

## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

### TOWN OF TROY

Thursday September 3, 2020

**Selectmen Present:** Richard Thackston, Curtis Hopkins, Tim Wilson

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*Chairman Thackston opened meeting at 6:00vpm*

**MOTION** to enter Nonpublic Session by Selectman Hopkins at 6:00 pm, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **ROLL CALL VOTE** to enter Nonpublic: Chair Thackston **YES** Selectmen Wilson **YES** Selectmen Hopkins **YES**

**MOTION** to leave Nonpublic Session by Selectman Hopkins at 6:43 pm **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **ROLL CALL VOTE** to leave Nonpublic at 6:43 pm: Chair Thackston **YES** Selectmen Wilson **YES** Selectmen Hopkins **YES**.

The Board recessed at 6:43. The public portion of the meeting resumed at 6:50 p.m.

**Members of the public present:** Richard HKS Thackston, Matthew Meacham, Justin Jones, Andrew Bauer from Argent Communications and Sue Kay from Eustis Cable, Lisa Steadman, Tom Matson, Denise Riccardi, candidate for State Senate, District 9 and Jennifer Rhodes, candidate for State Rep, District 15.

**Public Comments:** Denise Riccardi addressed the Board of Selectmen introducing herself to the public, and explained her background of experience, as well as why she is running for office. Jennifer Rhodes also introduced herself, and explained her background and why she is choosing to run for office. Members of the Board of Selectmen and the public asked questions of both candidates and the Board of Selectmen discussed a candidates' forum to be held in Troy before the general election in November. The Selectboard thanked both candidates for taking time to attend the meeting.

**Introduction to Argent & Broadband discussion:** Andrew Bauer of Argent Communications introduced himself and Sue Kay from Eustis Cable. He gave a history of Argent Communications and the relationship Argent has with Eustis Cable. There was discussion about the inefficiencies of the service within the community. Tom Matson, GHA Technologies, Inc., spoke to the advantages of having Argent Communications on board for the Broadband project. The Selectboard explained that the town is following a process which has begun and does include Requests for Information, then Requests for Proposals from two other providers. From the audience, Justin Jones reported that he finds the service from Argent to be intermittent, oftentimes, not working properly. Debbie Wilson, watching from home, reported that her cable has been going on and off for most of the evening. Andrew Bauer and Sue Kay were thanked for taking time to visit Troy. Chairman Thackston, stated the town is already behind other area towns in the process and he would like to see the project completed quickly. The Selectboard is happy to have Lisa Steadman involved in writing a grant application for the project. **MOTION** to appoint Lisa Steadman to the position of grant writer for the Broadband project, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES:** 3-0-0.

**New Business:** Justin Jones had initially come to the meeting to get his building permit for garage construction approved. The ZBA had met on Tuesday prior and approved his application for a Variance. **MOTION** to approve Justin Jones' garage building permit, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**Old Business:** The application for the GOFERR grant from the state of NH is completed and the requests for reimbursement are complete. The grant application was signed and initialed where indicated. The grant application can now be submitted. The total of all allowed, related costs is \$133,403.76. The town has been allotted \$50,562 by the state and can only receive that amount. If there is more money allotted in the future, the cost of renovating the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's area should be submitted. The renovation is set up to have window service in just such emergency times.

The Selectboard announced to the public that the newly adopted Noise Ordinance has been posted on the town's website and they encourage the public to view the ordinance. The old, outdated noise ordinances have been removed from the website. The new ordinance is the one that will be followed.

**New Business:** An application for a demolition permit for Rocheleau at 143 South Street was submitted. **MOTION** to approve the request by Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

The Board reviewed an application for a building permit submitted by Heath Carpentino, West Hill Road. **MOTION** to approve the application, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve Intent to Excavate and gravel tax for same, submitted by Sean McGarry, 25 Lawrence Road, by Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve Intent to Excavate, submitted by Dave Pollock, 809 Route 12, by Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve Veteran's Tax credit by Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**Consent Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the August 20, 2020 Non-Public Selectmen's meeting minutes, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** **MOTION** to seal same indefinitely, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve the August 20, 2020 Selectmen's meeting minutes, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**MOTION** to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable manifests as presented, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

**Manifests:** Payroll - 08/31/2020 \$11,505.84, 09/04/2020 \$17,978.21 and Accounts Payable – 08/25/2020 \$14,624.34, 08/31/2020 \$160,938.34.

**Administrative Report:** The Town Administrator reported that the state DOT was agreeable to the date of October 8, 2020 for a community information meeting.

The Town Administrator introduced another grant for COVID-19 related expenses reimbursement. This grant comes from the Secretary of State's office in New Hampshire. The Town of Troy is allotted \$4,696.81. The Town Administrator will submit.

The Board granted permission to the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with AFLAC to offer supplemental insurance to the employees of the Town of Troy. The town will not subsidize the cost of the benefit, it will be a direct deduction from payroll.

The Board determined to address the stop sign on High Street on October 15, 2020. They directed the Town Administrator to draft a letter to Todd Cavadini who presented the petition requesting discussion, and to contact the Recreation Center to reserve space and time of 7:00 p.m. on that date.

Completion of the Town Hall renovations was discussed. The thought is that the project should be just about finished at the end of the next week. If there is money left over from the requested amount, the foyer floor needs attention and the funds could come from left over.

At 8:54 p.m. Selectman Hopkins **MOTION** to enter non-public session, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **ROLL CALL VOTE** to enter Nonpublic: Chair Thackston **YES** Selectmen Wilson **YES** Selectmen Hopkins **YES**.

**MOTION** to leave non-public session, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **ROLL CALL VOTE** to exit Nonpublic: Chair Thackston **YES** Selectmen Wilson **YES** Selectmen Hopkins **YES**. The Board exited non-public session at 9:33 p.m.

At 9:33 p.m. **MOTION** to adjourn, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0**.

**TROY SELECT BOARD:**

  
Mary Guild, Town Administrator

  
Richard Thackston, Chairman

  
Curtis Hopkins

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Timothy Wilson