

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

Thursday December 2, 2021

1 1. *Chairman Thackston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.*

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3 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

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5 3. **2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS:**

6 Robert Norton, Recreation Director, presented budget proposals for the Recreation  
7 Department and the S.E. Paul Community Center. The wages proposed for the director for  
8 2022, are doubled at \$30,000. This is due to the increase in time the director is spending  
9 running programs, maintaining the grounds and the building, and handling rental of the  
10 facility. The total budget proposal is \$56,563, an increase of \$14,801 over the 2021 request.  
11 In his presentation of requests for 2022 for the community center facility, Mr. Norton  
12 proposed a total of \$27,551, an increase of \$5,799 over the 2021 budgeted amount.

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14 **MOTION** to accept the proposal, Selectman Hopkins. There was no second to the motion.  
15 Selectman Wilson would like the requests reviewed further. It was discussed and decided, the  
16 Board of Selectmen will take no action on the proposed budgets. Mr. Norton will present to  
17 the Budget Committee without Selectmen's approval.

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19 4. **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER RHODES** was unable to attend the Board Meeting,  
20 having gotten held up at the Legislature in Concord.

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22 5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Chairman Thackston talked about broadening the Troy  
23 Tax Base and looking for suggestions on what the community could do to bring a stronger tax  
24 base into town, decreasing the amount of taxes to each household. He made a few  
25 suggestions:

- 26 • Apply for Community Block Grants (for development).
- 27 • Establish an area of town as an Industrial "park".

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29 Chairman Thackston also noted the community should decide what to do with the Troy  
30 Redevelopment Group.

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32 Chairman Thackston also spoke of the situation the Town is facing with the aging ambulance  
33 vehicle and finding a replacement sooner than later. He also spoke of forming a relationship  
34 with the Town of Fitzwilliam for coverage of both communities. Mark Huntoon, Troy Fire  
35 Chief, was present at the meeting and gave his opinion of agreement to such a relationship to  
36 ensure 24/7 coverage for both towns.

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38 Selectman Hopkins noticed the following Recreation Committee sponsored events:

- 39 • Dec. 4, 2021, 7-11 a.m., Community Breakfast with Santa
- 40 • Dec. 12, 2021, 5 p.m., Bridge of Joy – at the Community Center
- 41 • Dec. 17, 2021, 4-9 p.m., Craft Day and Dinner & Movie, and Santa too!
- 42 • Dec. 19, 2021, Ham Dinner, "to go" only - \$5.00
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45 Selectman Wilson commented on the Southern NH Tour of Lights in which many towns  
46 throughout Southern NH are sponsoring through their Recreation Departments. It will be  
47 taking place between December 11, 2021 and December 27. The Troy representatives are  
48 Lexi Hopkins and Deb Wilson. A map of homes participating will be provided through a QR  
49 code for anyone interested in taking the tour. Participants must register by December 6<sup>th</sup>  
50 deadline.  
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52 **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

53 A. Troy Fire Board of Engineers Fire Chief, Mark Huntoon and Deputy Fire Chief, Joe  
54 Callahan were both present. Deputy Fire Chief Scott Meader joined later in the meeting by  
55 telephone. The purpose of these two groups meeting was to authorize withdrawal of funds  
56 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Agents to expend named within the Ambulance  
57 Capital Reserve Fund are the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Engineers. No special  
58 meeting of the public is required to withdraw funds from the account. There was extensive  
59 discussion regarding the need for a replacement ambulance. The options for purchase were  
60 reviewed. There was also discussion as to the intent of the originally written warrant article  
61 setting the funds aside. The reason for the meeting was reiterated several times. It was also  
62 noted that the Town has missed two opportunities at vehicles that have become available in  
63 the past few months due to not having the agreement to withdraw the necessary funds  
64 immediately, when necessary to act on opportunities that arise.  
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66 **MOTION** to allow the withdrawal of necessary funds to act immediately, when and if a  
67 vehicle becomes available, as needed to secure a replacement vehicle for the ambulance  
68 service, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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70 For the Board of Engineers: **MOTION** to allow the withdrawal of necessary funds to act  
71 immediately, when and if a vehicle becomes available, as needed to secure a replacement  
72 vehicle for the ambulance service, Chief Huntoon, **SECOND** by Deputy Chief Callahan.  
73 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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75 B. Building Permit Application, Map 18, Lot 100 - Replacement garage. **MOTION** to  
76 approve the building permit application, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.  
77 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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79 C. 2022 Employees' Holiday Schedule – Upon review, Selectman Wilson noted Veteran's  
80 Day 2022 would need correction on the schedule as it falls on a Friday. The schedule will be  
81 corrected and acted on at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.  
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83 D. NH RSA 79-E Revitalization Tax Credit Applications The Board reviewed applications  
84 for the following properties: 15 Central Square, 20 South Main Street and 23 South Street.  
85 There was discussion regarding NH RSA 79-E and the application process. This is a newer  
86 RSA and there is not a lot of guidance from the state on this issue. Most Towns in NH have  
87 adopted the RSA but have not created the applications nor established rules for same. This is  
88 an initial trial of the process for Troy. Each property was discussed. As substantial  
89 renovations are taking place at each of the properties, adding value to same, and to the

90 surrounding areas in town, Selectman Wilson gave opinion that the process is an added  
91 incentive to increase values within town.

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93 **MOTION** to approve the applications, as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by  
94 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 2-0-1, Chairman Thackston abstained.**

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97 **7. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was presented.

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99 **8. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from the NH Attorney General, Department of  
100 Justice regarding filings for the Troy Historical Society. Administrator Guild was directed to  
101 answer the document.

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103 **9. CONSENT AGENDA:**

104 A. Recent Manifests –

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106 Payroll:

107 November 29, 2021 \$14,372.27  
108 December 6, 2021 \$20,576.28 Includes quarterly payments due  
109 to Elected Officials

110 Accounts Payable Manifests:

111 November 24, 2021 \$169,427.17 Includes MRSD Nov. payment  
112 (\$146,209.75)  
113 December 2, 2021 \$572,039.19 Includes ann. tax to County (\$544,259.00)

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115 **MOTION** to approve payment of manifests presented, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by  
116 Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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118 B. Previous Meeting Minutes –

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120 1. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting,  
121 as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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123 2. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting,  
124 Non-Public Session, as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.  
125 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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127 **10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Administrator Guild announced she reached out  
128 successfully to Representative Jennifer Rhodes regarding the Monadnock Street/Route 12  
129 intersection project stall with the State of NH, Department of Transportation. Administrator  
130 Guild has finally received successful response from representatives from the DOT and expressed  
131 appreciation for the assistance received from Representative Rhodes.

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133 A. A. Encumbered Funds – Discussion was held regarding holding over of funds from 2021  
134 to 2022 would need to take place for the purpose of the ongoing Complete Streets Grant  
135 project at the Monadnock Street, Route 12 intersection. In addition, the remaining funds for

136 the repair and demolition of buildings will need to be held over as there is one outstanding  
137 project in the current account. **MOTION** to approve encumbering the funds, Selectman  
138 Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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140 B. Public Hearing, January 20, 2022 – Administrator Guild explained the recent  
141 communications with Town Counsel, Joseph Hoppock regarding the litigation from  
142 Consolidated Communications, an agreement has been reached for taxing utilities. It is a  
143 necessity to notice the public. January 20,2022 is a regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen  
144 meeting. There will be a public hearing on this issue held at the SE Paul Community Center,  
145 61 South Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday January 20, 2022.  
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147 **11. NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen is December 16,  
148 2021.  
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150 **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.  
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152 **13. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**  
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154 **MOTION** to enter NON-PUBLIC SESSION under NH RSA 91-A:3, II, Selectman Hopkins,  
155 **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes; Wilson,**  
156 **Yes.**  
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158 The Board of Selectmen entered Non-Public Session at 7:55 p.m.  
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160 **MOTION** to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by  
161 Selectman Wilson. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes; Wilson, Yes.**  
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163 The Board of Selectmen exited Non-Public Session at 8:30 p.m.  
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165 **MOTION** to adjourn, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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167 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.  
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169 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**  
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172 Mary Guild  
173 Mary Guild, Town Administrator  
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Richard Thackston  
Richard Thackston, Chairman

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176 Curtis Hopkins  
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180 Timothy Wilson  
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