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**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Monday June 5, 2023

7:00PM

Selectman's conference Room

COLEBROOK TOWN CLERK

Board Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

(none)

Others Present

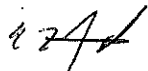
Debi McKeon
Harry White
Anne Marie White

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Public Comment: None
3. The minutes of the May 8th, 2023 meeting were distributed and read, there being no changes, they were accepted as presented.
4. Road Foreman's Report: No comments or questions.
5. Service entrance cable request. Harry and Ann Marie White discussed the tree that fell onto their service entrance cable causing damage to their electrical service entrance cable, meter box and 100amp weather head connector. They incurred a cost of \$1,929.43 to repair and restore their electrical service. The following discussion centered on who bore the responsibility for the tree and what caused the tree to fall. The Whites felt that the construction work occurring on the Sandy Brook Road bridge caused the tree to fall. It was agreed by all that this was a dead, diseased Beech Tree. The tree is 52 feet from the centerline of the Town owned road, it is not located in the construction zone of the Sandy Brook Road Bridge work zone and is clearly owned by the adjacent landowner. At the previous Board of Selectman's meeting a vote denied the White's reimbursement for this expenditure and it was decided that no further action would be taken. After the Whites had departed the meeting, the Board of Selectman re-visited the issue. First Selectman Johnstone asked the other two Selectman if they would consider reimbursing the Whites for a portion of the cost for the repair of their service. This request was based on showing a good faith effort on the part of the Town. First Selectman Johnstone made a motion to authorize a payment of \$900.00, to cover approximately one half of the cost of the repair, motion was seconded by Ernie Marmer, motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. A motion was made by Kate Kennedy, seconded by Ernie Marmer authorizing First Selectman Chris Johnstone to sign the Hartford Healthcare paramedic services contract. Motion passed unanimous.
7. Appoint a person to the Western Connecticut Tourism District. Tabled until next BOS Meeting.
8. A motion was made by Chris Johnstone, seconded by Ernie Marmer to enter executive session at 8:08 pm. A motion was made by Chris Johnstone, seconded

by Ernie Marmer to exit executive session at 8:22pm, seconded by Ernie Marmer. No motions were made, no votes were taken.

9. Discussed lifeguards. Discussed the shortage of lifeguards, at this point we only have one confirmation and possibly two more people that are interested in becoming lifeguards. Due to this shortage, the discussion focused on the possibility of opening the town pond with lifeguards only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Signage will need to be ordered to satisfy insurance requirements. If swimming is allowed on the remaining days when there are no lifeguards on duty, then this would be at the risk of the individual(s) using the pond.
10. Discussed changing elected positions to hired positions. Positions that were considered are the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector. No action taken.
11. Discussed Old Creamery and Sandy Brook Road bridges. Total payment to NJR Construction to date are \$408,392.68.
12. Discussed Pinney Street Bridge. Minor work has begun with the cutting of Trees. Major construction work scheduled to begin in August.
13. Reviewed Budget FY 22/23.
14. A motion was made by Ernie Marmer, seconded by Kate Kennedy to approve a tax refund for (Josh Jasmin \$15.09) Motion passed unanimous.
15. Paid bills as presented.
16. A motion was made by Chris Johnstone to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Johnstone, 1st Selectman