

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES  
&  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

August 17, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
8:45 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN  
CORY HALE  
KAREN JAMES

**Public Hearing** – Eric opened the Public Hearing at 7pm (ad attached for reference and sign in sheet)

1. The board discussed the Tearcap/Hampshire St project that we discussed at town meeting, the total project came in at \$337,852, well under the anticipated amount of \$600,000 since the scope of the project has been altered. Discussed taking \$300,000 from fund balance at town meeting and suggest the use of road reserve funds to cover the remaining \$37,852. No objections from those present.
2. Due to the two major FEMA declared rainstorms from Dec 2022 and May 2023 the board suggested using \$56,500 from the Road Reserve account to cover the unanticipated emergency repairs. Any reimbursement funds will be placed back into the Road Reserve account. Expected reimbursement to be 75%. No input from those present
3. Discussed using \$16,834.93 from the Building Maintenance account to replace the Modine heater located at Station One (formerly known as SHFD). No objection
4. Discussed using \$15,628 from the Building Maintenance account to replace the ramp and railings at the town office. Received only one quote. No objections.
5. Discussed withdrawing \$35,000 from the Rescue Reserve account to pay for the towns share of the new Ford F450 rescue unit. This will bring the rescues in service to three units for the community.
6. Discussed the plans for the renovations to Soldiers Memorial Library, all funding is covered by a grant which was already awarded to FOSML. Concerns over the placement of the outside pavilion were heard such as obstructing neighborhood views, water run off onto adjacent lands, setback requirements, and concerns over after hour usage and loitering. Discussed placing signage addressing time and possibly putting the Wi-Fi on a timer. Those concerned discussed setting up a site visit to view the concerns and further discuss the project.

Public hearing was closed at 7:50

Board meeting was called to order with all 3 municipal officers present.

The board reviewed warrants from August 17 and signed them with no changes and signed the previously approved warrants from the August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The board reviewed minutes from the August 3 meeting and accepted as is.

The board approved usage of reserve funds discussed at the public hearing earlier in the evening items 1-5. Will schedule a site visit as soon as possible with the CEO, board members and

**Schnell/ Micro Brewery** – Emma received the attorney responses; next step is for the court to review the statements.

**FEMA** – received confirmation that the state will reimburse the town an additional 15% on the May declaration. We do not expect to receive any reimbursements until 2024. Cory will be able to attend the site visit for the bidders on August 31<sup>st</sup> for the Triptown Rd near Dr Teg Rd culvert at 3pm.

Wright/ Hampshire St – Norman called the office, the camper was more than he anticipated and still there, he has all but 2 vehicles removed and is looking for a way to remove the camper.

HFD Policy – set a board workshop date for August 31 at 7pm to review the proposed policy book.

Reviewed culvert pricing and approved ordering the needed culverts from Joey Eastman.

Board member received complaints regarding trees obstructing the view exiting New Settlement Rd onto So Hiram Rd, discussed with Greg and he stated he would speak with property owner.

Hampshire St – concern over developing potholes near 132 Hampshire that were previously patched after the May storm. Will ask Greg to look at, concern the road be getting undermined. Believe this damage is being looked at for the May FEMA reimbursement.

**Tearcap/ Hampshire St project** – Karen read an email sent by Deb Butler regarding the trees in the ROW. Asked staff to send an email to MMA legal for clarification. Trees are set to be cut next week. Approved getting an estimate from Wadsworth Woodlands for value of said trees.

Signed the following:

1. Abatements for Zelman Brothers Holdings due to erroneous tree growth penalties and issued supplements for the 2023 tax year on both parcels once back in the program .
2. Stanley Burying Ground Warrant for pump replacement.
3. Apple Acres on-site liquor license.

32 Main St – discussed health concerns over debris left on premise. Virginia Curit has moved out of state and has stated she has no plans to clean up the property. The property will probably become tax acquired this year if no one pays the outstanding taxes from 2021.

Trafton Way – Eliza Conant Wiesner contacted the office and stated she had never been taxed for the camp which has been located on her parcel for 30 years, Map R6-29E. Cory offered to go measure the building so we can issue her supplemental tax bills. Will need to assign the camp an E911 number.

Pledge of Allegiance – it was mentioned several other towns start their board meeting with the pledge of allegiance and made a motion to start doing so here.

Reviewed the Sacopee Rescue Unit run report for July.

Jensen Baird invitation to the annual legislative update being held Sept 14  
Oxford County Budget meeting will be held August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marylou Stacey