

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES**

**TOWN OF LUDLOW  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**September 14, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Heald Auditorium**

**6:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Schmidt, Chairman	Justin Hyjek	Heather Tucker
Scott Baitz	Brett Sanderson	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Scott Murphy	Jeff Billings	Rose Goings
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jim Alic	Jonathan Hanlon	Hannah Prentiss
Shawna Allison	Rachel Hyjek	Charlie Rimes
Donna Crossman	Robert Kinne	Karly Sawliki
Cody Fortuna	Melanie Levine-Kinne	Holger Stoltze
Kelly Fortuna	Carol Lighthall	Jean Strong
Robert Fortuna	Chris Miele	Bonnie Tucker
Terry Fortuna	Connie Miele	Fred Wilson
Barbara Ghia	Meredith Milliken	Noah Schmidt (Okemo Valley TV)
Andrea Goldman	Pam O'Neil	
Eliza Greene	Donald Phelps	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Bruce Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ANY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR REMOVALS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Scott Murphy advised that no changes are needed

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- A. Bruce Schmidt advised that the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of August 2, 2021.
- B. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Justin Hyjek to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2021 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

- A. Ludlow Summerfest
  - i. Carol Lighthall thanked the Select Board for their assistance with Summerfest. It was a fun event and a success. It was well-attended, with about 5,000 over the 2 days. They are looking forward to doing it again next year.
- B. Commonwealth Avenue
  - i. Connie Miele asked about the issues with drainage by her property.
  - ii. Scott Murphy said that there is no change since he last spoke with her. He is waiting for a return call from the person from the State Hazard Mitigation office.
  - iii. Bruce Schmidt said that the Select Board has agreed to help with this and we may possibly have to hire a consultant to clean up the area. We need to get something done.
  - iv. Scott Baitz said they should clean up the ditch.
  - v. Connie Miele asked if the costs could be added to the budget.
  - vi. Bruce Schmidt asked Scott Murphy to try to come up with some ideas. The Select Board is committed to this and it is a priority.

5. **LIQUOR CONTROL**

6. **POSSIBLY AWARD WINTER SAND BID**

- A. Scott Murphy advised that they have 4 bids:

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>Delivered Per CY</u></b>	<b><u>Loaded at Supplier's Pit per CY</u></b>	
Pike Industries	\$20.06	\$10.20	
Bazin Brothers	\$19.75	\$11.50	
P&L-Eastman Sand & Gravel	\$15.50	\$10.50	Only 2,000 tons available
Crown Point Excavating	\$26.50	N/A	

Scott Murphy continued. He said that they sampled the product from P&L as the product was not good last year. He said that they did not like the sample. He said that the product quality from Bazin was down from last year. He said that they did the calculations and they would save money by picking up the sand. The committee recommends going with Pike Industries with their pick-up price.

- B. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Scott Baitz to award the bid to Pike Industries and to pick-up the product. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. **POSSIBLY AWARD POLICE CRUISER BID**

- A. Scott Murphy said they put out the RFP in the early summer and that one bid was received from Claremont Ford for \$25,220.00. The vehicle is a 2022 Utility AWD Police Interceptor. (He said that the retail cost was \$34,470.00 less the trade of the 2016 Ford Explorer for \$9,250.00.) He said that they still have not received the vehicle from last year's bid, but it is close to shipping. The chief is comfortable with Claremont's bid.
- B. **MOTION by Scott Baitz and seconded by Brett Sanderson to accept the bid from**

**Claremont Ford for \$25,220.00. Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Bruce Schmidt asked when they might expect this vehicle.
- D. Scott Murphy said he would hate to try to give a date.
- E. Bruce Schmidt asked if it would arrive in the budget cycle.
- F. Scott Murphy said yes.
- G. Bruce Schmidt said he would like an update for the next meeting.

**8. POSSIBLY AWARD STONE HOUSE DEBRIS REMOVAL**

- A. Scott Murphy advised that the RFP was sent to 6 vendors and only one bid was received. It was from Crown Point Excavating for \$28,750.00. He said that the RFP was also on the town website. He said that Brooks Excavation called after the bid was closed. They said they hadn't received the RFP.
- B. Justin Hyjek asked, if the board decided not to go with the bid, could they put out another RFP. He said the quote is high and he would like a couple of bids.
- C. Heather Tucker agreed.
- D. Bruce Schmidt said there are not a lot of quotes out there. He asked Justin Hyjek if he thought they may get more bids later.
- E. Justin Hyjek said he doesn't know. He added that the rubble has been a thorn in our sides and he will accept the bid if the board decides to accept it.
- F. Scott Murphy said we have received a lot of public input. He said we have reached an agreement with the current owner and he is not sure if the new owner would agree with the agreement. He said the excavation costs are \$21,500, but we also asked for topsoil, fill, mulch and seeding.
- G. Scott Baitz said he talked to Brooks and thought they had enough time.
- H. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Scott Baitz to accept the bid from Crown Point Excavating for \$28,750.00.**
- I. Bruce Schmidt said we need to get this done. We have committed the funds and want to help the neighborhood.
- J. Brett Sanderson asked the time frame.
- K. Scott Murphy said before the snow comes.
- L. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**9. POSSIBLY CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE/WEEK OF THE ALTERNATE SELECT BOARD MEETING**

- A. Scott Murphy noted that at their last meeting, the board started to discuss changing the alternate date of their meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. He said that he and Bruce Schmidt talked about it and thought that with 6 weeks between meetings, there was too much backlog. He said that some of the items were time sensitive such as bids.
- B. Bruce Schmidt said they can specify meetings at the discretion of the board.
- C. Scott Murphy said the board can do that anyway. He suggested moving alternate meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. This occurs on holidays like Labor Day and Memorial Day.
- D. **MOTION by Justin Hyjek and seconded by Brett Sanderson to move alternate meeting days to the second Monday of the month. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. **DISCUSS TOWN POSITION ON HOSTING A CANNABIS DISPENSARY**

- A. Scott Murphy said that the board received a proposal to opt in to Vermont's new legal adult use of cannabis statutes and to allow Licensed Adult-use Retail Sales within town limits. The town currently has an ordinance that would not allow this.
- B. Andy Goldman introduced herself and said that she and her wife are Ludlow residents. She said that she was a lawyer and has experience with legal cannabis. They are here to request approval and scheduling of a Special Meeting for the residents of the town to vote on opting-in to Vermont's new legal cannabis retail sales within the town. They are asking that the town ordinance become null and void if the voters approve this. They are requesting a meeting prior to Election Day with a vote on Election Day. A special informational meeting will be held at town hall with Ms. Goldman and Ms. Milliken. They will seek to secure approval as adult-use licensees and assist the town with drafting local cannabis ordinances for Select Board approval. She said that legal cannabis will soon be everywhere in Vermont and why shouldn't Ludlow benefit. Vermont adult-use cannabis will be heavily regulated. Ludlow can benefit from new license fees, increased tax collection and/or impact fees. There will be new jobs with living wages and increased consumer traffic for existing businesses. Ludlow can control and monitor cannabis businesses with local ordinances. They have experience in state-legalized cannabis throughout the US. They propose that there are myths and misconceptions concerning cannabis. Legal cannabis does have health and wellness benefits. It can help fight the opioid epidemic. If Ludlow does not opt in, Ludlow may lose significantly to other towns such as Proctorsville. Ludlow will lose future revenues from additional consumers and increased spending. Vacationers may decide to vacation in other "cannabis-friendly" towns. She said that state licensing is required, background checks, inspections, employment and training, health and safety, storage and transportation are all regulated. There will be priority given to women- or minority owned businesses. She said that the State will collect license application and renewal fees and remit the local town portion. She said that local fees will be designed to defray the costs incurred by the towns with operating cannabis establishments. She said the following restriction would be imposed:
- i. Age 21+ for entry, sale, consumption, employment
  - ii. age verification
  - iii. child-resistant packaging
  - iv. Ban on products or packaging designed to appeal to person under 21 years
  - v. Limits on potency
  - vi. Ban on flavors in oil vapes
  - vii. Training programs for employees
  - viii. Ban on mixing cannabis with either nicotine or alcoholic beverages
  - ix. products must be labeled with date produced, potency ingredients, strain,
  - x. Mandatory independent lab testing licensed VT facilities
  - xi. No cannabis consumption allowed in public areas.
- C. She said that the Select Board cannot opt out. The citizens must decide. She said that there have been "0" deaths directly from cannabis
- D. Pam O'Neil said that she is the president of BRACC and this is the first time that she had heard about this proposal and that was from the Select Board agenda. She said that the coalition views the data differently. She disagrees that Ludlow will lose revenue if it is not cannabis friendly. She asked if that is what people families who come here to enjoy the four seasons are going to think. She said that the state expects to finalize the legislation in March 2022 and licenses will not begin until October 2022. We still have time and don't need to rush into this in November.

- She said that the current rules may change. She said that she would not feel comfortable voting on this in November. She would prefer to have more information.
- E. Andy Goldman said that other towns are opting in and if Ludlow does not, they may go to Proctorsville or other towns. She said that they are required to hold one informational meeting before the vote. This should go to a town vote.
- F. Jon Hanlon said that people are smoking reefer and asked if we want to money off of it. YES. He said that alcohol is less family friendly. The town could make money off of it.
- G. Bruce Schmidt asked where this revenue is coming from.
- H. Scott Murphy said Londonderry is going to be voting on it and will also try to capture the 1% local options tax. They are asking the voters to vote on both.
- I. Bruce Schmidt asked about licensing.
- J. Scott Murphy said that he thinks the local board can do it. There would be ancillary to revenue.
- K. Jon Hanlon said he doesn't see how the town revenue would be limited. He said that everyone would make money.
- L. Andy Goldman said they would help the town write ordinances for impact fees or voluntary donations. This would help the community with affordable housing. There is money to be made and she doesn't want to see Ludlow lose out in this.
- M. Scott Baitz asked if they have a letter from Chief Billings.
- N. Andy Goldman said they are not looking for the Select Board to vote on opting in. They are requesting a town meeting and town vote.
- O. Scott Baitz asked about Chief Billings.
- P. Andy Goldman said this is not a gateway drug. She said there are not enough police and they would have private security. That can be written into the ordinance. Any costs to the town would be paid by the licensed establishment.
- Q. Justin Hyjek asked about impact fees. He asked if we would submit taxes to the state and it would divide them up and distribute them to towns.
- R. Andy Goldman said she can speak to that. There will be increased income tax written into the ordinance. The license fees will go to the state and the state will send money back to the towns to defray any costs to the municipality. This will attract more new businesses to the town.
- S. Justin Hyjek asked about Killington.
- T. Andy Goldman said that Rutland is working on the language for the ordinance.
- U. Bruce Schmidt noted that the town doesn't get any money from increases in income tax.
- V. Andy Goldman said this will help more local people get jobs.
- W. Scott Baitz asked how many jobs.
- X. Andy Goldman said at least 30 at this location. They will use local contractors.
- Y. Scott Baitz asked where they would find the new employees.
- Z. Andy Goldman said they would give preference to local hires, veterans and minorities.
- AA. Zach Fortuna said it seems like the Select Board is against this and we are just asking for the opportunity to allow the voters to vote to opt in. It's a business. People in town may have a negative attitude.
- BB. Justin Hyjek said each application can hold only one type of license and can combine up to 5 for an integrated license.
- CC. Andy Goldman said the state is designing this to help local municipalities.
- DD. Pam O'Neil said that the timing is that if they are asking for this now, or they will go somewhere else., She asked if they don't expect the guidelines to change. She asked if they are on the path for a business or 5 dispensaries. Can we control the number of dispensaries? What level of control do we have?
- EE. Andy Goldman said the state is using geographic distribution. We have to start tying some place up.

- FF. Rose Goings said that the town and the DRB recently approved a Drug Rehabilitation Center. It was a big hearing. There was one petition with 18,000 signatures in favor of it. The ordinance speaks for itself and how the town feels. If there is a dispensary in Londonderry and one in Killington, she does not see why we need one in Ludlow.
- GG. Scott Murphy said that our ordinance prevents this. The Board can repeal the ordinance. Or, you can leave the ordinance in place unless they get a petition.
- HH. Bruce Schmidt said the Select Board can decide which petitions go forward.
- II. Scott Murphy said if it is a critical issue, the Select Board usually allows the petition.
- JJ. Bruce Schmidt said that the Select Board the ordinance without a public vote.
- KK. Justin Hyjek said the Select Board may repeal the ordinance now and we owe it to the citizens to consider the economic implications for the town.
- LL. Bruce Schmidt asked Justin Hyjek if he really thinks the town will benefit financially. He said he doesn't see it.
- MM. Justin Hyjek said with the licenses and impact fees and taxes, this could be an opportunity for Ludlow to capture a local tax.
- NN. Heather Tucker said the town has some archaic ordinances. We should appeal it.
- OO. Andy Goldman said they should allow the town to vote. The ordinance was made before the legislative ordinance.
- PP. Chris Miele said that Ludlow's cell phone tower ordinance was trumped by the state. This is new. He asked if Ludlow wants to be out in front. The legislature may change the rules. The law becomes effective in March 2022. The state may limit dispensaries. The Select Board is asking questions to educate before they jump. We have an ordinance and things do change. We don't need to do this today.
- QQ. Jonathan Hanlon said we will write the new ordinance to do what the people want.\
- RR. Pam O'Neil said the ordinance is not just about marijuana, it also addresses vaping. She wonders if the ordinance has to be redacted before the vote.
- SS. Bruce Schmidt said the board has options: it can table this discussion; it may ask Scott Murphy to look into a vote in November or it can do nothing and allow a petition.
- TT. Justin Hyjek suggested the board repeal the ordinance tonight.
- UU. Scott Murphy said they can repeal it tonight; it would have to be on the agenda.
- VV. Brett Sanderson said the Select Board can hold a public meeting and not repeal the ordinance.
- WW. Jeff Billings said he does not believe in legalized marijuana. If the town can benefit from this, he can work with it. If the town will not benefit from it, then he is not in favor of it. The benefits have to outweigh the negatives.
- XX. Bruce Schmidt said they would need to have a public meeting prior to a vote and this board has the authority to have a vote. We can rework the ordinance.
- YY. Justin Hyjek said that some parts of the ordinance do make sense, such as no drug paraphernalia in windows.
- ZZ. Bruce Schmidt asked if they would vote in November.
- AAA. Scott Murphy said that they could hold the vote anytime, there are time constraints. They may lose their retail space.
- BBB. Justin Hyjek said that other states, such as Colorado have made money.
- CCC. Bruce Schmidt said he is looking for a motion, without specific dates. He said this is not an election year and turnout may not be there. This is important to the town and it would have more impact if we could wait until town meeting.
- DDD. Andy Goldman said they are just looking to have a meeting.
- EEE. Bruce Schmidt suggested doing the vote at town meeting.
- FFF. Andy Goldman said that is too long, it will not be available. Let the town vote.

- GGG. Bruce Schmidt said we decide the direction. We have a vocal crowd here tonight. If you look at the important votes in Ludlow, they take place at town meeting.
- HHH. Zach Fortuna said they are just asking for the opportunity to vote on this.
- III. Bruce Schmidt said that the Select Board has the responsibility to decide if we put this to a vote.
- JJJ. Scott Baitz said it should be a town vote, but he can't say when.
- KKK. Justin Hyjek said it should go to a vote.
- LLL. Bruce Schmidt said if this board says the vote should be in November, then we should move in that direction. There is a risk that only 20% of the voters will show up. The timing is crucial.
- MMM. Justin Hyjek said we will follow the law closely.
- NNN. **MOTION by Justin Hyjek to set up a specific meeting in November with an informational meeting before.**
- OOO. Scott Murphy said the informational meeting has to be 30 days prior to the vote. He will check the statute. He said the vote could be on November 2, with the meeting in October.
- PPP. Bruce Schmidt said that the Select Board's next regular meeting is October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- QQQ. **Motion seconded by Heather Tucker. Motion passed 3 to 2, Brett Sanderson and Bruce Schmidt against.**
- RRR. Bruce Schmidt said that this board will move forward for the vote on November 2, 2021 with an informational meeting 30 days before to be checked by Scott Murphy.
- SSS. Scott Murphy said he will look into seeing if they may hold the informational meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

11. **POSSIBLY APPOINT MUNICIPAL MANAGER AS VOTING DELEGATE FOR VLCT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

- A. **MOTION by Justin Hyjek and seconded by Brett Sanderson to appoint the Municipal Manager as voting delegate to the VLCT Annual Business meeting on September 29, 2021.**
- B. Justin Hyjek asked if he would be able to attend the meeting virtually.
- C. Scott Murphy said yes, virtually or in person.
- D. **Motion passed unanimously.**

12. **REVIEW TOWN ROAD & BRIDGE STANDARDS**

- A. Scott Murphy noted that Brett Sanderson had asked him to put this on the agenda. Rose Goings put together a summary of private road information. He said that annually, we certify our standards and it makes us eligible for some grants and funding, we have some older, preexisting road that were developed before our standards were in place.
- B. Brett Sanderson asked if some of the subdivision roads that were put in were under the Ludlow or state standards.
- C. Rose Goings said that the document that she submitted explains which roads are private and which have been asked to be built to town specifications, while others have not. She said that the Summers Subdivision was not built to town standards. She and Ron Tarbell went up to look at the road. The requirement for the road to be built to town specifications is part of the subdivision permit. Regarding Raymond Road, Stephanie Giles said that the road was not built to town standards is because all of the lots haven't been sold. Ludlow has enacted Local ACT 250 and if the applicants want to amend the permit, they will be required to apply at the town level and we have a say about the road. The original permit was approved prior to 1998, when we adopted our current subdivision regulations. She said that if they amend the permit, they

will have to follow current regulations. The fire department sometimes required either a cul-de-sac or hammerhead for a 75-foot turning radius. The grade of the road is also taken into consideration. The DRB reviews applications and the applicants submit a road profile.

- D. Bruce Schmidt asked if Freedom Hill was prior to current regulations.
- E. Rose Goings said it was a state subdivision, not ACT 250. She said that she asked Ron Tarbell for his advice to verify if a road is up to our standards.
- F. Justin Hyjek asked if that would be the only way to update.
- G. Rose Goings said the applicant would have to upgrade or they wouldn't be able to build.
- H. Scott Murphy said that roads build prior to 1998 are have grandfathered permits and now there are fewer and fewer. He doesn't expect this to be an ongoing issue.

13. **REVIEW COST ESTIMATE FOR AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES TO AUDITORIUM & CONFERENCE ROOM**

- A. Scott Murphy said that there have been issues with recordings and hearing of meetings in the Auditorium and conference room downstairs. The proposal would allow for hybrid meetings.
- B. Jim Alic said this would not be a huge benefit to FOLA. The proposal totals \$16,000 and FOLA is willing to pay \$7,000. It would create the opportunity for full, hybrid meetings. He said that Okemo Valley TV would be able to control the meeting remotely and not have to staff them in person. He added that for a full upgrade, broadband would have to be upgraded. He said that there is fiber to the high school and to the TV station. He suggested that they contract VTEL.
- C. Justin Hyjek said he has fiber-optics through VTEL.
- D. Jim Alic said he thinks that they could do it with the connection to the High School and TV station. He said the outbound quality is not as good as they would like.
- E. Scott Murphy said we can look for grants and funding.
- F. Bruce Schmidt said that for \$9,000, we should do this.

14. **REVIEW & POSSIBLY APPROVE AMENDED PROJECT COSTS FOR MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

- A. Scott Murphy noted that this has been an issue since 2019. The state did preliminary engineering and now, they found that they need to replace one of the abutments. The town's share is 2.5% and the share will increase to \$38,875. The state is looking for the town to give the OK to proceed. They hope to put it out to bid soon.
- B. Bruce Schmidt said that he thinks we should commit the additional \$15,000 tonight.
- C. **MOTION by Justin Hyjek and seconded by Heather Tucker to commit the additional \$15,000 for the bridge abutment. Motion passed unanimously.**

15. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- A. Bruce Schmidt noted that all reports are in.
- B. Justin Hyjek noted that the Ambulance Service mentioned replacing an ambulance. Will this be another big sticker item at budget next year?
- C. Scott Murphy said it is true. They are looking at a new ambulance, at about \$250,000 to \$260,000, plus fit-out. He said a monitor is about \$30,000. We are looking at alternatives.



16. **MUNICIPAL MANAGER UPDATES**

- A. Stormwater Master Plan Final Report
  - i. Scott Murphy advised that it is in the office and helps with grant applications.
- B. Highway Staff Additions
  - i. Scott Murphy advised that they hired 2 new highway staff members. One of them is Chris and he has returned. He also does repairs on the vehicles. The other person came from LA Valleys.
- C. County Funds from ARPA
  - i. Scott Murphy advised that the state had one amount that was based on county population. We appealed that to the federal government and the distribution was changed. We have received \$106,345 recently and previously received \$57,315. We will be getting an additional \$57,000 after the first of the year. We need to obligate the funds by 2024 and spend them by 2026. He will have more information next month.
  - ii. Justin Hyjek suggested a small sign on the road.
  - iii. Scott Murphy said that Fletcher Farm does have one that will be unveiled tomorrow.

17. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. American Legion Proposals
  - i. Donna Crossman, representing Post #36, said the Legion is proposing to put military service flags in Veterans' Park. They will put in 6 new, 25-foot flag poles with a flag for each branch of the service. They would like to add a monument in the future. They flag poles will be located along the 2 sides walks toward the Baptist Church., 10 feet apart. The poles on the Main Street side will be 36" away from the sidewalk and 42" away on the High Street side. The only flag that will be lit is the existing American flag. The monument will be the Fallen Soldier, bronze, with boots, rifle and helmet. It will be 44 "high.
  - ii. Bruce Schmidt said if there is consensus among board, member, they will talk to Kevin MacPherson to work with the Legion.
  - iii. Scott Murphy said that the Trustees are considering a storm water project by the park, near the church. We may have to remove part of the sidewalk.
  - iv. Donald Phelps said he thinks that would be 20 feet away from the street.
  - v. Scott Murphy said the project is on hold for the winter.
  - vi. Bruce Schmidt polled the board and noted consensus to support the Legion's project.
- B. Ghia Farm Road Paving
  - i. Scott Murphy said that property owners had requested that the road be paved. He asked Ron Tarbell to look into it and there are 2 options. They can pave to Route 66 for a cost of about \$176,000. They could pave to the farm for about \$49,500. This may be the more economical solution.
  - ii. Barbara Ghia said she does not want the road paved. She is concerned about speed, traffic and trucks. She said that the road is well-maintained all year and there is no reason to pave it. She said it is dangerous to get out of her driveway and her gardens are across the street. There is no advantage to pave.

- iii. Bruce Schmidt said the road and her driveway are bad in the spring.
- iv. Scott Baitz said they do a good job on the road.
- v. Barbara Ghia said there are not many houses about her.
- vi. Bruce Schmidt asked Scott Murphy to talk to Ron Tarbell.
- vii. Barbara Ghia asked, if they pave the road, what they will do about speeders.
- viii. Bruce Schmidt said they could put up signs. They can't be there to monitor the speed all of the time. He is also concerned about the salt usage up there.

C. Transfer Station

- i. Bruce Schmidt said that he would like to know the cost to put in a restroom up there. We need to find out if they would need a leech field. We need to give them water and a bathroom. They are the only department without a bathroom and running water. He added that the staff up there works hard.

D. Red Bridge Road

- i. Melanie Levine-Kinne asked about the speed bumps and access to water. She wants to know who owns the bridge. She said that she has heard that there is a possibility of stop signs and lowering the speed limit. She said that is has always been open to swimming.
- ii. Bruce Schmidt said that the Select Board is working to find a balance. The bridge is owned by the town and state. They will not be putting in stop signs.
- iii. Scott Murphy said that the speed bumps will be removed this month. He said there is only access to the water on one side of the bridge. Private property signs will be installed. We are trying to create an easier path to the lake on the town side.
- iv. Melanie Levine-Kinne asked about the speed bumps.
- v. Scott Murphy said the original ones were vandalized. They put in another and will re-evaluate after the season.
- vi. Melanie Levine-Kinne said she heard they would lower the speed limit to 10 MPH and asked about a flashing speed sign.
- vii. Scott Murphy said the speed limit is set by the Select Board and they are not inclined to lower it. The police chief said that there are very few accidents there and it is actually hard to get up to the speed limit. That is a dangerous crossing.
- viii. Melanie Levine-Kinne said she heard that another property owner offered to buy property for access.
- ix. Scott Murphy said there have not been any serious discussions about that. We would like to create an additional access across the road
- x. Melanie Levine-Kinne said that makes sense for kayaks and fishing. It is becoming more private up there.

18. **SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING & POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Bruce Schmidt said that the next meeting would be October 4, 2021.

19. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Financial Update
- B. Set FY2023 Budget Meeting Dates
- C. Scott Murphy said they will discuss the cannabis vote.

20. **SIGN WARRANT ORDERS**

A. Bruce Schmidt said that warrant orders have been signed.

21. **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL/CONTRACTS/LEGAL**

A. Scott Murphy advised that an Executive Session is needed.

B. **MOTION by Scott Baitz and seconded by Heather Tucker to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

C. Board entered Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

D. Bruce Schmidt said that Scott Murphy would be included.

E. Board exited Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. No action taken.

22. **ADJOURN**

A. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Justin Hyjek to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

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Bruce Schmidt, Chairman

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Brett Sanderson

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