

TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMAN'S MINUTES

DATE: January 12, 2022

6:00 P.M.

I. OPEN MEETING

Millard Butler opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Millard Butler, Brenda Clark, Leslie Merrill, Danielle Withee and Tammy Buswell were all present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Town Meeting Minutes-Tabled
2. Approve December 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Leslie Merrill
Vote: Unanimous Aye.
3. Approve the December 29, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
Motion to approve by Millard Butler, Seconded by Danielle Withee
Vote: Unanimous Aye.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS-None

D. WARRANTS

1. Upon motion by Brenda Clark, seconded by Danielle Withee to approve Advantage Payroll Warrant #13.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Millard Butler read the line items.

Tammy Buswell noted that the dates should be December 19 to December 31 2021. She also asked if the dates should reflect the paycheck date or the Selectmen's date.

2. Motion made by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Leslie Merrill to approve Expenditures #25.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Millard Butler read the line items for BMV.

3. Motion made by Millard Butler, seconded by Danielle Withee to approve Expenditures #26.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Millard Butler read the line items for BMV.

4. Motion made by Danielle Withee, seconded by Tammy Buswell to approve Expenditures #27.

Vote: Unanimous Aye

Millard Butler read the line items for Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.

5. Motion made by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Brenda Clark to approve Expenditures #28.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Millard Butler read the line items for postage-Library Newsletter bulk mailing.

6. Motion made by Danielle Withee, seconded by Brenda Clark to approve Expenditures #29.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Millard Butler read the line items.

Tammy Buswell asked why the streetlights were double. She later found that the December payment had not been applied, so there should be a credit in February.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Abatement of L. Merrill property

Motion to approve the abatement by Millard Butler, seconded by Brenda Clark.

Vote: Unanimous Aye.

Leslie Merrill abstained.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foreclosure Buy Back Program

Foreclosures are coming up in February and this item has not been discussed since last year.

- B. Rapid Renewal & Debit/Credit Card machine- no report.

- C. Policy & Procedure manual-

The manual has been updated but one issue remains-are the insurance policies still in effect that are listed in Article 15- Employee Benefits.

D. ZOOM Policy

The ZOOM policy was signed.

E. ARPA update

Tammy Buswell has an email from the Maine Municipal Association MMA that discusses the final rules and has links to documents further expanding on those rules. Mike Feole will make copies of the email for the other board members. One issue is that since there is a second grant opportunity, the question of “does the first payment need to be used in full before the second grant can be applied for?”

F. Tape recorder for Selectmen’s meetings

The recording from December 15 was intact but the December 29 meeting did not record.

G. Corinth recycling program

Tammy Buswell spoke with Pete Michaud of Corinth and he said that Stetson residents may use the Corinth Transfer Station to recycle their waste items. She read the list of items that may be brought to the station. This information will be advertised on Facebook, the Town Website, the Bratts’ bulletin board, the Post Office bulletin board, the Town Office bulletin board and in the next Library Newsletter.

H. CMP streetlight update

Danielle Withee told the board that the light fixtures have been installed at the intersections of Merrill/Lapoint roads and Mount Pleasant/East Newport roads.

I. Dyed Kerosene at Fire Station- no report

J. Flagpole at Fire Station/Library-

Danielle Withee will check to see how to turn off the light that was pointed at the old flag pole. She also found a note addressed to FedEx to leave packages inside the building and found the doors unlocked. Millard Butler will discuss this with Laura Ward. The old fire truck sale was also discussed and it was decided that the Town would check to see if any other equipment needs to be sold and they will all be sold at once.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Millard Butler told the board that there were many typos and incorrect information in the library newsletter. The Town owns this information and needs to make sure that the library has the latest updates.

Millard Butler stated that the Facebook page is not from the Board of Selectmen. Danielle Withee and Leslie Merrill stated that they have withdrawn from their administrative positions on the Facebook page. The Facebook page should also not be associated with the Town Office. Mike Feole will get the Library updates for the information in the newsletter. Sara Turner said that she would put corrections on the Facebook page.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ANIMAL CONTROL- no report.
- B. APPEALS BOARD- no report.
- C. CEMETERY- no report.
- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- no report.
- E. E911- no report.
- F. EDUCATION-

Brenda Clark asked Steve Ingalls if there was a transportation sub-committee at the School Board because she has issues getting in and out of the Middle School. The buses have to wait for cars at the High School and both situations pose safety risks for the students. Rita Albee suggested speaking with Jodi Braslett. Brenda said that the solution may be as simple as putting up signs letting the cars know when the bus parking is off limits.

- G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE- no report.
- H. EMT/RESCUE- no report.
- I. FIRE DEPARTMENT-

Danielle Withee said that Chief Strout was asking about meetings. It appears that Levant only has one meeting per month.

- J. MEETINGHOUSE- no report.
- K. PARKS & RECREATION- no report.

- L. PLUMBING INSPECTOR- no report.
- M. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION- no report
- N. ROAD COMMISSIONER- no report.
- O. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDANCE- no report.
- P. TREASURER- no report.
- Q. WELFARE DIRECTOR- no report.
- R. OTHER

V. TRAINING- no report.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jodi Lyford asked if the closet behind the bathroom locked. Millard Butler said that he and Mike checked it out the other day and there is no way to lock the door, so a new lockset will be purchased and installed so that it can be locked in the future.

Steve Ingalls asked for an update on broadband in town. Danielle Withee said that TDS and Mr. Varney had been in a dispute over this issue and Mr. Varney appears to have won, so he will look into grants to increase the broadband coverage in town.

Rita Albee told the board that there are issues with the Fire Department sign and that one "r" is broken and another letter is missing. She said that the "L" and "B" in the Library sign have been fixed. The letters on the Fire Department sign are plastic and the entire sign may have to be replaced.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION 4056A- Personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

_____ Millard Butler, Chairman

_____ Leslie Merrill, Vice Chairman

_____ Brenda Clark

_____ Danielle Withee

_____ Tammy Buswell