

## Selectboard Minutes Thursday October 22 2020. 8am

- Attendance: John Ogden, Michael Jeffery, Steven Hall, Andrea Ogden, Chrystal Cleary, Esther Fishman
- Last meeting's minutes were approved
- Payorders were signed
- Compensation for extra hours from just after Town Meeting March through the end of August by the Clerk due to Covid. The board asked some questions about the extra time, the Clerk described the two primary drivers of this necessity: the August primary (timely response to and logging of ballot requests- 53- and returns, assembling and stamping of outgoing ballot packets) and distance requirements for Covid safety (vault hours by appointment only, one researcher at a time, cleansing, uptick in property sales and appraisals for refinance motivated by Covid migrations and favorable interest rates right when everyone needs to be spaced out) This matter will be discussed further in deliberative session where the Clerk is not present.
- conference call system purchase was tabled to wait for more guidance for Town Meeting - live? Zoomed? hybrid? Paper ballot? We will plan for this and await guidance from the Sec fo State's office and VLCT as to how to safely conduct Town Meeting during pandemic, assuming the pandemic continues into March.
- Michael's meeting with the Auditors was useful to clarify their needs. 1. A periodic professional audit, say every 5 years. The SB has found this cost to be a bit shocking, and the Treasurer has found the firms contacted a bit reluctant to take on the job, so this will take more reaching out to achieve.  
2. The auditors and Michael will interview a retired CPA from Dorset to see if she has the knowledge that can help our specific needs. The auditors asked Andrea to put together questions about how we use QuickBooks for that interview. 3. They need the 3rd Auditor.
- The speed radar sign has been effective in slowing people down, hard data will not be available for either location until after the sign comes down.
- Prioritizing policies (some required for grants). Michael drew up a spreadsheet of Policies so the SB can begin to sort them out. Some must be approved by the SB, others can only be approved by the Voters at Town Meeting. Some are legally required, and others are "nice to have." Michael distributed a model Conflict of Interest Policy for discussion and explained how having this codified will be helpful to the Town, for example. The SB read the list and identified top priority policies to draft.
- Esther Fishman presented the every-five-years revised Solid Waste Implementation Plan for SB approval. This plan is posted in its entirety on the Town of Londonderry website for public viewing. It is anticipated that costs for trash will go up in the next year or so as haulers buy each other up and contracts with our transfer station run out and new ones are sought.

- The Selectboard approved contracting with Will Goodwin for power-washing the spiders and green grime off the Town Hall and replacing some rotted wood.