

## Selectman's Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024

5:30 PM

### Irving Tanning Community Center

**Present:** Jerry Martin, John Hikel and Mark Brooks

**Staff:** Christopher Littlefield

#### **Several Citizens**

John Hikel read the minutes of July 1, 2024 voted to accept with changes from "not" to "no" and "constitution" to "constitutional" 3-0

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Chris reported that Anthony Pike is not pursuing any business activity (car wash and detailing)  
Motion to continue with transfer station rules as adopted on October 19, 2015 voted 3-0 accept  
Motion to proceed with advertising Request for Proposal for a revaluation of the town voted 3-0 accept

TDS public access station channel...no progress...John Hikel said didn't need to keep it on the agenda

#### **New Business:**

Motion made to set the mil rate at 15.50 for the 2024/2025 tax year voted 3-0 accept

Signed approval to carry forward the remaining balance of the transfer station money \$39,743.66

Selectmen agreed with closing Town Office from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on August 1<sup>st</sup> for Trio Web training

#### **Other**

Chris shared Code of Ethics policy suggested by Auditor (1<sup>st</sup> Reading bring back)

Discussed John Deere Dozer...Chris to get purchase price and ask for a demo

John Hikel asked if there was a spill on Pleasant Street last week? Chris asked a spill of what kind and John was unsure. Chris stated that it was a few shovels of sludge from a tailgate leaving the facility. Mark Brooks also asked about Towle lawsuit? Chris stated still ongoing and expecting a call from attorneys tomorrow.

John said Lake level is high. Chris stated that we are allowed to be 12" above the top of the dam this time of year and we have not exceeded that.

#### **Public Forum (Agenda Items Only)**

Karen Towle asked how you increase the value of the town \$30 million without a revaluation?

Josh Berry stated that you are allowed to do adjustments across the board to adjust for certified ratio

Tom Kuespert concerned that the mil rate is too low at \$15.50.

Shirley Humphrey reemphasized the need for a revaluation and stated that it could take up to four years to achieve.

Jim Towle stated that the water level is perfect.

Bill Ramsdell announced his retirement in July of 2025

Neal Greenberg concerned about residual value of a new dozer.

Tom Kuespert asked John Hikel about the issue from last meeting? John stated that the issue went away and no reason to discuss.

George Greenwood stated John Deere has good reversing fans.

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn 7:02 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Littlefield

APPROVED