

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Monday March 14, 2022
7:00 PM
Selectman's Meeting Room
Floor One**

Board Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

(none)

Others Present:

Joyce Hemingson

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- 2) Public Comment: Joyce Hemingson spoke for the Conservation Commission requesting \$10,000 in ARPA funds for Natural Resources Inventory. This would be a several year project to include a pollinator garden. Kate Kennedy inquired what properties and would they need to get permission from landowners. Joyce responded they would be mostly Town and Land Conservancy properties. The Natural Resource inventory would include insects, birds and plants. The \$10,000.00 amount comes from a private quote, but the CT Botanical society may be able to do it for free. This would also include geological features.
- 3) The minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular meeting and the February 24, 2022 special meeting were distributed and read. There being no changes, both minutes were approved as written.
- 4) Road Foreman's report: ok, no comments.
- 5) Pinney St., Sandy Brook and Old Creamery Rd. bridges were briefed.
- 6) Discussion of marijuana moratorium, P & Z was to approve, will then come to the Board of Selectman for approval.
- 7) Discussion of Affordable housing plan. Survey is out and going well.
- 8) Discussion of ARPA funds, still in limbo.
- 9) A motion was made by Christopher Johnstone and seconded by Ernie Marmer to hire a new assessor. They will work 40 days per year. Salary is \$30,000.00 with no benefits.
- 10) Discussion of meeting with Greg Zupkus of BNE energy, Kate will check dates that work and let Chris know.
- 11) Reviewed FY 21/22 budget.
- 12) Discussed budget FY 22/23.
- 13) A motion was made by Ernie Marmer, seconded by Kate Kennedy to approve tax refunds to (Gordon Coleman \$18.38, VW Credit Leasing \$137.72, Harry Gagnon \$100.74, Jonathan Durant \$371.74, Colebrook Tax Collector for Jonathan Durant \$200.84, John Parisi \$44.43, and Colebrook Tax Collector for Nicole Coyle \$331.75) Motion passed unanimous.
- 14) A motion was made by Ernie Marmer to pay bills as presented, seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed unanimous.
- 15) A motion was made by Kate Kennedy, seconded by Ernie Marmer to add a Rec. Board appointment to the agenda. Motion passed unanimous. A motion was made by Kate Kennedy, seconded by Ernie Marmer to appoint Peter Gove to the Rec. Board. Motion passed unanimous.
- 16) Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM on motion by Christopher Johnstone, seconded by Ernie Marmer. Motion passed unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Johnstone
First Selectman