

TROY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022, 6:00 P.M.  
TROY TOWN HALL

1 1. *Chairman Thackston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*  
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3 **Selectmen present:** Chairman Thackston, Selectman Hopkins, Selectman Chasse

4 **Also present:** Mary Guild, Town Administrator  
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6 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mrs. Donna Luopa was in attendance to express her disappointment  
7 regarding the culvert replacement at her Bigelow Hill/Forest Road property. She presented  
8 photos of the access to the driveway and the granite blocks covering the culvert. It was  
9 explained to her that the blocks do serve a purpose. After further discussion, the Board of  
10 Selectmen agreed to have the Highway Department remove the granite blocks. Thereafter the  
11 Town of Troy has no other responsibility for the culvert. It will be up to the property owner to  
12 maintain. Selectman Hopkins explained that the Town was not required to do any replacement  
13 of the culvert as it was placed some time ago and the proper procedure was not followed by the  
14 property owner, at the time, Mrs. Luopa's father-in-law. Mrs. Luopa agreed once the blocks are  
15 removed, the Town is no longer in a responsible position. She then submitted a written  
16 complaint of "Lack of Due Process" to the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Thackston inquired  
17 what action she would like from the Board in regard to the complaint. Mrs. Luopa simply wants  
18 the complaint on record.  
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20 4. **BUDGET REQUESTS:**

21 A. Cemetery Department – Cemetery Trustees Chair Diane Lepisto was present to submit the  
22 2023 Cemetery Department budget requests. There is significant decrease over last year's  
23 approved budget due to water charges. The Cemetery Department did not use anywhere  
24 near what was anticipated during 2022. The total requested amount is \$38,504. **MOTION**  
25 to accept the request as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse.  
26 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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28 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Fire Chief Mark Huntoon was in attendance as he has anticipated the  
29 Cheshire County Ambulance Service administration to be at the meeting to discuss the new  
30 service. That appointment has not been set yet. Chief Huntoon requested individual envelopes  
31 for payroll checks. There was discussion regarding how the county is conducting the service.  
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33 2. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –**  
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35 A. Planning Board –

- 36 • Selectman Hopkins reported on the November 16, 2022 Planning Board meeting. The  
37 Board is reviewing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for voters in March.  
38 Specifically reviewed are the newly drafted campground ordinance. Also, manufactured  
39 homes resting on their own rural lots. There has been discussion allowing new mobile  
40 home parks to be developed but that may not happen on this coming ballot. There is to  
41 be a clearer explanation of "lot of record" and also some discussion about what would  
42 trigger a site plan review. There was a bit of discussion at the Planning Board meeting  
43 regarding "scrolling signs." Chief Huntoon expressed a favorable opinion.  
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46 B. Recreation Committee –

47 Selectman Hopkins noted the success of the November community dinner just held.

48 Selectman listed the following events:

- 49 • NO community breakfast is scheduled in December.
- 50 • Bridge of Joy at the Community Center on December 18, 2022, beginning at 4:00
- 51 p.m.

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53 The Haunted House has been removed and stored. Chairman Thackston asked about the  
54 scarecrows on the common. The Boy Scouts have volunteered to remove them. Chief  
55 Huntoon suggested no scarecrows in the vicinity of the crosswalks on the common in the  
56 future.

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58 A brief discussion took place regarding the Recreation Committee sponsorship of the  
59 Town's Boy Scout Troop. The cost to sponsor is \$100 and will come from the Recreation  
60 Department Revolving Fund.

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62 C. Troy Water & Sewer Commission –

- 63 • Selectman Chasse reported information on an Asset Management program being  
64 established for the Water & Sewer Department. Paperwork was also submitted to this  
65 meeting regarding a grant for the program. The Board of Selectmen must accept the  
66 funds. Selectman Hopkins **MOTION** to accept the funds upon approval of the grant,  
67 **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** Selectman Hopkins questioned who  
68 would be the “agents to expend” from the grant. Selectman Chasse stated that the grant  
69 in this discussion was strictly for asset management. Other grants will be sought to fund  
70 necessary upgrades and repairs to the systems.

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72 4. BUDGET REQUESTS:

73 Road Agent Ed Atkins had arrived to submit requests for the Highway Department budget 2023  
74 requests. As an aside from that Chairman Thackston made Mr. Atkins aware of the discussion  
75 with Mrs. Luopa earlier in the meeting. Mr. Atkins will schedule the removal of the granite  
76 blocks holding the culvert in place, as discussed.

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78 A. Highway Department Budget Requests – Increases in the budget requests over the 2022  
79 approved budget were personnel related. Wage increases were not awarded in the last  
80 budget request. All personnel related increases will be added to the Wage Adjustment  
81 Warrant Article. Health insurance increase will remain within the budget and is another  
82 significant driver in the increase. Salt costs contribute to the increase as well. The total  
83 requested budget is \$295,302. **MOTION** to accept the request as submitted, Selectman  
84 Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

85 B. Transfer Station Budget Requests – Mr. Atkins reported the Transfer Station seems to be  
86 running more smoothly than in the recent past. He is requesting wage increases for the  
87 employees. The requested amount for the Transfer Station 2023 budget is \$155,345.  
88 **MOTION** to accept the request as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman  
89 Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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93 Mr. Atkins is submitting Warrant Articles for the following:

- 94 • A 2023 Ford F-450 truck to replace the oldest in the fleet. He would like to keep the
- 95 old one for a backup. Funded from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.
- 96 • A John Deere 310 series backhoe. Funded from the Highway Department Capital
- 97 Reserve Fund.
- 98 • Funding to complete paving project on Bigelow Hill Road.
- 99 • Contribution to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of
- 100 \$25,000.
- 101 • Contribution to the Highway & Streets Capital Reserve Fund for \$50,000.

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103 **MOTION** to move forward with Warrant Articles, as submitted, Selectman Hopkins,  
104 **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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106 **2. D. Zoning Board of Adjustment –**

107 Selectman Chasse announced an upcoming meeting of the ZBA on November 29, 2022. The  
108 purpose of the meeting is a continuance of the variance requested on South Main Street and to  
109 hear petition of rehearing on the Mill development.

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111 Chairman Thackston, newly elected to the NH Legislature, noted a possible conflict in meeting  
112 schedules. The time of the Board of Selectmen meetings will change to 5:00 p.m. on the first  
113 and third Thursday of each month, commencing at the next meeting on December 1, 2022.

114 There may be a need to change the day of meeting in the future. Also noted for public  
115 information, NO conflict of interest in Chairman Thackston's position on the Board of  
116 Selectmen and as Representative to the Legislature. He may serve the town in both positions.

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118 **5. OLD BUSINESS: None.**

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120 **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

121 A. Revised Tax Rate Setting – Due to an error on the MS-1 valuations reported to the  
122 Department of Revenue Administration, and subsequent corrected submission, the tax rate  
123 for 2022 was reset. The Board of Selectmen applied \$100,000 of surplus funds to the tax  
124 effort. **MOTION** to set the rate at \$30.84 per \$1,000, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by  
125 Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** There was discussion surrounding the Giorgianni Trust  
126 as a possible use towards property taxes. This will need to be researched. Possibly to use  
127 towards repayment of the Tax Anticipation Note or as a replacement of same.

128 B. Alcohol, Open Container Permit Application – An application, approved by the Troy Police  
129 Chief was submitted for review by the Board of Selectmen. **MOTION** to approve the  
130 application for alcohol to be consumed at the Recreation Center for an event on December  
131 3, 2022, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

132 C. Building Permit Application, M27, L15 – The Board reviewed a building permit application  
133 for a metal storage building to be erected at Map 27, Lot 15. **MOTION** to approve the  
134 application as submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-**  
135 **0-0.**

136 D. Building Permit Extension Request, M14, L18 - **MOTION** to approve the application as  
137 submitted, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 2-0-1.**  
138 Chairman Thackston abstained.

- 139 E. Electric Rates Contracting – The current contract for electric rates is set to expire. The  
 140 Selectmen’s office has acquired rates from three vendors. Before choosing a vendor, the  
 141 Board of Selectmen would like clarification on transmission of service costs.  
 142 F. Town Report Dedication – **MOTION** to dedicate the 2022 Town Report to Mrs. Janet  
 143 McCullough, in recognition for all she has done for the Town of Troy, Selectman Hopkins,  
 144 **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
 145 G. Town Treasurer’s Report, October – The Board was given a copy of the Treasurer’s Report  
 146 for the month of October.  
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148 **7. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 149 A. A note was received from Southwest Community Services explaining a proposed Blue  
 150 Light Unhoused Emergency Program (BLUE). The Board of Selectmen were not in favor  
 151 of this proposal.  
 152 B. Mountain View Mill Rehearing Request was reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. The  
 153 Zoning Board of Adjustment will be looking into this request on November 29. It was  
 154 requested of Administrator Guild to forward the ZBA Decision and the Rehearing Request  
 155 to Town Counsel, Joe Hoppock.  
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- 157 **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** The Selectmen’s office received inquiry from Mr. Sean  
 158 McGarry of town owned property at Map 20, Lot 15. Mr. McGarry is interested in purchasing  
 159 the lot. Chairman Thackston asked for Mr. McGarry to make an offer. The Board of Selectmen  
 160 will take the offer under advisement.  
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162 **9. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 163 A. Recent Manifests –

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifests to be Approved				
Payroll	WE Date	Check Date	Total	Notes
	11/6/2022	11/14/2022	\$ 13,775.05	
	11/13/2022	11/21/2022	\$ 15,858.18	Included: FD/AMB, Ballot Clerks, & Supervisors of the Checklist
Accounts Payable	NA	11/9/2022	\$ 6,887.37	
	NA	11/17/2022	\$ 6,328.76	

- 164 **MOTION** to approve payment of manifests presented, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by  
 165 Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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- 168 B. Previous Meeting Minutes –

- 169 1. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting,  
 170 as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
 171 2. **MOTION** to approve the Non-Public Session minutes of the November 3, 2022 Board of  
 172 Selectmen meeting, as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse.  
 173 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

174 3. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting,  
175 as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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177 **10. NEXT MEETING:** December 1, 2022

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179 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION, under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b):**

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181 **MOTION** to enter Non-Public Session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Selectman Hopkins,  
182 **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
183 **Chasse, Yes.**

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185 The Board entered Non-Public Session at 7:55 p.m.


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187 **MOTION** to exit Non-Public Session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Selectman Hopkins,  
188 **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
189 **Chasse, Yes.**

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191 The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8:04 p.m.

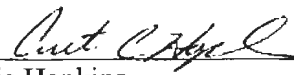
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193 **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Chasse.  
194 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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196 *The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.*

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198 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**

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202 Mary Guild, Town Administrator

  
Richard Thackston, Chairman

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206 Curtis Hopkins

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