

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

Friday November 12, 2021

1 Board Members present: Chairman Richard Thackston, Curtis Hopkins and Timothy Wilson.

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3 1. *Chairman Thackston called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.*

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5 Chairman Thackston explained the reason for the meeting was to set the current year tax rate
6 after receiving the preliminary rate from the State of NH, Department of Revenue
7 Administration. Additionally, he explained there were a few housekeeping items to attend to,
8 as well.

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10 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments at this time.

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12 3. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:** None at this time.

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14 4. **PROPERTY TAX RATE SETTING:** The Department of Revenue suggested preliminary
15 rate of \$30.74 per thousand of property valuation does not include a reduction from the fund
16 balance. Additionally, Chairman Thackston pointed out the fund balance used by the DRA
17 to calculate the tax rate does not include \$50,000 in property taxes recently collected due to
18 the sale of the Troy Mill property. Administrator Guild suggested a reduction towards the
19 rate of \$102,500, resulting in a rate of \$29.96, keeping the town portion of the rate the same
20 as the previous year, \$10.34. Chairman Thackston suggested adding the \$50,000 to the
21 reduction: \$152,500. Upon calculation, the resulting total rate is \$29.57 per thousand,
22 making the town's portion lower than last year, \$9.96.

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24 **MOTION** to reduce the tax effort by \$152,500, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by
25 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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27 **MOTION** to set the tax rate for the current year at \$29.57, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by
28 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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30 **[Calculation done by the Department of Revenue resulted in a rate of \$29.58 per**
31 **thousand, due to rounding.]**

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33 5. **TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:** Chairman Thackston is recommending the borrowing
34 \$500,000 against tax anticipation. \$200,000 will be used to pay off the current note and the
35 remaining \$300,000 be used for cash flow until the property taxes are paid. The current note
36 is due for payoff in early December and the County tax bill for about \$544,000 is due on
37 December 17. Property taxes will not be due until after those due dates. Chairman
38 Thackston explained that over the past several years, the amount borrowed against property
39 taxes has continually decreased. It is hoped that the town will not have to continue
40 borrowing in the future.

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42 **MOTION** to authorize Chairman Thackston to seek the Tax Anticipation Note from
43 Mascoma Bank and to authorize him as the signer of all documentation regarding the note,
44 Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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6. USE OF TOWN COMMON: Police Chief Ellis was present to report on the Freedom Rally held on the common Thursday November 11, 2021. He reported there were twelve participants in the rally. The organizer of the rally did not request permission from the Board of Selectmen. There was discussion regarding the current application and the rights of citizens to hold such a rally. Chief Ellis noted that he stayed at the location for the duration of the rally. There were no incidents of concern. All involved conducted themselves properly.

Selectman Hopkins voiced concern over the disregard for the application process requesting use of town owned property.

Discussion followed regarding a town ordinance. This will be reviewed at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Administrator Guild has heard from the contracted financial auditing firm. A representative will attend to present the findings of the 2018 Town of Troy Financial Audit.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: From the audience, Richard HKS Thackston requested the Board of Selectmen take up the issue of appointment of Richard Pelto, III to the Planning Board.

MOTION to appoint Richard Pelto, III to the Planning Board vacant seat until March 2022, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

Appointment paperwork will be prepared on Monday by the Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard. Mr. Pelto may visit the Town Clerk next week to be sworn in as member to the Planning Board.

Selectman Hopkins noted the Community Dinner will be held this Saturday November 13, 2021 at the S.E. Paul Community Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A turkey dinner with sides is the menu. A large response is anticipated. Selectman Hopkins encouraged residents to purchase earlier rather than later. The cost is \$5.00 To Go.

The Bridge of Joy is to be held at the Community Center this year. The date has been set for Sunday December 12, 2021.

Selectman Hopkins noted the date has been set for a community bonfire at the Community Center on January 15, 2022. Residents looking to dispose of Christmas trees are welcome to bring them to the bonfire. A bartender is being sought. More information is to come at future meetings.

14. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Not necessary.

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

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96 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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98 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**

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100 Mary Guild
101 Mary Guild, Town Administrator

Richard Thackston
Richard Thackston, Chairman

Curt Hopkins
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Timothy Wilson
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