

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting
Monday July 11th, 2022
7:00PM**

Selectman's conference Room

Board Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

(none)


Others Present:

Joyce Hemingson
Linda Bickford
Vickie Licciardi
William Jasmin

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.
- 2) The minutes of the 6 June 2022, 13 June 2022, special meetings were distributed and read. There being no changes, all minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Pisgah Mountain Road - Joyce Hemingson distributed information about Pisgah Mountain Road, which included a "History Byte" by Robert Grigg, Colebrook Center 1811" " Connecticut Botanical Society Field Trip Report" dated June 6th, 1992, an extract from the "Colebrook Town Plan of Conservation and Development" dated 2004, "Pisgah Mountain Road, Native Plants" dated 2022, Pisgah Mountain Road dated May 9th, 2022. Johnstone provided a copy of the ordinance "Establishing Pisgah Mountain Road as a scenic Road" dated March 29, 1989 and a "Request for Technical Assistance – Town of Colebrook Pisgah Mountain Road Field Review" dated May 29th, 2022 from the T2 Training and Technical Assistance Center. Discussion centered on the maintenance activities undertaken by the DPW, the sensitive nature of Pisgah Mountain Road the history and ecological significance of and the reason why it was designated as a scenic road. In summary, it was agreed that the DPW will consult with the Conservation Commission before conducting road maintenance in the future and will apply a more natural mix of processed round stone mix to the areas where gravel was used to repair a washout.
- 4) Public Comment – Vickie Licciardi discussed the situation with bears and trash.
- 5) Road Foreman's report was distributed and read. There being no discussion it was accepted.
- 6) Correspondence – tabled, no discussion.
- 7) Lifeguards for Town Pond – Johnstone explained that the Town has hired four individuals however, the ideal number would be six. Ernie Marmer is going to check with a local swim team to see if any individuals are interested in applying for a job.
- 8) Disposition of Generator – On a motion by Ernie Marmer to authorize The Department of Public Works to list the generator for sale on the Municipal Bid list, seconded by Kate Kennedy, motion passed unanimous.
- 9) Update on Pinney Street, Sandy Brook and Creamery road Bridges - Johnstone explained that there are no changes, still waiting for the State of Connecticut to release the grant money for Pinney Street Bridge and that the Sandy Brook and

- Creamery Road bridges are at the one hundred percent design and expect bid packages to be published next spring with construction to begin in April 2023.
- 10) Pension Plan – On a motion by Kate Kennedy to appoint the following individuals to the Town Pension Plan Committee, Kate Adams, John Burrows, Amy Gardner, Chris Johnstone and Duncan Wilber, for a term of two years, effective, 11 July 2022, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
 - 11) On a motion by Kate Kennedy to appoint Chris Johnstone to the Hogback Watershed Recreation Commission for a term of two years effective, 11 July 2022, seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
 - 12) Smith Hill Road – Johnstone summarized the plans for the replacement of culvert pipes on Losaw and Smith Hill Road. Murtha-Cullina has sent a letter to the home owner to explain the process.
 - 13) Prock Hill Road –Johnstone discussed correspondence received from the Town stating that the homeowner’s attorney will address their request with the Connecticut DOT as this will not involve the town.
 - 14) Historical Society – tabled, no discussion.
 - 15) Reviewed 22/23 Budget, no discussion.
 - 16) Reviewed 21/22 Budget, expenditures to date equal ninety-nine percent of the budget. Johnstone explained that not all of the end of the year bills have been received and once all of the accounts have been paid there may be a deficit.
 - 17) On a motion by Kate Kennedy to approve tax refunds for (Michael Haas \$6.35, Corrine Roudi \$2,748.10) seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed unanimous.
 - 18) Paid bills as presented.
 - 19) Other business –
 - a) Johnstone discussed Electric Vehicle charging stations and grants that are available to offset the cost. Johnstone will research the grant process.
 - b) Johnstone discussed that the State of Connecticut has announced the availability of STEAP Grants up to \$500K for Town infrastructure projects. Closing date for applying is mid-August. DPW has proposed three paving projects, Fritz Road, Rock hall road and the Town Hall parking lot. The State recommends that the Town application include a twenty percent cost share.
 - c) Kate Kennedy discussed the Delaney/Hale property on Smith Hill road. Stating that this may be a possible location for affordable housing.
 - 20) On a motion by Kate Kennedy, seconded by Ernie Marmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Motion passed, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christopher Johnstone
First Selectman