

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the July 20th, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Molly Chapman
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Dale & Crystal Churchill
Cecil Merry Jeff Pelletier
Louie Batista Jack Easler
Rick Parlon Gary Mosher
Dari Hurley

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the July 6th, 2021, meeting minutes was approved as typed.

Justin Furbush motioned to accept the meeting minutes from July 6th as typed. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Municipal Parking Lot Paving Bid Specs

The board went over the detail specs for the invitation to bid on the Municipal Parking Lot.

2. Job Description for FD Independent Contractor for Secretarial Duties

This item was tabled.

3. Plowing Contractor, Pavement Plus, Letter Requesting Increase

Cecil Merry, owner of Pavement Plus Inc. was present to address the request to the board for an increase to the 2021-22 Plowing & Sanding Contract. Mr. Merry informed the board that he will not be pursuing an increase and is good with the budgeted amount.

4. Consent Agreement Map 15 Lot 4, Churchill

5. Board Request for AA to call Town Attorney

The board requested at the July 6th, 2021, meeting for the AA to contact the town lawyer and ask if he has been consulting Dale Churchill on the notice of violation that has been submitted to the board by the CEO. The town lawyer, Phil Mohlar informed the AA that he was the lawyer for Dale & Crystal Churchill for the purchase of the property that now has violations and if the town decided to pursue the violations in court the board would need to obtain new council.

6. Appointment of MSAD #54 Info on Term

The board questioned the appointment term for the MSAD #54 board seat that was required after the current board member resigned. The appointment certificate that

the board voted on and signed at the last meeting has the term expiring in 2025. The board wanted to make sure the replacement member did not have to be on the Annual Town Meeting ballot. The AA checked with Clerk and the Election manuals speak to the situation and confirm that the appointment can be for the remaining time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mercer Board of Selectmen, Boat Landing Culvert

The board invited the Mercer Selectmen board to discuss the installation of a culvert at the North Pond Boat Landing. Ricky Parlon will ask the culvert salesman Frank Olsen how much the middle piece of culvert will cost and when can we order and receive it to go with the other two pieces, we already have ready for pickup. Gary Mosher will talk with Rick Labbe and set a date for the boards and the contractor to meet at the boat landing to discuss costs and get a quote from Mr. Labbe. Nichole, AA will speak with Charlie Baeder and work on a contract to use for whichever contractor receives the job. The AA will also speak with Warren Brother's to see if they wanted to update their prior bid for the job with more details and submit.

2. Fire Department

The board of Mercer Selectmen asked the board and the Fire Dept. Officers if they were organizing a public hearing that was supposed to be scheduled for 2021 to see how the town's people felt about the Smithfield FD having a contract with Mercer to cover their fire and rescue needs.

The FD officers responded that the membership of the department has decreased and at this time they do not feel they can accommodate Mercer.

3. CMP LED Street Light Agreement

The board received documentation from CMP about a LED conversion of Street Lights. Municipalities are getting the option of entering into a 15-year agreement with the following: no upfront costs to change out the lights, after changing out – the program remains the same. If there is a problem with a light or if you need to make changes, CMP will continue to handle all of that.

Switching over to LED with a new contract is not mandatory. You can choose to do nothing, and we will continue to repair the existing lights until we can no longer get high pressure sodium replacement parts. At that point, we will automatically switch them as they fail to the current technology available at that time (likely still LED) with no new contract.

Justin Furbush motioned to enter into the agreement with CMP. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. APR Funding to Municipalities from Federal Government

The board received information about the APR funding to Non-Entitlement Units (Municipalities under 50K residents). The Feds estimated that Maine would receive \$119 million in funding. The sheets explain the refund program and shows that Smithfield will be receiving two payments equaling \$100,595.33.

5. MSAD #54 Referendum Warrant & Notice of Election

The board received a notice of election from MSAD #54 for an August Referendum. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Referendum Warrant. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #12-21

Molly Chapman motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #12-21. Justin Furbush seconded the motion. Motion passed.