

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF TROY

Thursday September 17, 2020

Selectmen Present: Richard Thackston, Curtis Hopkins,
Tim Wilson was unable to attend.

Chairman Thackston opened meeting at 6:47 pm.

Members of the public present: Richard HKS Thackston

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

New Business:

- A. Town Health Officer appointment – The Town Administrator presented a plan for appointing the Chief of Police, Dave Ellis to the position of Health Officer, Alan Purrington appointing to Deputy Health Officer and the other officers can be appointed by the Health Officer to serve in same capacity should either the Health Officer or Deputy Health Officer be unavailable to respond to a call. NH RSA 128 governs the appointments of the Health Officer and allows the Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer to assign duties to others. The Health Officer is a volunteer position in Troy. Richard HKS Thackston inquired if the position had been posted, to which Chairman Thackston responded that the position has been vacant for some time, and had been a topic of conversation for some months, seeking volunteers, at Board of Selectmen meetings. The position had not been previously posted as open. **MOTION** to appoint Police Chief, David Ellis to the Town Health Officer position and Alan Purrington as the Deputy Health Officer Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston. **VOTES: 2-0-0.**
- B. Reopening Town Hall – The question of adhering a sign on the exterior front door was presented by the Town Administrator. Can a sign be on the front door, requiring masks? There was some discussion of this item, and it was determined that a sign could be applied to the exterior front door. All construction must be completed before the front door is open to the public.
- C. Maintenance of Town Common Triangles – There was some discussion on this item. It was reported that Ed Atkins, Road Agent, and his employees would be cleaning these triangles up and purchasing bark mulch to put down. One of the triangles has already been “weeded” of the lilies that were there by Skip Mason from the Cemetery Department. **MOTION** to authorize funds to purchase bark mulch and to have the Highway Department put the bark mulch on the triangles, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston. **VOTES: 2-0-0.**

Consent Agenda: **MOTION** to approve the payroll manifests of September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$965.63, September 14, 2020 in the amount of \$17,362.08, and September 21, 2020 in the amount of \$13,449.52, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston, **VOTES: 2-0-0.**

MOTION to approve the accounts payable manifests of September 4, 2020 in the amount of \$540.00, September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$4,695.36, and September 17, 2020 in the amount of \$39,446.60, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston, **VOTES: 2-0-0.**

MOTION to approve the September 3, 2020 Non-Public Selectmen's meeting minutes, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston. **VOTES: 2-0-0.**

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Administrative Report: The Town Administrator reported on the expected HealthTrust return of surplus funds. The amount of the return to the Town of Troy will be made known in the first week in October. The Town expects to receive the return in the form of a check.

The Town Administrator reported on a communication with the Monadnock Schools central office in regard to use of the Troy Elementary School for a polling place for the upcoming General Election on November 3, 2020. A negative response was received from the School District. The district expects children to be at school on that day and has recently turned down a similar request from the Town of Swanzy.

Communication with the State of NH, Department of Transportation, resulted in the state DOT reporting that it would not be inclined to get involved in local roads' traffic ordinances set by the Board of Selectmen.

At the request of Chairman Thackston, the Town Administrator researched stamps.com to see if there would be savings on postage. The Town Administrator reported a cost of \$215.88 per year for the agreement and postage used would be charged each month. The town's printer would print all postage, resulting in some wear and tear on the printer. The cost of toner and paper would be the responsibility of the town as well. The current postage meter is a charge of \$547.00 per year for the agreement. The town is currently locked into a three-year agreement, with two years remaining on the postage machine.

The Town Administrator requested permission of the Board to attend a day long webinar with the town's Administrative Assistant at a cost of \$65.00 per person. The webinar will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 and will be on Budgets and Finance. Richard HKS Thackston also asked to attend as a member of the Budget Committee. **MOTION** to approve attendance for the Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant and Mr. Thackston to the webinar, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** Chairman Thackston. **VOTES: 2-0-0.**

Board Chair Report – Chairman Thackston reported on the latest financial report from the town's treasurer. Chairman Thackston also gave a summary of the first meeting of the season of the town's Budget Committee held last week.

Other Board Member Comments - Selectman Hopkins announced that he has received many questions from the public regarding credit and debit card payments to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Chairman Thackston responded that due to the current pandemic situation, getting the process off the ground has been quite delayed. Also due to the construction of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office, there has been further delay. Until Ms. Johnson is set up and running smoothly in the newly renovated office, the payment situation will remain as it is.

Selectman Hopkins read a comment from the live stream from Kevin Love, "Dick Thackston is the man."

Selectman Hopkins discussed some recent correspondence on the Complete Street Grants and announced that Henry Underwood and Lisa Steadman are addressing the questions from the state.

Selectman Hopkins mentioned for the public that the Recreation Department will be serving Community Dinner on Sunday September 20, 2020. Dinner will be Shepard's pie, a roll, and a salad. Take out only available, for \$5.00 a person.

The Board took a short recess at 7:40 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:50 pm.

MOTION to enter non-public session, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Thackston, YES, Hopkins, YES.** The Board entered non-public session at 7:50 pm.


MOTION to exit non-public session, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Thackston, YES, Hopkins, YES.** The Board exited non-public session at 9:07 pm.


MOTION to adjourn at 9:07 pm by Selectmen Hopkins, **SECOND** by Chairman Thackston **VOTES 2-0-0.**

TROY SELECT BOARD:

Mary Guild, Town Administrator


Richard Thackston, Chairman


Curtis Hopkins


Timothy Wilson