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**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Monday, February 14th, 2022
7:00 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room
Floor Two**

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COLEBROOKTOWN CLERK

Board Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

(none)

Others Present:

Sandra Kelsey – Kelsey Law, LLC
Andy Kebalo, Pres. Bobriwka
Luciano Magliulo – Resident Bohun
Anna Magliulo – Resident Bohun
Dean Barth – Resident - Bohun
Cheryl Kebalo
Tabitha Barth – Resident Bohun

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
- 2) The minutes of the January 10th, 2022, meeting were distributed and read, there being no changes, the minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Public Comment:
 - a) Andy Kebalo gave a brief description of how Bobriwka was established in 1955, the sub-division of property in 1972 and the development of Mazepa and Bohun Roads which are owned by Bobriwka. In 1980 the first house was built on Bohun Road and the owner of that house maintained the road for 15 years. Since then, two more homes have been built on Bohun Road and Bobriwka has continued to maintain the roads and charges the landowners a fee to cover the cost for maintenance. At the present time Bobriwka lacks the volunteers and equipment to maintain the roads and has advised the land owners that the fees to maintain the roads will increase. Bobriwka has offered to establish a roadway association to allow the owners to have a voice in the upkeep of the roadways but that offer has been met with resistance. Bobriwka is approaching the town of Colebrook to determine the feasibility of turning the roadways over to the town.
 - b) Sandra Kelsey also stated that Bobriwka does not have neither the financial or equipment resources to maintain the roads and requested to know what the procedure is for the town to take over the ownership of the roads.
 - c) The homeowners discussed their frustrations with the condition of the roads, the rising cost for maintenance of the roads and also requested that the town of Colebrook take ownership of Mazepa and Bohun roads which are privately owned by the Bobriwka Corporation.
- 4) Discuss Mazepa/Bohun Road: 1st Selectman Johnstone discussed that before the town would consider taking ownership of the roads that they would have to meet Connecticut DOT standards. He also explained that the town of Colebrook has retained the legal services of Murtha – Cullina to represent the town regarding Bobriwka's request for the town to assume ownership of Mazepa and Bohun roads. Until the town hears from our attorney the town is in no position to render any sort of decision or enter into any further discussions regarding this request.

- 18) FY 22/23 Budget: 1st Selectman Johnstone is working on the budget and will schedule a workshop with the Board of Selectman before presentation to the BOF.
- 19) Fire Department Tax Abatements: On a motion by Kate Kennedy to approve the tax abatement for the Colebrook Volunteer fire Department for 2021 Grand List, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed, unanimous.
- 20) Tax Refunds: On a motion by Kate Kennedy to approve tax refunds for the following individuals; (Mike DeAngelis-\$152.56, Mike DeAngelis-\$10.57, Dominick Guarna-\$28.80, Joshua Guarna-\$143.62, Mark Platosh-\$20.68, Toyota Lease Trust-\$584.82, Duncan Wilber-\$25.52) seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
- 21) On a motion by Kate Kennedy to pay bills, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
- 22) Other Business:
 - a) Shred Day: Motion by Kate Kennedy for the Town to host a community shred day, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
 - b) Capital improvement Program: On a motion by Kate Kennedy to approve the 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Program funded at \$450,000., and forward to the Board of Finance for approval, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed, unanimous.
 - c) Supplemental Appropriation: On a motion by Kate Kennedy to request a supplemental request in the amount of \$176,934., to cover the undesignated shortfall of \$218,244 created by the Shantry project STEAP Grant which was added to the FY 2021/22 CIP, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
- 23) Recreation Board Request: Request for \$1,652., for the fishing derby was approved by the board of selectman.
- 24) Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM on motion by Kate Kennedy, seconded by Ernie Marmer. Motion passed unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Johnstone
First Selectman