

Town of Amherst, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Barbara Landry Meeting Room 2 Main Street Monday, July 13, 2020 7:00PM

| 1 | 1. Call to Order |
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| 2 | Chairman Peter Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. |
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| 4 | Attendees by Zoom conference call: Chairman Peter Lyon, Selectman Dwight Brew, |
| 5 | Selectman Reed Panasiti, and Selectman Tom Grella. |
| 6 | Also, present: Town Administrator Dean Shankle, Minute taker Kristan Patenaude. |
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| 8 | Other attendees and the public accessed the meeting via Zoom. |
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| 10 | Chairman Lyon explained that, pursuant to the State of Emergency declared by the |
| 11 | Governor as a result of the COVID19 pandemic and in accordance with his Emergency |
| 12 | Order #12, this meeting is authorized to take place electronically. There is no physical |
| 13 | location to observe and listen to this meeting. However, in accordance with the |
| 14 | Emergency Order, we are: |
| 15 | Utilizing Zoom teleconferencing for this meeting. All members of the Board have the |
| 16 | ability to communicate during the meeting through this platform and the public has access |
| 17 | to contemporaneously listen and if necessary participate in the meeting by dialing $+1646$ |
| 18 | 558 8656 and using a webinar ID of 844-8933-1066 or by using the link contained in the |
| 19 20 | agenda posted at amherstnh.gov. |
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| 21 | Notice of the meeting and means to access it were previously posted in accordance with |
| 22 | law. Members of the public that have phoned into the meeting can raise their hand by |
| 23 | pressing the *9 on their phone, in order to make it known that they would like to speak to |
| 24 | the Board. If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting, please call 603-440-8248 for |
| 25 26 | assistance. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be |
| 26 27 | adjourned and rescheduled. |
| 27 28 | All votes will be taken by roll call and for ease, in alphabetical order. |
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| 29 30 | This meeting will begin with a joint public hearing with the Amherst Conservation |
| 30 31 | Commission (ACC) regarding the proposed acceptance of a land easement. The previous |
| 31 | statement applies to the public hearing as well. |
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| 36 | The Board started by taking a roll call vote and stating if they were alone. |
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| 38 | Roll call vote: Selectman Brew – present; Selectman Grella – present; Selectman Panasiti |
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| 39 40 | – present; Chairman Lyon – present. All noted themselves as being alone. |
| 41 | 2. <u>ACC, BOS PUBLIC HEARING</u> |
| 42 | The Amherst Board of Selectmen, per NH RSA 31:95-e, II, hereby announces to the |
| 43 | citizens of Amherst the convening of a Public Hearing to take input on the acceptance of |
| 44 | an easement located at Lot 6-88/14 Pavilion Road, Amherst, NH. |
| 45 | Map & Lot: 06/088/000 |
| 46 | Owner of Record: GLEASON TRUSTEE JOHN L. |
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| 48 | Jared Hardner, Vice Chair of the ACC, opened the ACC meeting with roll call attendance |
| 49 | at 6:35pm: |
| 50 | Vick Bennison, Rob Clemens, Mike Cohen, Jared Hardner, Rich Hart, Frank |
| 51 | Montesanto, and Bill Stoughton – all present and noted as being alone. |
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| 53 | Jared Hardner explained that the proposal is for the gift of a conservation easement to the |
| 54 | Town of Amherst. Jack Gleason, former ACC Commissioner, passed away in August |
| 55 | 2018. Before he passed, Jack Gleason had expressed interest to Rob Clemens to conserve |
| 56 | land around Weston Pond (aka Little Baboosic Lake), in order to protect the water quality |
| 57 | and wildlife habitat there. As part of that goal, he discussed gifting Lot 6-88, |
| 58 | approximately 6 acres, to the Town as a conservation easement. The ACC is |
| 59 | recommending that the Board of Selectmen accept this gift. |
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| 61 | Jared Hardner explained that the lot is surrounded by a mosaic of conservation land and |
| 62 | these work together as a composite to maintain certain conservation functions, such as |
| 63 | hydrology and water quality. The continuity of conservation lands is important, but it is |
| 64 | also better to have more conservation lands in order to maintain their functions. He |
| 65 66 | showed the state-wide and regional prioritization maps that display the importance of the |
| 67 | land and surrounding areas. |
| 68 | Jared Harder explained that the easement agreement shows that the land ownership will |
| 69 | be retained by the grantor. The town will be allowed passive recreation rights, with |
| 70 | approval by the grantor. There is no cost to the town to receive or manage the easement. |
| 71 | This will be a meaningful contribution to conserve the Town's landscape. |
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| 73 | A MOTION was made by Frank Montesanto and SECONDED by Rich Hart to open the |
| 74 | public hearing. |
| 75 | Vick Bennison – aye; Rob Clemens – aye; Mike Cohen – aye; Jared Hardner – aye; Rich |
| 76 | Hart – aye; Frank Montesanto – aye; motion carried unanimously. |
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| 78 | In response to a question from Rich Hart, Jared Hardner explained that the grantor is |
| 79 | responsible for all maintenance of the property. |
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| 81 | There was no other public comment. |
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| 83 | The ACC voted to support the acceptance of the proposed easement, and to pass along |
| 84 | the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for final decision. |

| 85 | Vick Bennison – aye; Rob Clemens – aye; Mike Cohen – aye; Jared Hardner – aye; Rich |
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| 86 | Hart – aye; Frank Montesanto – aye; motion carried unanimously. |
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| 88 | A MOTION was made by Vick Bennison and SECONDED by Frank Montesanto to close |
| 89 | the public hearing at 6:45pm. |
| 90 | Vick Bennison – aye; Rob Clemens – aye; Mike Cohen – aye; Jared Hardner – aye; Rich |
| 91 | Hart – aye; Frank Montesanto – aye; motion carried unanimously. |
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| 93 | Selectman Brew stated that this is a very nice gift on behalf of the Gleason family. He |
| 94 | agreed that the Board should accept the easement. |
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| 96 | Chairman Lyon explained that Selectman D'Angelo is without internet access at this time |
| 97 | and will join the meeting when he is able. |
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| 99 | Selectman Grella stated that this is a wonderful gesture by a wonderful man. The Town is |
| 100 | very grateful. |
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| 102 | Selectman Panasiti stated that he believes the easement gift is a wonderful idea. |
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| 104 | In response to a question from Selectman Panasiti, Jared Hardner stated that there is |
| 105 | potential access to Little Baboosic Lake via the nearby Morgan Lot, which is also |
| 106 | conservation land. The area does not receive much visitation. Rob Clemens added that |
| 107 | there is no public boat launch for the lake, but there is a place to launch kayaks. |
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| 109 | Chairman Lyon stated that this is a generous gift from the Gleason family and the Town |
| 110 | is very thankful. |
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| 112 | A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti, to, on |
| 113 | behalf of the Town of Amherst, accept the conservation easement at 14 Pavilion Road as |
| 114 | described in the easement deed enclosed from the John L. Gleason Revocable Trust and |
| 115 | to authorize the Town Administrator to sign all related documents. |
| 116 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman Grella – aye; Selectman Panasiti – |
| 117 | aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 4-0-0; motion carried unanimously. |
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| 119 | 3. Citizen's Forum |
| 120 | Stephanie Wales joined the meeting. She explained that she has recently been dealing |
| 121 | with an excessive amount of noise at her home, primarily due to fireworks. She has |
| 122 | written a couple of letters to the Board on this subject. She believes there is a general |
| 123 | concern from many of her neighbors regarding this noise. She would like the Board to |
| 124 | discuss how noise violations can be enforced. She explained that, in speaking to Police |
| 125 | Chief Reams, there was discussion that this could be considered disorderly conduct, but |
| 126 | she would like a less ambiguous interpretation of this, if there is a certain intensity and |
| 127 | frequency of the noise. As a taxpayer and citizen of the Town, she feels that she has very |
| 128 | limited options to improve the situation and she is frustrated. She believes she has enough |
| 129 | information at this time to apply for a tax abatement and prove that this is a serious |
| 130 | enough problem to be granted one. She would also like for there to be some clarity in |

| 131 132 | regard to the chain of communication when complaints are made to the dispatch center, as she and her neighbors have been told different things when calling in complaints. |
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| 134 | Chairman Lyon acknowledged that the Board has recently received about a half dozen |
| 135 | emails regarding this issue. He suggested that the he discuss this with Town |
| 136 | Administrator Shankle and Police Chief Reams, and then the Board discuss it further at a |
| 137 | future public meeting. |
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| 139 | Stephanie Wales stated that she would also like to discuss what constitutes a complaint. |
| 140 | She believes that some of the complaints being made were not recorded because the noise |
| 141 | issue was not happening at the time the complaint was placed. She doesn't want |
| 142 | semantics to get in the way of the number of complaints being made on this issue. |
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| 144 | Chairman Lyon stated that he has the utmost respect and faith that Police Chief Reams |
| 145 | will find a way to deal with this issue. The Board will have another public discussion of |
| 146 | this item at its next meeting. |
| 140 | this term at its next meeting. |
| 148 | 4. Appointments |
| 149 | 4.1 Master Plan Steering Committee BOS Representative |
| 150 | Selectman Brew explained that the Planning Board is beginning to start the Master Plan |
| 151 | update. In order to move the process along, the Planning Board has asked him to lead the |
| 152 | Steering Committee for now, in order to appoint new members. He is working to identify |
| 153 | how to fill out the Committee with a broad section of the community. He requested that |
| 154 | the Board of Selectmen nominate him as the Board of Selectmen representative to the |
| 155 | Committee. |
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| 157 | The Board agreed with Selectman Brew as the representative to the Steering Committee. |
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| 159 | In response to a question from Selectman Panasiti, Selectman Brew stated that there will |
| 160 | be 9-10 members on the Committee. This includes: one rep from the Board of Selectman, |
| 161 | two reps from the Planning Board, one rep from the Schools, one rep from the ACC, |
| 162 | possible reps from the Historic District Commission and/or Heritage Commission, and |
| 163 | three public members. |
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| 165 | Selectman Brew explained that there could additionally be 3-5 Chairs from the varying |
| 166 | subcommittees also attending Steering Committee meetings. |
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| 168 | The Board discussed the possibility of having a rep from the Zoning Board of |
| 169 | Adjustment as well. |
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| 171 | Chairman Lyon stated that the Planning Board sets the Steering Committee. He |
| 172 | recommended that Selectman Brew take the Board of Selectmen's comments back to the |
| 173 | Planning Board for review. |
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| 176 | 4.2 Capital Improvements Plan Committee members – <i>this item was moved to</i> |
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| 178 | 5. Administration |
| 180 | 5.1 Administrator's Report |
| 180 | Town Administrator Shankle explained that the Governor has given authorization to |
| 181 | the Board of Selectmen to help towns with their tax situations via Executive Order |
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| 183 | #58. The Board does not need to do anything with this tonight, as the town is still |
| 184 | putting together the revenue numbers. |
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| 186 | Town Administrator Shankle explained that, when look at the tax due date plus nine |
| 187 | days, last year at this time 94.68% of taxes had been received, in comparison to |
| 188 | 92.16% this year. |
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| 190 | Selectman John D'Angelo joined the meeting via phone. |
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| 192 | Town Administrator Shankle explained that he would like to look at a new software |
| 193 | module to create meeting agendas. The new module will require all department heads |
| 194 | to send in their information for the meeting on a form. This information will then all |
| 195 | be stored in the cloud. The module comes with a portal that will allow the public to |
| 196 | access all of the backup information that the Board can see. This is good for |
| 197 | transparency to the public. Each Selectmen will also get his own copy of the agenda |
| 198 | packet through this module, allowing each to take notes directly on the electronic |
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| 201 | In response to a question from Selectman Brew, Town Administrator Shankle stated |
| 202 | that the new module will still allow for the packets to be output as pdfs. This is |
| 203 | through a sole-source vendor and will cost about \$3,000/year, with an additional |
| 204 | \$1,500 for the first year. |
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| 206 | In response to a question from Selectman D'Angelo, Town Administrator Shankle |
| 207 | explained that the benefits are that it will be easier for administration to keep all of the |
| 208 | documents for an upcoming meeting in one place. If a submitted document is |
| 209 | approved, it will become part of the packet. From a public perspective, this module |
| 210 | will be easier for the public to access all of the backup information that the Board |
| 210 | usually receives. This module can be used for up to seven boards/commissions. |
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| 212 | In response to a question from Selectman Grella, Town Administrator Shankle stated |
| 213 | that he is unaware if other towns in New Hampshire use this module, but it isn't a new |
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| | The Board agreed that Town Administrator Shankle can pursue the new module to |
| 218 | give it a try. |
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| 220 | Town Administrator Shankle explained that the Transfer Station, starting on Tuesday, |
| 221 | July 14, 2020, and again on Thursday, July16, 2020, and then every Tuesday and |
| 222 | Thursday after, will reserve from 12pm-1pm for seniors and other who require the use |
| 223 | of masks. During these hours, masks will be required at the Transfer Station and firm |
| 224 | social distancing will be enforced. This idea came from complaints that visitors to the |
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| 225 226 227 | Transfer Station noticed people not wearing masks and areas being crowded. DPW Director, Eric Hahn, proposed this idea that will help alleviate these issues during these times. |
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| 229 | 4.2 Capital Improvements Plan Committee Members – the Board retook this |
| 230 | item at this time |
| 231 | Chairman Lyon explained that the Board considers appointing people to the CIP |
| 232 | Committee annually. The Board reviewed a list of the existing members, and a letter of |
| 233 | interest from prospective member, Julie Patterson. |
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| 235 | Selectman D'Angelo explained that the Board of Selectmen doesn't usually appoint |
| 236 | school board members to separately elected boards. He believes that the Planning Board |
| 237 | usually appoints these members, but that the Board of Selectmen can, if needed. |
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| 239 240 | Selectman D'Angelo noted that he is in favor of Julie Patterson's nomination. |
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| 241 | Selectmen can make the appointments, but he thought that both boards would approve |
| 243 | this proposed membership. He thanked all of the CIP Committee members for their time. |
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| 245 | A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to |
| 246 | appoint the following people to the CIP Committee: John D'Angelo – Board of Selectmen |
| 247 | rep, Steve Coughlan – Souhegan School Board rep, Danielle Pray – Town's Ways & |
| 248 | Means rep, Brian Coogan – Planning Board rep, Michele Croteau – SAU rep, Terri |
| 249 | Behm – Amherst School Board rep, Elizabeth Kuzsma – Amherst School Board rep, and |
| 250 | Julie Patterson – Citizen Member. |
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| 252 | Town Administrator Shankle noted that, per RSA 674:5, either the Planning Board or an |
| 253 | alternate governing body can recommend CIP Committee members. |
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| 255 256 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
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| 259 | 5.2 Police Station Renovation Bid – APD |
| 260 | Police Chief Mark Reams, and architect Kreg Jones, joined the meeting. |
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| 262 | Town Administrator Shankle explained that this project had been rebid, as the original |
| 263 | bids were all high. The renovation project was rebid, and more bids were received. After |
| 264 | this second round of bidding, the low bidder from the original bid was still the lowest, |
| 265 | qualified bidder. This company, Martini Northern LLC, presented a base bid of \$685,180, |
| 266 | and two alternate bids (for a third floor), for a total of \$799,574, with those included. The |
| 267 | Town currently has just over \$600,000 to fund this project. |
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| 269 | Chief Reams explained that the scope of the project was reduced to a level that feels |
| 270 271 | reasonable. This reduced the costs by a significant amount. The Police Station |
| <i>∠</i> / 1 | Renovation Committee has reviewed the bids and recommends moving forward with the |
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project in its entirety. This will keep continuity of the project and reduce any additional
costs. Some of the increased costs seen come from supply chain problems, due to
COVID-19.

Chairman Lyon noted that \$600,000 was raised an appropriated for this project. If the 276 Board decides to go forward with the full project, as bid, it will cost approximately 277 \$275,000 more. He believes there are three options: 1) to complete some part of the 278 project for \$600,000; 2) to complete more/all of the project with the \$600,000 and to 279 280 work to identify existing budget funds to cover the rest; 3) wait for a year and look to raise the full amount of money for the project through another Capital Reserve Fund 281 warrant article. The downside to the last option is that the project will then need to be 282 rebid, and associated costs may rise again. 283

Selectman Panasiti stated that he is concerned about the additional amount of money
needed to complete the project. He explained that, three years ago, this project may have
cost \$600,000, but due to inflation and supply chain issues, the price has risen. He
believes the Committee has done a great job asking for rebids and trying to lower costs.
He thinks it is likely that the citizens will need to eventually be asked to fund the
additional \$200-250,000, but the longer the project is delayed, the more expensive it will
be.

293 Selectman Brew stated that he believes the best option is to try to identify other places in 294 the budget that the additionally needed funds could be allocated from. If the project is 295 only completed up to a certain point, the delays will lead to additional costs overall. It 296 will not be easy to identify where the extra funds will come from, especially if they're not 297 taken from the roads budget – which he would like to avoid. He believes there is an issue 298 if road funds are used, because an agreement was made with the voters that their taxes 299 would be raised this year, but that this would go towards the roads in town.

Selectman D'Angelo stated that he is not a fan of waiting until next year to raise more money for the project, because the total amount of increase can't be known, and the building will continue to get older. He is inclined to try to find the extra money in the budget. He stated that the Town often has employment vacancies or employees out on disability throughout the year, and that some of this money might be able to be earmarked for the renovation project. He agrees that the money shouldn't be taken from the roads budget.

In response to a question from Selectman Grella, Chief Reams stated that there is not
 federal funding available for this type of facility structure renovation. It is believed the
 renovation will take approximately 17-20 weeks.

Kreg Jones explained that, if the project is kept to the \$600,000 limit, Martini Northern
LLC will come up with valued engineering options. The Town should keep in mind that
money will need to be set aside for contingencies and possible unforeseen circumstances.
While the project will still be value engineered, he is unsure if \$600,000 will be enough
to get the base project completed.

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- Chairman Lyon stated that it seems as though the base project can be done for approximately \$685,000, plus contingencies, add-ons, etc. It's possible to start on the project knowing that the base can be completed, and then look towards the end of the fiscal year to see if the additional money to complete the rest of the renovation (approximately \$114,000) can be found.
- Kreg Jones stated that Martini Northern LLC is planning to do the base project, then move on to the first add-on, and then to the second add-on, if possible. If the add-ons cannot be completed due to funding, the company will still have completed its contract with the base project.
- Selectman Grella explained that 20 weeks to complete the project takes the Town almost
 to the next town meeting. He suggested that the base project move forward, with more
 work to be done if additional funds are identified, or the additional funds can be
 requested from the voters in March.
- Selectman Panasiti stated that he would like to see the project move forward sooner
 rather than later. He suggested that the project move in the direction outlined, and that the
 town can work to identify the additional funds needed internally, or through town vote.
- Chairman Lyon suggested that the Board discuss this further at its next meeting. In the
 meantime, he'll work with Town Administrator Shankle and Police Chief Reams to
 solidify a plan. The group will also work to identify some savings areas. The Board can
 then discuss committing to the project in full or completing the base work with a possible
 later commitment for the rest.
- In response to a question from Selectman Panasiti, Kreg Jones stated that delaying the conversation for two weeks should not cause an issue with Martini Northern LLC.
- In response to a question from Selectman Brew, Chairman Lyon confirmed that, even if
 the town only pursues the base bid, the funding is still significantly short by about
 \$100,000.
- In response to a question from Selectman D'Angelo, Chairman Lyon stated that he would be more comfortable waiting for two weeks to further this discussion with an examination of budget numbers.
- In response to a question from Selectman Panasiti, Chairman Lyon stated that the Board
 will work to implement what the Police Station Renovation Committee has
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- 5.3 Highway Safety Committee Recommendation Stop Signs
- Chief Reams explained that the Highway Safety Committee received a complaint from
 residents in the Douglas Drive area regarding an unsafe intersection. The area was
 recently repaved, which can sometimes cause for higher speeds along the roadway. The
 intersection is properly marked but does not have a stop sign. Other similar roadway

- structures in town do have stop signs. There have been reported near misses with traffic
 going into the roadway without any pause at this location.
- Chief Reams explained that there is a similar issue at the intersection of Town Crier Road
 and Cricket Hill Road. This area has a steep downgrade with no stop sign. He explained
 that DPW Director, Eric Hahn has also noted these issues.
- Chief Reams recommended that the Board schedule the two necessary public hearing to
 create one ordinance for five stop signs (four at the Douglas Drive/Hickory Drive
 intersection, and one at the Town Crier Road/Cricket Hill Road intersection).
- In response to a question from Selectman Panasiti, Chief Reams stated that a blinking
 yellow light would be a bit too drastic in terms of the traffic control needed in these areas.
 - A MOTION was made by Selectman Panasiti and SECONDED by Selectman Brew to move forward with scheduling two public hearings, as required by law, for this item. By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.
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2021 Employee Holidays

Chairman Lyon explained that this document proposes eleven holidays, consistent with past years. Executive Assistant, Mary Guild, drafted this document for Board review.

Selectman Brew stated that he was okay with the schedule, until coming to Friday,
December 31, 2021, because New Year's Day in 2022 will be on a Saturday; the holiday
should thus be observed on Friday, December 31, 2021. He suggested either "stealing" a
holiday from 2022, in order to get the Friday off, or look at not taking Columbus Day
2021 as a holiday and instead taking Friday, December 31, 2021 as a holiday.

- Town Administrator Shankle stated that there are two issues (payroll and union contracts) that will need to be discussed before this item can be decided.
- The Board agreed to have more discussion on this at its next meeting.

5.5 BOS Meeting Calendar – 2021

- Executive Assistant, Mary Guild, stated that she would like some guidance on this
 document, regarding the date for next year's Deliberative Session.
- 404 Selectman Brew suggested that the Board meetings in December also be shifted, to 405 December 6, 2021, and December 20, 2021.
- 407 The Board agreed to have more discussion on this at its next meeting.
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5.6 412 **Employee Resignation** Chairman Lyon stated that the Town is, unfortunately, losing Mary Guild to a position 413 414 that will be an advancement in her career, as a Town Administrator. July 24, 2020, will be Mary Guild's last day. He thanked Mary Guild for the five years that she has provided 415 416 the Town with her commitment and dedication to help all of the town's residents. 417 418 Town Administrator Shankle stated that the first thing one needs to find when starting as 419 a new town's Town Administrator is someone with institutional memory. He stated that 420 he is very grateful to Mary Guild for being that person for him when he started with the Town. He would like to publicly thank her for how helpful she's been to him. 421 422 423 Selectman Brew stated that everyone has enjoyed working with Mary Guild and noted 424 her successful effort to make the transition between Town Administrators smooth for the 425 town. 426 427 Selectman Panasiti thanked Mary Guild and stated that it has been a pleasure working with her. He believes it's unfortunate that the Town is losing her, but that she will be an 428 429 asset to the next town she's employed by. 430 Selectman Grella stated that Mary Guild has done a wonderful job for Amherst and will 431 do a great job in Troy. He stated that the Town was lucky to have her and thanked her for 432 her work. 433 434 Selectman D'Angelo also thanked Mary Guild for her work for the last five years. He 435 436 stated that she made the previous Town Administrator's time easier and helped with Town Administrator Shankle's entry. He wished her the best of luck. 437 438 439 Mary Guild stated that she has enjoyed working with each of the Selectmen and thanked the town for the opportunities she's been given. 440 441 442 A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to 443 accept, with regret, the resignation of Mary Guild as the Town of Amherst Executive Assistant. 444 445 By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – ave; Selectman Panasiti – ave; Chairman Lyon – ave. 5-0-0; motion carried 446 unanimously. 447 448 449 6. Staff Reports **DPW**, Survey Bid Award 450 6.1 Town Administrator Shankle stated that DPW Director, Eric Hahn, is prepping some of 451 the Amherst Street roadwork. 452 453 454 Eric Hahn explained that the side path construction is being held off on until next spring. 455 Some planning needs to be done in the meantime, in terms of the street's right of way. For this project, there were four bidders, and he's recommending the Board award the bid 456 to the lowest, qualified bidder, Keach Nordstrom in the amount of \$13,500. This work 457

will run from Courthouse Road to the Milford Town Line and will allow the town to
determine where the actual right of way is.

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A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to
award the survey and monumentation of Amherst Street, from Courthouse Road to the
Milford Town Line, to Keach Nordstrom for \$13,500; Keach Nordstrom was the lowest,
qualified bidder.

By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
unanimously.

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6.2 DPW, Amherst Street Cross Culvert

Eric Hahn explained that there is a longstanding drainage issue at the Miles Road
intersection with Amherst Street. This was to be fixed during the Amherst Street
construction, but he is requesting to complete this project now before ice buildup forms in
the area in the winter. A cross culvert and catch basins will be installed as part of the
Continental Paving contract. This item would need to be completed in the spring either
way; this is just a way to fix the issue before the winter. This project will stay within the
existing footprint of the pavement.

A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella that
DPW execute a portion of the previously approved road reconstruction contract, specific
to the drainage on Amherst Street at Miles Road intersection.

481 By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
482 aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
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6.3 DPW, Tree Trimming Contract

Eric Hahn stated that, in March, the Board awarded a Tree Care Contract. At that time,
the Board asked the DPW only to utilize the emergency portion of the contract. He
requested that the Board release the DPW from that restriction, so that the DPW can
schedule routine work with the contractor.

A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
release the DPW for the Tree Care Contract emergency-only restriction.
By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
unanimously.

497 **7.** Approvals

7.1 EVERSOURCE Petition & Pole License

A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to
 approve the EVERSOURCE Petition and Pole License PSNH #12-0839 for placement of
 two utility poles on Foundry Street.

By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
unanimously.

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- 506A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to507approve the EVERSOURCE Petition and Pole License PSNH #12-0836 for placement of508a utility pole on Rocky Hill Road.
- By roll call vote: Selectman Brew aye; Selectman D'Angelo aye; Selectman Grella –
 aye; Selectman Panasiti aye; Chairman Lyon aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
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7.2 Tax Deferrals

A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to approve and sign the 2019 Tax Deferrals for:

- Map/Lot 002-010-001 in the amount of \$2,444.00
- Map/Lot 002-146-027 in the amount of \$4,772.00
- Map/Lot 012-024-000 in the amount of \$3,119.00

By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
unanimously.

7.3 Payroll

A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti, to approve one (1) FY20 Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$240,383.46 dated July 2, 2020, subject to review and audit.

- By roll call vote: Selectman Brew aye; Selectman D'Angelo aye; Selectman Grella –
 aye; Selectman Panasiti aye; Chairman Lyon aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
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7.4 Accounts Payable

A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to
approve one (1) FY20 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$45,138.78 dated
June 19, 2020, subject to review and audit (Town Clerk Transfers to the State of NH).
By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella –
aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
unanimously.

- 539A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to540approve one (1) FY20 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$90,416.74 dated
- 541 *June 23, 2020, subject to review and audit.*
- By roll call vote: Selectman Brew aye; Selectman D'Angelo aye; Selectman Grella –
 aye; Selectman Panasiti aye; Chairman Lyon aye. 5-0-0; motion carried
 unanimously.
- A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to
 approve one (1) FY20 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$72,025.87 dated
 June 23, 2020, subject to review and audit.
- 549 By roll call vote: Selectman Brew aye; Selectman D'Angelo aye; Selectman Grella –
- 550 *aye;* Selectman Panasiti aye; Chairman Lyon aye. 5-0-0; motion carried 551 *unanimously.*

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| 553 | A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to |
| 554 | approve one (1) FY20 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$270,637.97 dated |
| 555 | July 7, 2020, subject to review and audit. |
| 556 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 557 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
| 558 | unanimously. |
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| 561 | approve one (1) FY20 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$3,306.31 dated July |
| | 7, 2020, subject to review and audit. |
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| 563 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 564 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
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| 567 | A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to |
| 568 | approve one (1) FY21 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$151,413.80 dated |
| 569 | July 7, 2020, subject to review and audit. |
| 570 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 571 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
| 572 | unanimously. |
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| 574 | A MOTION was made by Selectman D'Angelo and SECONDED by Selectman Panasiti to |
| 575 | approve one (1) FY21 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$3,024,202.00 dated |
| 576 | July 1, 2020, subject to review and audit. |
| 577 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 578 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
| 579 | unanimously. |
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| 581 | 7.5 Previous Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2020, & June 22, 2020 |
| 582 | A MOTION was made by Selectman Panasiti and SECONDED by Selectman D'Angelo to |
| 583 | approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of June 15, 2020. |
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| 585 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
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| 588 | A MOTION was made by Selectman Panasiti and SECONDED by Selectman D'Angelo to |
| 589 | approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of June 22, 2020. |
| 590 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 591 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
| 592 | unanimously. |
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| 594 | 8. Action Items |
| 595 | The Board reviewed its action items. |
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| 597 | Selectman Panasiti suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Gleason family for their |
| 598 | generous conservation easement donation. The Board agreed. |
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| 599 | 9. Old/New Business |
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| 600 | Selectman Brew explained that the Planning Board meeting scheduled for last week was |
| 601 | adjourned without any action being taken, due to an issue with the town website. The |
| 602 | meeting was rescheduled for next week. |
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| 604 | Selectman D'Angelo stated that the CIP Committee met last week and heard from the |
| 605 | schools. At its next meeting, the Committee will hear from the Police and Fire |
| 606 | Departments. |
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| 608 | Selectman Grella stated that he will attend a Historic District Commission meeting via |
| 609 | Zoom later this week. The group will be reviewing three applications. |
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| 611 | Chairman Lyon addressed some issues from the Transfer Station staff. He encouraged the |
| 612 | public to consider the hard work being done by town employees before striking out at |
| 613 | them. He also thanked the Transfer Station employees, and all town employees and |
| 614 | volunteers for their efforts to accommodate the new needs of citizens. |
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| 616 | Selectman Panasiti noted that he too felt a sense of loss over the cancellation of the Town |
| 617 | Fourth of July parade and fireworks. These wonderful events were missed by many in |
| 618 | Town. |
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| 620 | A MOTION was made by Selectman Panasiti and SECONDED by Selectman Grella to |
| 621 | adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. |
| 622 | By roll call vote: Selectman Brew – aye; Selectman D'Angelo – aye; Selectman Grella – |
| 623 | aye; Selectman Panasiti – aye; Chairman Lyon – aye. 5-0-0; motion carried |
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| 627 | NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 27, 2020 |
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