

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TROY TOWN HALL
TOWN OF TROY, NH

Thursday September 16, 2021

- 1 1. *Chairman Thackston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.*
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- 3 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Neil Richardson, resident next to the Town Hall thanked Selectman
4 Hopkins for trimming the hedges on the Town Hall side of his property.
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- 6 3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
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- 8 3.A. Broadband Contract – Neil Richardson, member of the Broadband Committee
9 presented the agreement for the broadband construction project between Consolidated
10 Communications and the Town of Troy. Mr. Richardson reported that Town Counsel has
11 reviewed the contract twice and CCI’s counsel has reviewed the contract. The Broadband
12 Committee has had several meetings with CCI representatives to negotiate the contract.
13 Chairman Thackston noted that Argent Communications has been installing fiber throughout
14 Troy and wondered why they would do that if the Town elects Consolidated
15 Communications as the Broadband network provider. Mr. Richardson stated that
16 Consolidated Communications will reach every home in Troy where Argent will only reach
17 customers in more populated areas. Selectman Wilson asked about the phrase “town funded
18 network” repeated several times in the contract. Mr. Richardson responded that the Town
19 will offset the construction costs to Consolidated Communications to implement the network.
20 The reference is to the funds from the NH Municipal Bond Bank, awarded to the Town
21 earlier this summer. **MOTION** to approve the contract as written and to authorize the Board
22 of Selectmen to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Troy, Selectman Hopkins,
23 **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
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- 25 3.B. Proposals – 1 Central Square Demolition – Bids were requested for the demolition of
26 the building located at 1 Central Square. Two bids were received:
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- 28 C.W. Davis Construction at \$12,000.00
29 R&R Construction and Property Maintenance, LLC at \$46,000.00
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- 31 Mr. Courtney Davis and Mr. Tyler Bagster were present from C.W. Davis Construction.
32 There was discussion about what needs to be done to ensure safety at the project and a
33 timeline for the project. Mr. Davis will communicate with the Town Administrator to make
34 sure the proper utilities are discontinued before the demolition commences. The Town of
35 Troy has a court order to remove the building.
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- 37 **MOTION** to award the demolition project to C.W. Davis Construction at \$12,000.00,
38 Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
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- 40 3.C. Building Permit, Map 22, Lot 3 – The owner of the property, a cabin at 441 West Hill
41 Road submitted application to add electricity to the cabin. The owner plans to do the work

42 himself. **MOTION** to approve the Building Permit application, Selectman Hopkins,
43 **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** Building Permit #2021-27 was issued.

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45 Building Permit, Map 18, Lot 151 – Monadnock Regional School District is seeking to have
46 a pavilion constructed on the property at the Troy Elementary School at 44 School Street.
47 **MOTION** to approve the Building Permit application, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by
48 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** Building Permit #2021-28 was issued.

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50 Demolition Permit Application, received this afternoon from the new owner of Map 20, Lot
51 14 to remove the apartment added to the original building by a previous owner. **MOTION**
52 to approve the Demolition Permit application, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman
53 Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** Building Permit #2021-29 was issued.

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55 3.D. Petition & Pole License – Public Service of New Hampshire seeking to erect a pole on
56 Quarry Road. After discussion with Town Counsel, Town Administrator Guild added the
57 following language to the document, as should be noted on each petition requested from the
58 utility:

59 *"In accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), licenser and any other entity using or*
60 *occupying the property of the municipality pursuant to this license shall provide for the payment of properly*
61 *assessed real and personal property taxes by the party using or occupying said property no later than the due*
62 *date. Failure of the licensee to pay the duly assessed personal and real estate taxes when due shall be cause to*
63 *terminate said license or agreement by the Licensor.*

64 *Furthermore, in accordance with the requirements of SA 72:23, I (b), the licensee and any other entity using*
65 *and or occupying property of the municipality pursuant to this license) shall be obligated to pay real and*
66 *personal property taxes on structures or improvements added by the Licensee(s) or any other entity*
67 *using or occupying the property of the licensor pursuant to this license. "*

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69 **MOTION** to approve the petition, as amended, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman
70 Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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72 3.E. Treasurer's Reports – Town Treasurer, Janet McCullough submitted financial reports to
73 the Board of Selectmen for review. The reports note the revenue received and the cash
74 balance for the month of August 2021.

75 76 **4. OLD BUSINESS:**

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78 4.A. Letter to MRSD Superintendent – At the last meeting of the Board, the Town
79 Administrator was directed to draft correspondence to the School Superintendent. The letter
80 is intended to express the Board's opinion of the mask requirements for students at the
81 schools. Administrator Guild presented a draft of the letter.

82 83 **5. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

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85 A document was received from Southwest Regional Planning Commission with much
86 information on the Cheshire Rail Trail plan. There was discussion on this report with
87 Chairman Thackston requesting a copy to review outside of the meeting, as it is extensive.
88 Administrator Guild expressed thoughts that the Conservation Commission, as it gets up and
89 running again, may want to take a look at the document and perhaps get involved in the

90 project as she is unable to devote time to it. She will discuss this with Kyle Smith, member
91 of the Conservation Commission. A meeting is scheduled for the newly reestablished
92 commission on 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Troy Town Hall.

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94 The Town of Troy received a letter from an auctioneer requesting old and unused equipment
95 for the state auction. The Board directed the Town Administrator to communicate with the
96 Road Agent for any items at the Highway Garage.

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99 **6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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101 6.A. Recent Manifests –

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103 Payroll Manifests:

104	September 13, 2021	\$14,660.01	Includes Fire Dept & Ambulance Payroll
105	September 3, 2021	\$12,570.76	

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107 And Accounts Payable Manifests:

108	September 7, 2021	\$13,762.66	
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110 **MOTION** to approve payment of manifests presented, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by
111 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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113 6.B. Previous Meeting Minutes –

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115 1. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting,
116 as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
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118 2. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting,
119 Non-Public Session, as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.
120 **VOTES: 3-0-0.** **MOTION** to seal the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Board of
121 Selectmen meeting, Non-Public Session, for one year, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by
122 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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124 **7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

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126 7.A. Eagle Scout Project – Work has begun on the project.

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128 7.B. Fire Department Heating Fuel Tanks – Tanks replacement is necessary.
129 Administrator Guild communicated with Patten Energy. Lee Patenaude will be
130 submitting a cost of one large tank to replace the two there currently. Funds will need to
131 be requested at Town Meeting in March.

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136 **8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
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138 8.A. Board Chair Report – Chairman Thackston spoke about the current condition of
139 Brook Street and Russell Ave. roads and the extensive potholes that have appeared.
140 Administrator Guild is to request the Highway Department cold patch the potholes for
141 safety issues. She let the Board know there is a plan being developed by the Road Agent
142 to rebuild both roads in 2022.
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144 Chairman Thackston also requested opinions of the other Board members in reference to
145 a “free dump day” at the Transfer Station this fall. **MOTION** to approve the day,
146 Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0**. The approved
147 day is Saturday October 16, 2021.

148 Chairman Thackston also noted the recent passing of former Selectman Allan Cummings
149 Mr. Cummings was an “all around great guy” according to Chairman Thackston and he
150 will be missed. Chairman Thackston stated that it was a misfortune for those who didn’t
151 know Mr. Cummings.
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153 8.B. Other Board Members’ Reports – Selectman Wilson had no comments. Selectman
154 Hopkins reported the following:
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156 Recreation Department/Committee –

- 157 • BBQ Chicken Dinner, Sunday September 19th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
158 Expecting a quick sell out. \$5.00 per plate.
- 159 • Recreation Committee meeting, September 21 & 22 at Town Hall.
160 Working session on second floor.
- 161 • Community Breakfast, at Community Center, Saturday October 2nd,
162 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. Dine In = \$8.00, Take Out = \$5.00.
- 163 • Fall Festival, Saturday October 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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165 Upcoming Committees’ meetings –

- 166 • Zoning Board of Adjustment Working Session – Tuesday September 21,
167 2021 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 168 • Conservation Commission – Friday September 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. at
169 Town Hall.
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171 Selectman Hopkins also reported on the latest Planning Board efforts. They board would
172 like to have input from the Board of Selectmen on a list of changes being proposed. The
173 list is to be reviewed at the October 7, 2021 Selectmen’s meeting.
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175 **11. NEXT MEETING:** September 30, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – Ambulance Information meeting
176 Samuel E. Paul Center
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182 **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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184 Courtney Davis inquired about the sale of the mill property, a Troy Redevelopment Group issue.
185 Chairman Thackston reported that an offer had been received. TRG countered and did not
186 receive any response as of this time. TRG's broker, representative, Bill Hutwelker states there is
187 still some interest from other parties. Mr. Davis mentioned an organization, "Chittenburg," who
188 has done rehabilitation projects on the seacoast. The Board thought it a good idea to let Mr.
189 Hutwelker know of this organization.

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191 Sean Lukeman of 40 High Street was present. He spoke of the Cheshire Rail Trail and who is
192 the contact in Troy to work with to apply for available grant funds to maintain the trail. He
193 stated that he and his son did some extensive trail work after the rainy summer season washed
194 out sections. Administrator Guild asked Mr. Lipman if he would be interested in attending
195 meetings of the Conservation Commission and perhaps become a member of the commission.

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198 **13. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

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200 **MOTION** to enter NON-PUBLIC SESSION under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (I), Selectman
201 Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**
202 **Wilson, Yes.**

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204 The Board of Selectmen entered Non-Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

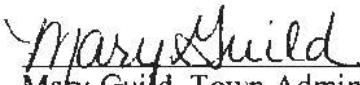
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206 **MOTION** to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND**
207 by Selectman Wilson. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes; Wilson, Yes.**

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209 The Board of Selectmen exited Non-Public Session at 7:31 p.m.

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211 **MOTION** to adjourn, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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213 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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215 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**

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219 Mary Guild, Town Administrator


Richard Thackston, Chairman

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223 Curtis Hopkins

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227 Timothy Wilson

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