

Jackson, Stephen - Cemetery Commission
Kantor, Philip - FRCOG, Rep. to the FRCOG Council
King, Dusty - Community Preservation Committee
Larson, Grace - Conservation Commission
Lynch, Patricia - Council on Aging, Chair
Nowak, Robert - Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Nowak, Robert - Conservation Commission
Pawlikowski, Elizabeth - Agricultural Commission
Sullivan, Gayle - Cultural Council
Sweet, Ronald - FRCOG, Sign-Making Program Council Rep
Sweet, Ronald - Public Buildings Committee
Thayer, Carolyn - Council on Aging
Tiley, Margaret - Council on Aging

Vote on Germain Scholarships

On a motion from Phil to award each of the seven applicants a scholarship of \$1,750 Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote to extend Community Compact agreement with FRCOG

Bob Dean presented for the FRCOG with a request to extend the end date of the Community Compact Agreement from June 30th to December 31st of 2022. He is currently working with Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers to bring their introductory class to an online platform at Greenfield Community College. The plan is to transition their course 200 and to record video of the instructor teaching each section via PowerPoint so that it can be offered in an asynchronous online setting statewide through GCC. **On a motion from Phil to sign the memorandum of understanding to extend the Community Compact agreement with FRCOG, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Vote to approve Order of Taking of Easement for Assessor's Tax Map 102 Lot 2.1, and Notice of Taking.

We are here to adopt an Order of Taking as a result of the town meeting vote, giving the Selectboard the authority to take an easement by eminent domain. The document must be filed with the Registry of Deeds within 30 days. The Notice of Taking is then sent to the parties affected via certified mail, the damages of \$16,100 mentioned in the Notice being the amount of the payment. **On a motion from Phil to adopt the Order of Taking and the Notice of Taking to provide for the taking of Assessor's Tax Map 102 Lot 2.1, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Mary Wigmore update on final carbon credit report

Tabled, as Mary Wigmore was unable to attend the meeting. Scheduled for the next Selectboard meeting.

Town Administrator request to move from a .com to a .gov domain

Véronique explained that a .gov extension results in less of a security risk. She said that the timing of this transition is important in that it should happen before the website conversion from WordPress to RocketFusion. **On a motion from Phil to switch from .com to a .gov Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

ARPA request from town administrator for funds to switch website to RocketFusion and for Zoom account payments

Montague WebWorks has accounts with a number of area towns, and hosting is \$100/month. Montague WebWorks provides training and has modules for self-training. The cost is \$4,000 for setup/migration. **On a motion from Erica to support the transfer from WordPress to Montague WebWorks in the amount of \$5,200, Phil seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

The conference phone hasn't been used in a long time, and Véronique proposes to

use ARPA funds to cover conference lines and Zoom. It was decided to table this item and get more input from the schools on switching from zoom to GoogleMeet before making a decision.

Town Clerk software request

This request is in the town's interest because it will increase speed and accuracy. Record-keeping is currently being done using old Excel spreadsheets, which are prone to error. The total cost is \$6,362.25 and maintenance is \$500/year on each module, but the Clerk can absorb the maintenance cost for FY23. The software is compatible with what we already use. **On a motion from Phil to approve using ARPA funding in the amount of \$6,362.25, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

A letter to Senator Michael J. Barrett and Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, regarding the double poles in town has been prepared. The poles are unsightly and a hazard, particularly in the downtown area. Phil said that the letter is being sent to persuade the authorities to allow towns to enforce the law, which is currently not enforced. **On a motion from Phil to sign the letter regarding double poles in Conway, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Town Administrator update June 21, 2022

- Jan Ameen and Lynn Rose held a virtual town administrator OSHA training last week which I attended. It is clear that a great deal has changed in transfer station management since municipalities became subject to OSHA rules, and in the upcoming years changes will have to be made to comply with the safety standards, such as creating a barrier to the open chute of the trash compactor. Jan is available in August to come to a selectboard meeting to discuss all things transfer station related, which I would highly recommend to the board.
- The Public Buildings committee met on June 9th to discuss the Notice of Intent for the Conservation Commission, the scope of work for the survey and obtaining the septic/leach field plan. To date 5 companies have been approached about providing a survey, and the trench has been dug and pipe laid for hooking up the new well to the existing building. Rep. Natalie Blais will be coming to visit the site on Monday, June 27th to discuss the following initiative: *“Representative Blais filed legislation in the House to create an independent public authority, similar to existing authorities that help finance municipal school buildings and libraries, that will administer matching funds for local public safety and municipal office buildings. Assistance would be provided to municipalities for the construction of new municipal public safety or municipal office buildings or for the remediation or improvement of such existing public safety or municipal buildings. Municipalities could receive up to \$1,000,000 of assistance for each project and shall be required to contribute no less than 50 percent of the costs of any funded project.”*

Select Board member comments/concerns

None

Mail

Conway's opt-out of aerial spraying has been acknowledged by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Announcements

Selectboard has been invited on June 27 to celebration for retiring Auditor Suzanne Bump at the FRCOG.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 27th, 6:00 p.m. Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road and available via Zoom.

Adjourn

At 7:27 p.m. on a motion from Phil to adjourn, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.