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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Oren Remick.

Selectmen Present: John Blanchard, Justin Bradshaw, Oren Remick

Public Present: Kurt Duval, Keith Merchand, Representative Tim Egan, Rocky Bunnell, Patricia Lang

1. Approval of the minutes from 4/27/21 Selectmen Meeting. Oren moved and John seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 4/27/21 Selectmen Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Public Input
 - a. Kurt Duvall stated he has put time into cleaning up the area around the Post Office and he is requesting permission to post the area so no one will dump grass clippings, etc, over the bank. The Selectmen approved the posting of the area.
 - b. Kurt Duvall stated he has been using his own trailer and tools for projects around the town and was wondering if a stipend could be received for the use of those items. The Selectmen noted this will need to be discussed further as it was not budgeted
3. Discussion items
 - a. Representative Egan stated he wanted to update the Selectmen on the Broadband project he spoke about in the past. He noted the spine will be built with the 17 million Grafton County is receiving for the American Relief Act and the Care Act. He stated no local vender has been pro-active in signing onto the project as

of yet. Currently there are about 6 towns that have joined the request for broadband improvements. Representative Egan stated he is looking to put together a group to provide input to the project. He noted Monroe has not committed yet.

Justin explained that Monroe is lucky in that approximately 90% of the town currently has access to internet and/or cable. Representative Egan stated this project would offer people a choice of providers if they want to change. He stated he will provide the Warrant wording to us.

- b. Patricia Lang updated the Selectmen on the Casella waste costs from Pete and Gerry's. She distributed an updated spreadsheet on the tonnage and costs for the past year. She stated Peter and Gerry's is asking for continuation of the agreement made in the past. The Selectmen noted that nothing was put in the budget for this as no information had been brought forward since mid-2020.

After discussing further, the decision was made to table the decision for a couple of weeks in order to look into other businesses in town and determine how best to move forward.

- c. Projects update
 - i. Town Hall mats – still on hold
 - ii. Security Cameras – still waiting on information
 - iii. Concrete work – need to get information on material that is needed and then work on bid
 - iv. Winter sand update – no bid will be required as only a small amount of sand is needed. Last year's provider will provide material at the rate approved last year – total amount should be less than \$2000 cost.

- 4. Items were approved.
 - a. Contract for Use of Monroe Town Hall – Men's bball.
 - b. Report of Excavation (1)
 - c. Report of Timber Cut (2)
 - d. Intent to Cut Timber (1)

Oren moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Gibson Smith, Administrative Assistant