

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

Thursday August 19, 2021

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

2 Chairman Thackston and Selectman Wilson were present at the meeting. Selectman Hopkins  
3 attended via telephone.  
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5 **PUBLIC HEARING: MOTION** to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of public  
6 input regarding the sale of property at Map 8, Lot 21, Forest Road, Selectman Wilson.

7 **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** Chairman Thackston announce the  
8 proposed sale of Town property to a private party and asked for public input. There was no  
9 public input. **MOTION** to exit the public hearing, Selectman Wilson. **SECOND** by  
10 Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** The Board exited the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.  
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12 **MOTION** to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the recent acceptance  
13 of unanticipated funds of \$110,185.85 from the American Rescue Plan Act, Selectman  
14 Wilson. **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.** At this time, Chairman  
15 Thackston requested input from the public for spending ideas of the funds. Town  
16 Administrator Mary Guild noted the deadline for spending on infrastructure, or justified  
17 operating expenses as December 31, 2024. State Representative Jennifer Rhodes who was  
18 present in the audience, announced the passage of Senate Bill 85 which addresses grant  
19 funding for Broadband projects. Chairman Thackston stated that Troy has already applied  
20 for and approved funds from the NH Municipal Bond Bank. Administrator Guild explained  
21 that while the bill was being debated, the sale of the bonds required final answers to  
22 borrowing.  
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24 Mr. Joseph Callahan, resident, also present in the audience, representing the Emergency  
25 Medical Services of Troy, stated the ARPA funds can be used for the purchase of a new  
26 ambulance. There was some discussion regarding potential plans for the town's ambulance  
27 service. Chairman Thackston also mentioned the upcoming necessary dam repairs/rebuilding  
28 the state is expecting and Mr. Richard HKS Thackston noted the red-listed bridge on High  
29 Street that will require replacement. Chairman Thackston also noted that the Town needs to  
30 upgrade the recording equipment used at meetings in order to properly transmit the meetings  
31 to the public. Administrator Guild noted that computer upgrades are necessary in several  
32 departments and the money can and will be used for upgrades to the Selectmen's office,  
33 including the new Land Use Clerk, the Welfare office and the Highway Department.  
34 Administrator Guild stated a replacement ambulance is on the list for consideration.

35 **MOTION** to exit the public hearing, Selectman Wilson. **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins.  
36 **VOTES: 3-0-0.** The Board exited the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.  
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39 2. **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER RHODES:** Representative Jennifer Rhodes addressed  
40 the Board of Selectmen on the recent happenings within the State Legislature. The state's  
41 budget has been passed, \$13.5 billion for two years. Representative Rhodes explained

42 several changes to funding distributed to towns state wide and also the recent tax credit  
43 distributed directly to property tax payers within the state. She discussed recent changes to  
44 funding for schools' special education and changes to charter schools, more funding  
45 available for free and reduced lunches for students. She explained how paid family leave  
46 would be funded from private insurance pools and will provide more information on that  
47 item for Administrator Guild.

48 There was a brief discussion on the FEMA visits to the county and the wait for the Governor  
49 to declare the area a state of emergency creating eligibility for reimbursement from FEMA  
50 for repairs and services provided by towns in Cheshire County during the storm of July 17-  
51 18, 2021. The county has met the criteria for the declaration. Administrator Guild  
52 recognized the Town of Troy's Highway Department for the extensive work done to repair  
53 roads after the storm.

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55 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Gove, resident, also present in the audience, reported signs  
56 missing from the cemetery prohibiting dogs from the town cemeteries. He stated, "the  
57 cemeteries are not dog parks" and residents are taking their dogs there and not picking up  
58 after them. The cemetery trustees will be notified and signs will be erected.

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60 **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

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62 **4.A. LIBRARY TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT** – There has been a vacant trustee's seat on the  
63 board for some time. Tiffany Smith is asking for appointment by the Selectmen to fill that seat  
64 until the next election, March 2022. It is hoped that Ms. Smith will run for election in March to  
65 fill the position for the remainder of the term, until 2024. **MOTION** to appoint Tiffany Smith  
66 the position of Library Trustee until March 2022, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman  
67 Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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69 **4.B. HEALTHTRUST RETURN OF SURPLUS** – Administrator Guild presented recent  
70 correspondence from HealthTrust outlining the annual distribution of surplus. Troy expects a  
71 return on employee insurance benefits in the amount of \$16,430.70. checks will be sent on  
72 November 17, 2021. This item is informational and no action from the Board is required.

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74 **4.C. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS** – Map 12, Lot 27, David LaPointe submitted a  
75 building permit application to extend a barn located on his property. The property and the  
76 application meet all necessary criteria. **MOTION** to approve the building permit applications as  
77 submitted, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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79 **4.D. LAND USE CHANGE TAX, MAP 6, LOT 4** - **MOTION** to approve the Land Use Change  
80 Tax as amended (County on the form should be changed to Cheshire) and to authorize the Tax  
81 Collector to present for payment, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins.

82 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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84 **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

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86 **5.A. PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT** – Administrator Guild recommended the Town-Wide  
87 Voice Over IP system contract be awarded to NEXIVA. There were quotes received from  
88 three vendors. NEXIVA has presented the lowest bid and meets the requested requirements for

89 the service. **MOTION** to award the contract to NEXTIVA, as recommended, Selectman  
90 Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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92 5.B. TAG SALE ORDINANCE – Item is tabled until September 2, 2021.

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94 5.C. CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 – The Troy Police Department  
95 and the Fire Department have all reported representation at the September 11, 2021  
96 remembrance services at the Cathedral of the Pines.

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98 5.D. ELECTED OFFICIALS’ STIPENDS – Administrator Guild submitted, for review, a  
99 survey of area towns documenting annual stipends for their Board of Selectmen members and  
100 Town Treasurers. The list will be presented at upcoming Budget Committee meetings.

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102 **6. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

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104 There was no correspondence.

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106 **7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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108 7.A. Recent Manifests –

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110 Payroll Manifests:

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112 • 7/12/2021 - \$41.58, 7/19/2021 - \$20.79, 7/26/2021 - \$44.17. All NHRS corrections

113 8/16/2021 \$15,268.49

114 8/23/2021 \$16,506.12 Includes Fire Department personnel

115 8/23/2021 \$. 202.50 Forgotten from previous payroll

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117 And Accounts Payable Manifests:

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119 8/09/2021 \$17,260.47

120 8/12/2021 \$ 2,452.41

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

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125 7.B. Previous Meeting Minutes –

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127 1. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting, as  
128 written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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130 2. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting,  
131 Non-Public Session, as written, Selectman Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson.

132 **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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134 **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

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136 Administrator Guild submitted, for Board approval, a recent proposal from BMSI, the Town's  
137 operating software. The Positive Pay module will work directly with TD Bank to report all  
138 payments through the financial software in order to combat fraud within the Town's bank  
139 account. The Town's Treasurer Janet McCullough recently found fraud that was perpetrated on  
140 the Town's bank account. TD Bank, Ms. McCullough, Administrator Guild, and Administrative  
141 Assistant Sarah Lashua determined the need for the Positive Pay Fraud Protection program  
142 through TD Bank, necessitating the module from BMSI. **MOTION** to approve the purchase of  
143 the Positive Pay module from BMSI and to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into  
144 contract for the module, Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**  
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146 Also submitted for the Selectmen's review, requiring no action, the recent communication from  
147 NH Division of Homeland Security, updating the status of the FEMA review of information  
148 submitted by towns in Cheshire County.  
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## 150 **9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

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152 9.A. Board Chair Report – Chairman Thackston announced the work at the Freight Shed at the  
153 Depot is now complete. This project was a “stabilization” of the building and not a renovation.  
154 Chairman Thackston noted what a wonderful job the Troy Historical Society does in town and  
155 sought public members, noting interested community members should contact the Society. He  
156 also noted that the Troy Walking Tour brochures have been redone and will be available as soon  
157 as a display box is created at the Depot. The brochures are available at the Town Hall currently.  
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159 9.B. Other Board Members' Reports – Selectman Wilson had no comments.  
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161 Selectman Hopkins announced the following Recreation Department events as determined by the  
162 Recreation Committee:

- 163 • The first Movie Night – Friday, August 20, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
164 Dinner will be available for purchase. It is requested that attendees follow Rules  
165 of Consideration at the event. Free popcorn will be available.
- 166 • Community Breakfast at the Community Center on September 4.
- 167 • Concert on the Common on August 26th.

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169 Selectmen Hopkins also reported the Planning Board would like to meet with Troy  
170 Redevelopment Group to determine uses of the mill within the Industrial Zoning District.  
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172 Chairman Thackston announced the receipt of a new purchase offer by TRG for the mill  
173 property.  
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175 **11. NEXT MEETING:** September 2, 2021  
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## 177 **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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179 There was no public comment at this time.  
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181 **13. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

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183 **MOTION** to enter NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (l), Selectman  
184 Hopkins, **SECOND** by Selectman Wilson. **Roll Call Vote: Thackston, Yes; Hopkins, Yes;**  
185 **Wilson, Yes.**

186 The Board of Selectmen entered Non-Public Session at 7:03 p.m.


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

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191 The Board of Selectmen exited Non-Public Session at 7:38 p.m.

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

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195 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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199 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**

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203 Mary Guild, Town Administrator

  
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Richard Thackston, Chairman

  
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Curtis Hopkins

  
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Timothy Wilson

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