

TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMAN'S MINUTES

DATE: March 23, 2022

6:00 P.M.

I. OPEN MEETING

Leslie Merrill opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Millard Butler attended via ZOOM, 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 March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Danielle Withee, seconded by Brenda Clark

Vote: AYE- Leslie Merrill,

Brenda Clark and

Danielle Withee

NAY- None

Tammy Buswell abstained.

Motion Passes

Danielle Withee- The minutes should have Fire Chief Eric Strout in the Fire Department update.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS- None.

D. WARRANTS

Motion by Brenda Clark, seconded by Tammy Buswell to approve Advantage Payroll warrant #18.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,

Brenda Clark, Tammy Buswell and

Danielle Withee

NAY- None

Motion Passes

Leslie Merrill read the line items.

Motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Danielle Withee to approve expenditures #34.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler,
Brenda Clark and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Leslie Merrill abstained
Motion Passes

Leslie Merrill read the line items.

E. **BOARD OF ASSESSORS-** None.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Rapid Renewal & Debit/Credit Card machine- for reference.

Tammy Buswell spoke with the State and also called Harris Computer, but has not heard back from them.

B. Policy & Procedure manual-

Tammy Buswell emailed the attorney, but has not heard back. She will try again.

C. ARPA update- None.

D. CMP streetlight update-

Mike Feole-I checked all of the invoices from this year and they all list 22 lights, so nothing has been updated yet.

E. Flagpole at Fire Station/Library-

Mike Feole- We still have only the one quote. I have asked World of Flags for it again.

F. Town Audit-

Tammy Buswell- We have three quotes. RHR said they can start in May, which does not work. I emailed Mindy Cyr and asked for a timeline.

1. Tammy Buswell motioned to go with the Auditor that can start first, Leslie Merrill seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,
Brenda Clark, Tammy Buswell and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

G. Town Annual Report Status-
David Matthews was chosen for the cover and the dedication.

H. MMA Insurance Findings(plugs and faceplate at sand shed, emergency lights at fire station boiler room)
Mike Feole- The cover and plugs have been changed and the outside panel has been repaired. I uploaded the pictures to the Liability insurance website for those. The ballasts still have to be replaced, and are on order but the supply chain issue is holding that up. The safety light will be repaired at the time that the ballasts are repaired and then we will have to paint the fascia on the Fire Station once weather allows.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. BMV reporting/ payments-
Mike Feole I spoke with the BMV Municipal section and they say that we do have to run the reports weekly but we can still make two payments in line with our warrants.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ANIMAL CONTROL- No report.

B. APPEALS BOARD- No report.

C. CEMETERY-

Julie Brownie- We have started looking at what we will need for flags and holders. The Masons are interested in repairing Civil War headstones of Masons. We have three Gold Start moms that we plan to have markers and flags for.

Brenda Clark- I always came in and Cathy gave me flags for the War Memorial. The RFP for the Cemetery Mowing is started.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- no report.

E. E911- no report.

F. EDUCATION- no report.

G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE- no report.

H. EMT/RESCUE- no report.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT- no report.

J. MEETINGHOUSE- no report.

K. PARKS & RECREATION-

Cory Leighton- I have a donation of concrete road dividers coming for around the playground.

L. PLUMBING INSPECTOR- no report.

M. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION- no report.

N. ROAD COMMISSIONER-

The RFP for Plowing and Sand should be started in July.

Brenda Clark- I would like to say thanks to Joe for what he is trying to do. He filled but they get dug out again. If I am not happy with Joe, I tell him, and I want to say that I appreciate what he tried to do. It wouldn't cost millions to fix the dirt roads. When the Merrills did it, they tried back then, but they are just as bad now. I want Joe to know that I do care and I thank him.

Leslie Merrill- The State has posted the roads and Joe cannot go down them with a truck until he gets permission.

O. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDANCE- no report.

P. TREASURER-

Danielle Withee motioned to increase the cash drawer to \$150.00 and the Petty Cash to \$500.00, Brenda Clark seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,
Brenda Clark, Tammy Buswell and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Danielle Withee motioned to transfer \$150,000 from the Undesignated Account to the General Account, Tammy Buswell seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,
Brenda Clark, Tammy Buswell and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Q. WELFARE DIRECTOR- no report.

R. OTHER- no report.

V. TRAINING-

Danielle Withee motioned to allow Sandee Kerr to attend Vitals class on 4/20 and 4/27 from 9:00 to 12:30 PM and to close the office during that time, and to register for the next BMV class, Brenda Clark seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,
Brenda Clark, Tammy Buswell and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cory Leighton requested a detailed report for the spending on the Parks & Recreation account for the \$1121.00 figure.

Steven Ingalls- It concerns me that we haven't balanced the books since June. One thing to consider is a thing my bank calls Positive-Pay, but is available at other banks as well. We would give a list of checks to the bank and they would not allow any other checks or ACHs to go through that are not on that list. We are seeing increased fraud in ACH, so that would help. The other issue is remote deposit. I have also seen warnings about cyber attacks.

Cheryl Lee Randall via ZOOM- I have concerns about how the selectmen are conducting themselves on Facebook. My concern is that I thought that we had an understanding. Does Joe Gray know that you are speaking on his behalf every time that roads are mentioned? Don't you think that it is a conflict of interest that you are a selectman? Is there a way to register a recall petition? How do I do that?

Danielle Withee- I can't do this, I am sorry Brenda.

Tammy Buswell- To be honest I do not know.

Cheryl Lee Randall- This is the place to talk about this. I don't understand how the system works. I see so many comments that are just rude. Why is it every time Joe is mentioned Danielle speaks for him?

Millard Butler- It would be the same thing that the selectmen do. They get it from the Town Office and then they would have to go around and get signatures. Then it would go on the ballot.

Jodi Lyford- It bothers me about the bank account. I found the last four year's audits. There were enough issues to call the Attorney General and the State Auditor, which I did. I think that the ship has been righted. The budget stuff makes me cringe.

Cory Leighton- The Town Website says that the Nomination papers would be available on 3/7/2022, but when I came in on 3/11/2022 Mike told me that he did not have them.

Mike Feole- Yes, That was my fault. I had been searching for them and after you left I called Diane and she told me that they were in the appendix at the back of the Town Meetings and Elections Handbook behind the desk. I apologize for the delay.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS-

Brenda Clark- As of tonight I resign my position as Selectperson. For the last few months I have been fighting with myself. For the last year I feel the board has been run by two selectmen. In the past we worked together. Things are being concentrated on that are not a top priority. The budget and Audit should be a top priority. I haven't been coming to the budget meetings because I feel that I have not been heard. This is my feeling. I have worked with many selectmen. I believe a board of five should be a board of five. For the last year I have been left out of everything.

When I got elected, I ran against a lot of smart people. I have tried to make them proud of me as a selectperson. Gary Bellefleur, before he died, went into our meetings and he brought in the Pledge of Allegiance. We had to get twenty flags donated by the VFW. The veterans donate during the supper and we get them for \$50.00 a piece. Gary and I decided another thing; we decided to start the Veterans Supper. I have pictures of Gary blowing up the balloons for that first supper.

Everything that I have done, I have done with my whole heart. I can't do it anymore. It breaks my heart, so with a sad heart I am leaving. I hope that the board can work for the people. Thank you two, Cory and Jodi for coming to the meetings. Thank you Mike. I wish everyone well. We are a small town and we need to lower the taxes.

Leslie Merrill- I know that the Town has appreciated your work. You stepped forward.

Jodi Lyford- Will you still do the Veteran's dinner?

Brenda Clark- I will.

Millard Butler- I have already given you my thoughts.

Leslie Merrill- Lets adjourn for five minutes before we go into Executive Session.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION- 405-6-A- Personnel: Applicant Interview

Tammy Buswell moved to enter Executive Session, Leslie Merrill seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE- Leslie Merrill,
Tammy Buswell, Millard Butler and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Danielle Withee moved to exit Executive Session, Leslie Merrill seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE- Leslie Merrill,
Tammy Buswell, Millard Butler and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Tammy Buswell moved that the Town file corrected W2s with the payroll company for all town employees that were paid on an expense warrant, Danielle Withee seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE- Leslie Merrill,
Tammy Buswell, Millard Butler and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Tammy Buswell moved that we make Michael Feole's job title to be Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, Leslie Merrill seconded the motion.

Vote: AYE- Leslie Merrill,
Tammy Buswell, Millard Butler and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Danielle Withee, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Vote: AYE-Millard Butler, Leslie Merrill,
Tammy Buswell and
Danielle Withee
NAY- None
Motion Passes

Millard Butler, Chairman

Leslie Merrill

Leslie Merrill, Vice Chairman

Danielle Withee

Danielle Withee

Tammy Buswell

Tammy Buswell

vacant