

Minutes
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021
Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road

Present for the Selectboard: Phil Kantor, Chair; Bob Armstrong, Erica Goleman

Others Present: Véronique Blanchard, Town Administrator; Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Call to Order Phil called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes On a motion from Phil to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2021 as amended, Bob seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Warrants On a motion from Phil to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant W22-05 for \$277,940.71, the Payroll Warrant PW22-05 for \$88,762.57 and the Payroll Deduction Warrant PDW-22-05 for \$21,307.50 Bob seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Meetings Attended by Select Board Members Bob had a Conservation Commission meeting. Erica had no meetings. Phil had no meetings.

Public Comments None

Old Business None

New Business Recommendation from Lee Whitcomb to appoint Laurie Lucier as Assessors' Clerk. The job had been posted two weeks ago, and Laurie was the only applicant. She would like to move to the Town Hall to give more coverage to the public. The Board of Health would swap places with Laurie's current office in the Town Office. **On a motion from Phil to approve the appointment Bob seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting It was noted that Conway's population had gone down by 8% from the last census, and that diversity also declined. Average family income went from \$68,000 to \$89,000. With income increasing and population declining, the percentage of municipal revenue will decrease. It's possible the calculations made to get to the decline in population are erroneous, perhaps because some Conway residents have Williamsburg and Shelburne Falls post office delivery addresses. Supposedly Franklin County lost 200 residents, and it would be unusual if 180 of that loss was from Conway.

Town Administrator update No update this week.

Select Board member comments and concerns None

Mail There have been email complaints on the loss of electricity on Main Poland Road where the Nexamp array is located. Eversource has responded with documentation that the loss was due to a tree falling. If no calls are made to the number they have available for complaints, they can't follow up. Bob said that Nexamp should be aware that Eversource is saying it's not them. Bob continued that he had an email from ? Hardy (?) who is interested in a community host agreement with Conway. Phil said we should put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Announcements

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 30 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill

Adjourn

At 6:20 p.m. on a motion from Phil to adjourn, Bob seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.