

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 10, 2021

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Tammy Buswell, it was unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405(6)(E) to consult with its attorney regarding the Town's legal rights and duties concerning its payroll program at 6:02 p.m.

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Danielle Withee, it was unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

C. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Upon motion by Danielle Withee, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to approve the October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve Town Meeting Minutes – Tabled

D. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS – None

E. WARRANTS

1. Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to approve Advantage Payroll Warrant #9.
2. Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Tammy Buswell, it was unanimously voted to approve Expenditures #17.
3. Upon motion by Tammy Buswell, seconded by Danielle Withee, it was unanimously voted to approve Expenditures #18 with the following corrections:

Danielle Withee stated Barry Witham's charges should be charged to the Meetinghouse account, not the General Gov/Town Office – Supplies/Misc. account. She also stated there should have been an entry on this Expenditures Warrant for Nevin Miller for the plumbing work he had done at the Meetinghouse and she had seen the bill for this work. She will follow-up on this.

Millard Butler stated the Farrell, Roseblatt & Russell Atty. description of charges should not just read "Telcon w/Tammy" as the bill also included conversation with Diane and another matter under the same charges.

F. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

There were 8 abatements and 2 supplementals for the Board to approve.

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was voted 4-0 to approve an abatement for Alan Withee. Danielle Withee abstained as he is a relative.

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was voted 3-0 to approve an abatement for Allen Brown. Tammy Buswell and Danielle Withee abstained as he was a relative.

Upon motion by Danielle Withee, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to approve the remaining 6 abatements.

Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Danielle Withee, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2 supplementals.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foreclosure Buy Back Program – Tabled

B. Rapid Renewal & Debit/Credit Card machine – Tabled

C. Policy & Procedure manual

Millard Butler advised Diane Lacadie will be updating this.

D. Zoom policy – Tabled

E. ARPA update

Millard Butler advised we are still waiting on disbursement of funds from the State.

F. Burleigh Road bus turnaround

Millard Butler said the Board looked at the new turnaround site. The buses are currently using it and Joe Gray should complete the work by close of business Friday.

G. Penobscot County Sheriff's Department complaints

Tammy Buswell stated she spoke with Sheriff Troy Morton. Complaints regarding suspicious vehicles, speeding vehicles, etc. can be reported to Selectmen and Selectmen can report those to the Sheriff's Department. Complaints regarding Personnel issues about a particular Deputy should not be reported to Selectmen but should be reported by residents directly to the Sheriff's Department.

Rita Albee advised she had also spoken with Sheriff Morton. She was informed that our contract was up with the Sheriff's Department and we were back to one deputy covering our town. She said if we were happy with the way the contract had worked, we may want to consider increasing the funding for this contract next year to get more coverage. She also said complaints by residents on Facebook could not be handled by the Sheriff's Department. Millard Butler asked Rita Albee if she was satisfied with the answers provided her and she said she was.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was raised in regards to getting a new tape recorder to record Selectmen's Meetings.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ANIMAL CONTROL – None
- B. APPEALS BOARD – None
- C. CEMETERY – None
- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – None
- E. E911 – None
- F. EDUCATION

Parvanah Withee has resigned from her position on the Schoolboard Committee. This position can be filled by appointment of the Board or by holding a special election.

Steve Ingalls has agreed to fill this position until elections in June to save the cost of having to hold a special election. Upon motion by Millard Butler, seconded by Leslie Merrill, it was unanimously voted to appoint Steve Ingalls to this position.

- G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – None
- H. EMT/RESCUE – None
- I. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Eric Strout and Assistant Fire Chief Mark McKay have appointed Lt. Gene Trojano as the new Town Fire Warden. Lt. Trojano reported there will be fire training on the Merrill Road on Monday.

- J. MEETINGHOUSE

Danielle Withee and Brenda Clark will meet to take a look at the work that has been done and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

- K. PARKS & RECREATION – None
- L. PLANNING BOARD – None
- M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR – None
- N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – None
- O. ROAD COMMISSIONER – None
- P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDANCE – None
- Q. TREASURER – None
- R. WELFARE DIRECTOR – None
- S. OTHER – None

- V. TRAINING – None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jody Lyford inquired if there were a significant amount of tax bills that were not received by residents. Millard Butler stated there were just a handful. She then asked where the complaint stood with the USPS regarding the lost mock tax bills and Millard answered the complaint has been received. She also asked if warrants and Advantage Payroll was supposed to be under lock and key. Millard said he was under the impression that they were supposed to be. Jody said the closet off the bathroom is unlocked and documents that should be confidential are in there. Brenda Clark will be following up on this.

Rita Albee inquired if the new employee was a Notary Public. Millard stated he was unsure but would find out. She then stated the Town of Corinth will take our town's recycling. She will provide Tammy Buswell the contact information to find out what exactly they will take from our town. Rita also said there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony tomorrow so if anyone knows of any flags that need to go, she will take them. Brenda said the flags were still out for Veteran's Day but would then be taken down.

Steve Ingalls said there was a refrigerator with the doors still on it dumped by the mailboxes on Herb's Landing by Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. This is a safety issue regarding children. Millard will take care of this.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Discussion came up regarding the new Town Office employee, Mike Feole. There was praise for him on Facebook and Millard Butler stated he had received 4 phone calls from residents who were pleased with his services.

The concerns brought up by Valerie Hopkins at the post office concerning old and outdated addresses and undeliverable tax bills has been taken care of.

Tammy Buswell advised there will be a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, November 13 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Danielle Withee stated they had just received confirmation from Veterinarian Ron Miles for this. Danielle will be assisting Dr. Miles with the paperwork and Sandee Kerr would be in the Town Office to do registrations. Tammy also asked about the Town Office being open on an evening so residents could pay their tax bills, as suggested in the last Selectmen's meeting, and advised this Thursday is closed due to Veteran's Day. Danielle stated Monday would probably not work as it is not Mike Feole's regularly scheduled workday, and it was short notice to ask him to do this. Millard Butler said due to time constraints and residents knowing the taxes are due, residents have probably already made arrangements to pay them. Tammy has noticed tires are not being picked up by Sullivan's Waste again. She said she had reached out to Sullivan's before regarding this and learned it was an issue with PERC being closed and trash going to a company who doesn't take tires. She said she noticed, though, that there were bills on this week's Expenditure Warrant for PERC. Lt. Gene Trojano stated PERC had been closed due to a fire. Tammy will contact Sullivan's again for a status on this issue.

Brenda Clark mailed 55 cards to resident Veteran's. She received 10 more names from Valerie Hopkins at the Post Office and will also get those in the mail.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Danielle Withee, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

_____ Millard Butler, Chairman

_____ Leslie Merrill, Vice Chairman

_____ Brenda Clark

_____ Danielle Withee

_____ Tammy Buswell