

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF TROY
TROY TOWN HALL
Thursday April 1, 2021

Selectmen Present: Richard Thackston
Curtis Hopkins, Tim Wilson

1 *Chairman Thackston called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.*

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3 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

4 Road Agent, Ed Atkins was present to discuss the dams within Troy that require attention. The
5 most urgent being the Village Pond Dam. There have been many attempts to maintain the
6 structure that are just barely keeping up. A representative from the State of NH Dam Bureau will
7 be in town to meet with Ed and Town Administrator Mary Guild on June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
8 The meeting will be at the Village Pond Dam.

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10 Ed Atkins also brought up the other dams in town which require attention, Perkins Pond Dam,
11 Silica Pond Dam, and Sand Dam. These dams are not so urgent and have less impact than the
12 Village Pond Dam. Perkins Pond Dam only requires a gate replacement but the pond will have
13 to be drained for that to happen. A prior plan was put in place to breach the Silica Pond Dam but
14 that plan has not been acted upon. Dredging will be necessary at the Sand Dam.

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16 Selectman Wilson noted the question of not being able to refill any ponds that require a draw
17 down as happened in Swanzy.

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19 The Board and Mr. Atkins discussed repairing/replacing all four dams in a short period of time
20 and any grant funds that might be available for a large-scale project such as that.

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22 **APPOINTMENTS:**

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24 NH House District 15, Representative Jennifer Rhodes was present to review recent legislature
25 before the house. Representative Rhodes also reported on a recent meeting she had with the
26 Governor regarding school funding.

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28 The Board of Selectmen recently sent a request to Representative Rhodes to oppose HB111.
29 Representative Rhodes stated that she will vote against HB111.

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31 There are other bills in question that impact NH municipalities that will have more information
32 forthcoming.

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34 Due to COVID the way in which the House meets does not allow for much research on bills
35 before the vote is due. Selectman Wilson asked why there is such a rush on the votes. Why
36 doesn't the House slow down the processing of bills?

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38 Representative Rhodes offered assistance to the Town of Troy to navigate the Dam Bureau and
39 the procedures necessary for the projects to move forward and where funding might be available.

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41 Representative Rhodes spoke of transportation in the region, specifically rail service provided by
42 Amtrak. Chairman Thackston noted that the state of New Hampshire is losing Federal
43 Transportation funds due to the lack of rail service.

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45 The funding for police body cameras has been addressed and there is currently state money
46 available for reimbursement to municipal police departments.

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48 There was further discussion on school funding.

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50 Troy Police Chief David Ellis next addressed the Board of Selectmen. He brought forward a
51 proposal for a Fireworks Ordinance within town. Selectman Wilson asked how the distance of
52 250 feet was determined. Chief Ellis responded that he picked it to correspond with the
53 restriction of not discharging a fire arm within 300 feet of a residence.

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55 The ordinance will be placed on the Town's website.

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57 **MOTION** to adopt the Fireworks Ordinance, amended to 150 feet restriction, Selectman Wilson,
58 **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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60 The next item presented by Chief Ellis was a revision to the Personnel Policy for the allowance
61 of Compensatory Time off in lieu of Overtime payment. This would be a cost savings to the
62 Town of Troy. The 2021 police overtime budget is already over spent due to extenuating
63 circumstances. The Selectmen's office will provide a new time sheet form to allow for the
64 accounting of comp time.

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66 **MOTION** to allow the use of Compensatory Time and to amend the Personnel Policy to include
67 it, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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69 Chairman Thackston asked if the budgeted amount for police overtime should have been a higher
70 amount. Chief Ellis did not believe he could have predicted the costs that have arisen.

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72 There was discussion about a trash situation on Monadnock Street. Chairman Thackston noted
73 the police department has been "overly kind" in the way they have approached the situation.
74 Chief Ellis called his department's approach to the situation as "community policing." He does
75 not believe the situation will change. A citation will be issued on the next call regarding the
76 issue.

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78 Chief Ellis believes a recent issue on Mill Street has come to a conclusion. He stated the
79 property owner is cooperating with the police on the tenants' behaviors.

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81 Administrator Guild received a complaint regarding chickens on Monadnock Street and brought
82 that to the Chief's attention.

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84 Chief Ellis requested a list of properties and the contact information from the Selectmen's office.

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86 OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to review or act upon.

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88 NEW BUSINESS:

89 A. ZBA Members' Appointments –
90 MOTION to appoint Courtney Davis, Justin Jones, and Steve Obert to the Zoning Board
91 of Adjustment for one year, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.
92 VOTES: 3-0-0.

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94 There was a brief discussion about the membership of someone under the age of eighteen and the
95 response from NHMA Legal regarding such.

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97 **MOTION** to appoint Lexi Hopkins to the ZBA effective May 14, 2021, Selectman Hopkins,
98 **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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100 Selectman Hopkins noted that he is continuing to serve as the Selectmen's Representative to the
101 ZBA and Jon Collins will serve as the Planning Board Representative. Both seats will have
102 voting abilities.

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104 There was a discussion about some residents expressing interest in the Conservation
105 Commission.

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107 **MOTION** to appoint Kyle Smith, Richard HKS Thackston, and Tyler Bagster to the
108 Conservation Commission, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-**
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111 Selectman Hopkins noted he will serve in a voting capacity as Selectman's representative.

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113 B. Worldwide Computer Solutions Agreement –
114 **MOTION** to accept the proposed agreement for Worldwide Computer Solutions for the
115 period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman
116 Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

117 C. Town Common World War II Statue –
118 The Board discussed the proposal received from Allen Cumings requesting a World War
119 II commemorative statue on the Town Common. The Board is in favor of such but
120 requires more information.

121 D. Solar Exemption Application –
122 **MOTION** to approve the solar exemption for Map 001, Lot 0001-0000 in the amount of
123 \$5,400, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

124 E. Building Permit Applications –
125 **MOTION** to approve a Building Permit application for a building addition for Map 032-
126 0002-E, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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128 **MOTION** to approve a Building Permit application for a new home for Map 019, Lot
129 0021-H, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. NH Department of Transportation Correspondence received –
The Board reviewed a letter from NH Department of Transportation regarding the Town’s property on Marlborough Road. Administrator Guild reported that the Road Agent, Ed Atkins is addressing this issue with the Cemetery worker, Skip Mason and the NH DOT representative Frank Linnenbringer. Selectman Wilson requested correspondence from NH DOT as remedy is settled.
- B. HB177 –
This item is tabled until further information is received from Representative Rhodes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Recent Manifests –
 - Payroll, 03/29/2021 - \$14,105.78
 - Payroll, 03/29/2021 - \$800.00
 - Payroll, 04/05/2021 - \$13,188.57
 - Accounts Payable, 03/25/2021 - \$27,306.95
 - Accounts Payable, 04/01/2021 \$35,256.89

MOTION to approve manifests, as presented, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

- B. Previous Meetings’ Minutes –
 - March 17, 2021, Public Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
 - March 18, 2021, Public Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
 - March 18, 2021, Non-Public Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- A. Building Inspector Forms, Certificate of Occupancy -
MOTION to adopt the form, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
The Building Inspectors report was reviewed and discussed by the Board. **MOTION** to accept the use of the report, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
The Board directed Administrator Guild to find out from 4Leaf what the costs incurred have been so far for their services.
- B. Board of Selectmen Questionnaire – Administrator Guild requested answers to some of the questions on the auditors’ questionnaire for the year 2018. The Board assisted with answers and where to get them.

176 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

177 A. Board Chair Report – Chairman Thackston recognized freshman senator Denise Ricciardi
178 and her ability to move the bill forward to change the disbursement of state funding for
179 Rooms and Meals Taxes to municipalities in the amounts that were initially intended.

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181 Chairman Thackston asked Administrator Guild to communicate with the painting
182 contractors to request clarification on the bids received.

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184 Chairman Thackston reported the work will begin on the depot warehouse in the next five
185 weeks and will finish in a week and a half.

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187 The Board discussed the idea of purchasing a tractor trailer load of mulch for town use
188 and keeping it at the Highway garage. Chairman Thackston will get prices.

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190 The Board also discussed the issue of the Ambulance and services from DiLuzio.

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192 B. Other Board Members' Reports – Selectman Hopkins reported on the Community Center
193 resuming Breakfasts on May 1st., there will some seating at a price of \$8.00 and some
194 “take-out” at a price of \$5.00 each. for upcoming Community Center dinner – April
195 17th, ham dinner, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Selectman Hopkins announced the
196 Fishing Derby will take place on May 22. Selectman Hopkins reported on the
197 recuperation of Bob Norton after a recent medical procedure. Selectman Hopkins also
198 announced a Town-wide clean-up day scheduled for April 24. He will coordinate trash
199 disposal with Road Agent, Ed Atkins. Selectman Wilson had no comments.

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201 NEXT MEETING:

202 The next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be on Thursday April 15, 2021 at the Troy
203 Town Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

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209 After a brief recess, the Board entered non-public at 9:34 p.m.

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211 **MOTION** to exit non-public session, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.
212 **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes; Wilson, Yes.**

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214 The Board reconvened the public meeting at 10:20 p.m.

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

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218 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

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MOTION to exit non-public session, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.
Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes; Wilson, Yes.

The Board reconvened the public meeting at 10:20 p.m.

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

The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

TROY SELECT BOARD:



Mary Guild, Town Administrator



Richard Thackston, Chairman



Curtis Hopkins



Timothy Wilson