drainage issues. The Road Agent spoke regarding the culvert and the situation with the road. G. Madden added that the Association, Birchwood Hideaway, should maintain that, not the Town Highway Department. It was noted that the properties located above this location as well as below are also being affected. After much discussion and input from the previous Road Agent Andrew Sylvester, it was decided that Mr. Dudley would call the Road Agent and together they would work things out.

5:45pm - The Paving Bids were brought up and discussed at length. The Road Agent said the owner of R & D Paving reached out to him wondering what was up with the bid? The Road Agent was advised that he should have referred him to the Town Administrator for information. D. Beijer asked if they submitted a new bid and was told no. D. Beijer asked the Town Administrator what the State does (per J. Leavitt) with a bid or quote that is incomplete; she was advised they disregard it and throw it out. More discussion followed and the bids were reviewed once again. R. Therrien made a motion to hire R & D Paving per their bid, seconded by G. Madden. D. Beijer, P. Penney and E. Tasker all voted “no”; motion denied. P. Penney made a motion to accept the bid and award it to Busby for \$606,947.65 (their bid), seconded by E. Tasker. D. Beijer voted affirmative. R. Therrien and G. Madden voted “no”; motion passed.

**NON-PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

E. Tasker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm, seconded by P. Penney. All Board members were polled and all voted in the affirmative; meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.