

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2022

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Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Clem Bennenson & John Altman

Bob Gross

Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Bennison expressed his desire to swap his Wight's pond landing property for the 190 acres the Town purchased along Winslow stream last year. He proposed giving the Town the landing (and access to it), land parcels for future cemetery and town office (approximately 50 acres of the 190 acres), along with cash. Mr. Bennenson has no desire to have his property taken by eminent domain. The Board assured Clem that that is the last thing the town wishes to do but past attempts to speak directly with him failed, prior offers to purchase were turned down, and the subsequent counter offers with short/finite term access were unacceptable to the Board.

The Board thanked Clem for coming in to meet face to face, and assured him that the Board will consider his offer and looks forward to further negotiations.

Bob Gross presented his request for a raise for his Animal Control Officer service. He has been serving as ACO for 23 years and has never received a raise on his annual \$900 stipend. He requested an additional \$900 for a total of \$1,800, plus expenses (mileage, stamps, office supplies, etc). Board approved a \$700 raise plus mileage. The Board will require quarterly reports.

Bailey reviewed the alewife related draft town warrant articles and provided some editing on the Alewife Harvest Plan (T 29).

Bailey reported that MDOT will be on site to look at the Mill stream culvert next Tuesday (1/17). The inspection will take place at low tide to expose the scour of the footings.

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Hatch reported that Leroy Cherette will purchase the old school bus for \$500. He will be given two weeks to remove it from the transfer station.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #1 in the amount of \$102,603.24.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.