

Select Board Meeting  
Martin Memorial Hall  
5259 US Rte 5, Ascutney VT  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:30 PM

Select Board Members Present:

Paul Tillman  
Kelly O'Brien  
Michael Todd  
Wendy Smith  
Dave Fuller

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager

Attendees: Ray Stapleton, Ryan Gumbart, Howard Beach, John Arrison, Patti Arrison, Tom Leach, Greg and Mandy Martell, BJ Esty, John Esty, Jonah Blum, Ken Blum, John Wright, Todd Hindinger, Mary Gulbrandsen, Dave Gulbrandsen

Online attendees: Susan Hindinger, Carl Wyman

- 1.) Call to Order by Michael Todd, Chair at 6:30 pm
- 2.) Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Tillman
- 3.) Agenda Review

Michael Todd would like to move up item #9, Large Gathering Permits up to #6.

- 4.) Comments from Citizens on topics not on the agenda

Ray Stapleton was there to speak on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee. They asked him to come to the Selectboard as they are having a Fishing Derby the day before Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup> and they are requesting fund to help cover the cost of the porta potty, which is \$140 and approximately \$50 or less for some trophies. Ray asked if there was any funding available in the redemption fund to help them out.

Michael Todd asked Brandon Gulnick to review what was available in the account and the Selectboard would address at the next meeting.

- 5.) Review minutes from previous meeting 4-18-22

Paul Tillman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4-18-22 with corrections.

Wendy Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion –

Kelly O'Brien noted that line #48 should be "event" not "even"  
Vote – unanimous

#### 6.) Large Gathering Permits

- Wellwood Orchard Harvest Festival – September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10a – 3p
- Wellwood Orchard Strawberry Festival – June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10a – 3p

Brandon Gulnick had spoken with both Fire Chiefs, and they are ok with both permits.  
Chief Daniels is ok with both permits.

David Fuller made a motion to approve both permits for:

- Wellwood Orchard Harvest Festival – September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10a – 3p
- Wellwood Orchard Strawberry Festival – June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10a – 3p

As printed and recorded in the Town Office.

Wendy Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>

No Discussion

Vote – unanimous

Michael Todd wanted to open the hearing for the Adoption of Bylaw Amendments and Zoning Map.

Paul Tillman called point of order as the hearing is warned for 6:45 pm and was 6:38 pm.

It was agreed to move up #10, Fire Truck Chassis Surcharge to item #7.

#### 7.) Fire Truck Chassis Surcharge

Larry & Ashley Dingee notified us of a chassis surcharge of \$3,800. See attachments from Freightliner. During the April 18, 2022, Selectboard meeting the board approved \$321,822, which was the bid from Dingee. The Town voted to approved \$325,000. The difference between the bid and what the voters approved is \$3,178. If approved, the truck cost will exceed voter approval by \$622.

Michael Todd stated that they are not authorized to spend more than the voters said they could.

David Fuller on April 18<sup>th</sup> the Selectboard had a presentation and it seemed that it was confirmed that the bid was good from Darrin. That all that paperwork was the number that was received. I am ok with buying this truck, but I am not ok going over what the voters have said. He is not understanding how Darrin, who is the Chief, who is in contact with Dingee and represents to us in the last meeting that the number was what it was and what fell apart between us voting on authorizing that bid to the contract that was proposed to us and some other information that came later than that, that said it is \$3,800 more. He would like to see the dates to see what fell apart.

Michael Todd asked if he was specifically looking for the original proposal, the 30-days, 60-days however long that was good for and what changed that.

There was discussion at the May 2, 2022, meeting what to approve for a final number, the \$321,822 or not to exceed the \$325,000 and they asked Darrin if the contract done, and Darrin asked if he could call Dingee to say that it's good and the Selectboard said "yes" we just voted.

David Fuller wanted to know where the communication issue was between the chassis company and Dingee.

Brandon Gulnick said that he met with Larry from Dingee to review the contract after the last Selectboard meeting.

Michael Todd asked how long after the Selectboard meeting on May 2, 2022.

Brandon did ask why there was an increase. Larry Dingee asked him to review the attachments from Freightliner this can be addressed in a change order. They contacted Larry later in the afternoon making him aware of the surcharge.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Brandon received an email:

Good morning;

Attached is the draft of a contract that we talked about the other day. Later in the after on Monday, we received the attached email from ATG Freightliner, along with the attached letter from Daimler Trucks North America. As you can see, we are being told they are imposing another \$3,800 surcharge on current chassis orders.

Please let me know how we can cover this. I do not feel as though I can absorb the entire cost on my end.

The letter from ATG Freightliner was sent on 5/2/22.

Michael Todd asked Brandon Gulnick to please reach out to see if they can absorb \$622.

David Fuller asked if there was a contract signed for the fire truck right now. Brandon Gulnick said there was. David wanted to know if it was frozen in at that number. Brandon said it was the number prior because after they did the contract, they received that information. The current contract is at \$321,822 so they will need to do an amended contract.

Paul Tillman asked if the contract we have is currently signed by Dingee.

Brandon Gulnick will review the contract on file.

David Fuller made a motion to amend the fire truck bid contract to authorize the maximum approved by the voters of \$325,000.00.

Paul Tillman – 2<sup>nd</sup>

No further discussion

Vote - unanimous

## 8.) Public Hearing: Adoption of Bylaw Amendments and Zoning Map

Michael Todd called the hearing to order at 6:50 pm

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § § 4442 and 4444, the Selectboard for the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:45 P.M., at Martin Memorial Hall, at 5259 Route 5 in Ascutney, Vermont, to hear public comments on the adoption of the following bylaws:

- (1) Proposed Zoning District Map of Weathersfield, VT
- (2) Table of Districts and Uses, Sec. 2.5
- (3) Aquifer Overlay District Regulations
- (3) Definitions, Sec. 7

#### **Statement of Purpose**

The Planning Commission is proposing the above listed bylaws in order to better achieve the objectives in the 2017 Weathersfield Town Plan, and revitalize the village centers in Ascutney and Perkinsville, areas that have been identified in the Plan as growth centers.

#### **Geographic Areas Affected**

The entire Town of Weathersfield is affected by this amendment.

#### **Sections Headings**

Amendment and adoption of the foregoing Bylaws. See Sections listed above.

Persons wishing to be heard may do so in person, be represented by an agent, or may file written comments with the Planning Commission prior to the hearing.

Information concerning this matter is available at the Town of Weathersfield office from 8AM to 6PM Mondays, 8am-4:30pm Tuesdays-Thursdays, and 8am-12:30pm on Fridays 802.674.2626. Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Remote attendance is available. To join the public meeting on the computer, navigate to the Weathersfield website at [Weathersfieldvt.org](http://Weathersfieldvt.org) and click on the bridge OR enter this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5425954364?pwd=RINJQm9ubkpkjSkxta2VoR3RnYmRTdz09>

To join public meetings via phone, dial (929) 205-6099. When prompted, enter meeting ID 542- 595-4364. You will not have a participant ID. Please press# when prompted to skip this section. The passcode for all meetings is 8021.

Dated at Town of Weathersfield, Windsor County, State of Vermont, this April 25, 2022.

## Planning Commission Reporting Form for Municipal Bylaw Amendments

### Town of Weathersfield, VT

### Proposed amendments to the *Town of Weathersfield Zoning Bylaws*

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441(c) which states:  
*"When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal."*

The above referenced proposed bylaws are summarized as follows:

#### 1. **Brief explanation of the proposed bylaw, amendment or repeal; and a statement of purpose as required for notice under §4444 of this title:**

There are 4 categories of changes being proposed by the Planning Commission to bring zoning in Weathersfield closer to achieving the goals outlined in the Town Plan.

- 1.) Adopt the updated zoning map, "Proposed Zoning District Map of Weathersfield, VT". This map was adopted in the Town Plan as titled "Future Land Use Map". The zoning districts as they currently exist were adopted in 1994 in response to a fear of excess development and environmental degradation. There had been spikes in development, due to commercial enterprises such as ski areas and breweries, which strained municipal services, harmed natural, historic and scenic resources, and irreversibly converted rural farm and forest land to residential neighborhoods. The Town of Weathersfield responded by putting nearly 80% of the town in a "Conservation District". The thought being that if only one residence (or primary use) was allowed

on every ten acres it would result in a more dispersed development pattern, thus protecting Weathersfield's rural character. It is now understood that 10-acre zoning not only is inadequate for the protection of rural character and environmental resources, it also excludes people with low and middle income from living in these areas because of the high cost of owning 10+ acres. The "Proposed Zoning District Map of Weathersfield, VT" brings the zoning districts closer to what they were prior to 1994 and more in line with the goals of the Town Plan. This provides more equitable access to housing and greater flexibility for landowners to develop their land.

- 2.) Update Section 2.5 Table of Districts and Uses. Several uses have been added to the use tables to provide clarity for applicants interested in common land uses. In the past a determination would have been needed from the Zoning Board of Adjustment simply because they were not listed in the table. Other items are housekeeping additions to keep the terminology consistent between the use tables and the rest of the bylaws. Some language has been stricken and some uses have changed categories to clarify or simplify the permitting process. An overlay district section was added to incorporate the Groundwater Protection Overlay District regulations.
- 3.) Incorporate the Groundwater Protection Overlay District (GPOD) Ordinance into the zoning bylaws. The GPOD Ordinance was adopted by the Selectboard on November 16, 2020. The ordinance is states that it is designed to be incorporated into an existing zoning bylaw. A new section in the District Use Tables has been added and language from the ordinance was added to Section 3.2 Conservation of Natural Resources. The new subsection 3.2.10 Groundwater Protection Overlay District Bylaw contains the performance standards, the procedure for handing district boundary disputes, and the procedure for enforcement and penalties. The definitions contained in the ordinance have been added to the definitions section of the Weathersfield Zoning Bylaws, Article 7.
- 4.) Update Article 7: Definitions. In addition to the GPOD definitions there have been a few changes to keep the terminology consistent throughout the

plan.

**2.) How does the proposal conform with or further the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, including the effect of the proposal on the availability of safe and affordable housing:**

These changes directly address the conflict between the goals for affordable housing in Town Plan and the regulations that limit such housing. The reduction of the 10-acre minimum Conservation District allows for smaller lots to be developed providing greater opportunities for affordable housing. The remaining Conservation District is located in the areas that would be most negatively affected by development. The incorporation of the GPOD bylaw addresses the need for access to safe drinking water for residents, in addition to the environmental and ecological benefits of reducing pollution in the water systems.

**3.) Is the proposal compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan?**

The first 2 changes constitute the incorporation of the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan. These changes to the Town Plan were adopted in 2017 and the changes to the bylaws have been a work in progress since then to make the bylaws more compatible with the Town Plan.

**4.) How does the proposal carry out, as applicable, any specific proposals for any planned community facilities?**

This proposal does not directly apply to any specific proposals for planned community facilities.

Michael Todd introduced the Zoning Administrator and asked if he had anything to add at this time. He did not.

Patti Arrison “First comment, before we get to the content, I know that it’s the responsibility of the voters to remain current with what is going on, but the first time I realized that the new zoning map had gotten this far in the process was today in Nancy Nutile-Mcmenemy’s blog. I would have like to have seen announcements from the Town office on a front porch forum or perhaps other kinds of press releases or newspapers to get the word out.”

Michael Todd asked Brandon Gulnick to make note of that.

Michael Todd “In response to Mrs. Arrison, there were 3 sets of hearings at the Planning Commission over the last 3 or 4 years dealing with these issues, this is not the first time. And it is also not the first time that it has come here. This is why I asked the Town Manager to make note of your comment, I agree with what you’re saying in this stuff should be easily findable and easily recognizable. I do appreciate that.”

Tom Leach said that he agreed with Mrs. Arrison that more public access. There’s lots of different digital ways now that are more effective than print.

Michael Todd asked how long the new Town website been functional. Per Brandon Gulnick it has been function for 18 – 20 months.

Patti Arrison said that nobody looks at the website. She thinks that front porch forum and the 3 area newspapers, The Shopper, The Valley News and the Eagle Times are your best bets and I think press releases rather than announcements.

Brandon Gulnick asked Ryan Gumbart if he advertised this in the Valley News. He said it was not, however, it was in the Eagle Times.

Paul Tillman reminded everyone to please recognize who they are and as a side note he does not read any of those publications so that would not help him if I was a citizen.

Michael Todd “I will say this, and some people may not like it, that statute specifically lays out the requirement of the warning and the Town has followed those requirements. To a T multiple times.”

Dave Gulbrandsen asked if the C10 has been reduced to a smaller parcel requirement. Michael Todd said that it has not. The C10 district was approximately 80% of the Town of Weathersfield. The question was posed to Regional Planning if that was appropriate or not and the answer was no. It is appropriate to have in conservation, those areas that most need to be conserved. The rest should be as usable as possible.

Dave Gulbrandsen asked where the definition of “keep these preserved” come from. Where did that decision to move these district lines come from? Michael Todd noted that these came from Regional Planning.

Patti Arrison asked what GPOD stood for. Paul Tillman “Groundwater Protection Overlay District”.

Ken Blum “Back to Patti’s original concern about publicity and stuff, in 1994 when this map was accepted...” Michael Todd explained that this is what zoning in Weathersfield looked like until 1994. The map was adopted in 1994, which changed approximately 80% of the Town to C10.

Ken Blum asked when the zoning map was originally accepted and subsequent changes, if there have been any. How was that process done and was it done through a Town vote or through the Selectmen? Michael Todd said that changes to the zoning bylaws, Town Plan, subdivision



regulations come from the Planning Commission. Ken wanted to know how they get enacted; do they get voted on by you or the Town? Michael Todd said this board has a choice on that. Ken asked how these past maps accepted? Michael Todd said he would have to go back to the minutes; however, he believes they were accepted by the Selectboard.

David Fuller said he would like to speak about this map. “This map that is being proposed now was drafted and formed in 2017. It’s been a long time in the process with Regional Planning, the Planning Commission there have been a number of meetings. Gil Wittamore was around when we first started asking questions about this. I’m just going to announce what my position is on this. People need to remember that in this new proposal since the 1994 map was also enacted, we have also had 2 major changes that has affected any development. One would be the subdivision regulations underneath the zoning so they still stay intact. Let’s say, for example, that I currently have a 10-acre lot that can’t be subdivide, but will be able to with this change. The subdivision regulations also state that they need to adhere to the standards of which be able to subdivide, which would be worked through the Planning Commission. Meaning the most prohibited one is 1 foot of road frontage for 4 feet of back drop.” “The second thing is all of the setbacks stay 50 to 100 feet, the water, the number of setbacks for wells and for watershed increases as well as all the septic regulations now have been diverted to the State.”

Wendy Smith said that when they first did their development in the 80’s they were able to do them in 1-acre lots and then in 1998 they changed and it was cluster housing.

Susan Hindinger “Is the map available for people who aren’t present? I can’t find it online anywhere.” Ryan Gumbart said it was on the Planning Commission page but was not sure if was in the packet. “My other questions as the proposed changes move land out of the conservation districts, how many acres are moved from the conservation district to each of the other districts?” Michael Todd “If I understand the question correctly, you have to look at the map and determine whether its moving into rural residential 1-acre or rural residential reserve, which is 35. I don’t think any of it goes into highway commercial. I think most of it ends up in 35, residential reserve.” Susan Hindinger “So all of the conservation district land that was moved out of conservation district was moved into the one of the rural residential categories?” Michael Todd said he wanted to correct something Susan was saying regarding moving the land out of the conservation district. Most of the land in the conservation district did not belong there. After the review at Regional Planning, the land that needed to be in conservation, is in conservation.

Susan Hindinger also asked that until the proposed map is made available to the public, then the vote should not happen. Michael Todd again stated that they have had multiple hearings on this, it has been posted according to the law. It’s not required to be on the Town website.

Brandon Gulnick stated that the map was now available on the Selectboard page and the Planning Commission page. Also, the past couple of meetings in the Town Manager report he has disclosed all of these documents are available in the Town office.

Michael Todd said in response to public notice it was brought up again at the last Selectboard meeting as well. He also noted that this map was adopted in 2017 and is in the Town Plan.

Dave Gulbranson asked if the application of zoning bylaws is still going to apply to the location to where the primary household is, is that still going to remain intact? A lot of people here are getting re-zoned. So, where a district cuts a property where do the zoning bylaws apply to that property?

Michael Todd said that they did not go in and change any district lines. When the Regional Planning Commission created this map, they looked at what we had and what should stay in conservation. You are going to have to look at the map and whatever the zoning district is on this map once it is adopted is the zoning that will apply to that district.

Dave Gulbranson wanted to know what rules apply when the district is cut in half. Michael Todd said that happens now. Dave Gulbranson “You said just a minute ago that you haven’t changed the district lines?”

Michael Todd said that was correct. District boundaries were moved because 80% was in conservation and now it’s not.

Paul Tillman said that C-10 is the most restrictive so by making these changes it allows for less restrictions for housing, etc.

Paul Tillman noted that there had been a lot of general conversation, but asked for any specific questions in regards to this that they could specifically write down.

David Fuller said that anyone of these changes is not requiring land owners to do anything. You could have 100-acre parcel in C-1, which is 1 acre zoning and you can keep it.

Ryan Gumbart talked about Act 171 which talks about forest blocks and fragmentation and tries to address those issues. Throughout the Town Plan it talks about BioFinder and the different tiers. BioFinder says “Tiers by BioFinder in conservation areas should be managed to preserve functionality in existing large continuous forest blocks and connecting areas to serve as habitat corridors.” It also says that “development will be designated on site in locations, patterns and densities that do not substantially reduce the productivity or fragment the area of these lands.” “While development may be allowed in these BioFinder tiers one through three areas, great care is required to maintain a very low density, prevent fragmentation, and ensure the functionality of these habitat blocks continue.” So, my question is how were those BioFinder maps used in laying out the districts and were forest blocks and connectors identified at the time?”

Michael Todd said yes and it was Jason Rasmussen. Ryan Gumbart said when he looks at the map it is hard for him to understand where certain districts were and why they were put in those places. It seems like a lot of the conservation district was put in places of steep slope or proximity to wetlands, but fragmented and it doesn’t seem like it addresses the fragmentation issues.

Michael Todd, as David Fuller pointed out there are other layers of protection that do. There are steep slopes regulations, there are wetland regulations there are deer yard regulations, there are agricultural soil regulations. That doesn’t mean it is going to fragment a wildlife corridor. They are being reviewed by the Conservation Commission.

Ryan Gumbart wanted to know if there was any record of where these forest blocks and connectors are? Michael Todd suggested that Ryan sit down with Regional Planning and review the maps.

Todd Hindinger had a couple of comments of the map. There will be some practical changes to how easy it is to develop the number of dwellings you can fit. He said if he took the same 50-acres that David Fuller had mentioned, he could do a PUD and have 5 houses and end up with a development. With the current zoning, if you do that same PUD you would have more than 3 times that same number in the 50-acres. That is the effect of the change in one specific example. That change in increasing the density, he does not think that will have any effect on affordability relative to the effect that it will have on the amount of development we will eventually be facing.

Patti Arrison said that there were many questions about the map that it would have been helpful if the map had been 2-sided with the current map and proposed map with definitions so people would be able to understand them more easily.

State Representative, John Arrison said that one of the offices that has been with the State is to encourage development within the Village.

Howard Beach said that Aquafer Protection Ordinance they have been talking about specifically states in areas where you are over a well head or within that protection area its minimum 1-acre zoning. So even though they have reduced the acreage in some of the areas to try to address the density issues, in the areas where it has the potential of a negative effect on the water supply, that is a 1-acre zone.

Mary Gulbranson wanted some clarification, the yellow areas on the proposed map, conservation 10 essentially looks like it is wetlands and ledges and non-developable land? Michael Todd said there is development in much of it. She said it looks like the majority of residential areas would all allow development in the 1-to-5-acre area. There is not much that would be residential conservation. She would love to see them focus on the development in the Village areas and allow the rural character to be maintained with larger lots of land in rural areas.

It was suggested that unless there was some immediate need to solve this tonight, it was asked if the Selectboard would entertain an addendum to the Town Plan that would allow the voters to see the pluses and the minuses.

The hearing was continued to the next meeting, June 6, 2022.

## 9.) Draft Town-Wide Building Assessments

Selectors,

Per the request of the Selectboard we have completed the draft building assessment prioritization plans for Martin Memorial Hall, Weathersfield Proctor Library, Ascutney Fire Station, West Weathersfield Fire Station, Transfer Station, Town Garage, and the 1879 Schoolhouse. John Wright, Owner of Kingdom Cleaners, was hired to complete

the walkthroughs with Department Heads, Selectboard Chair, and I. Mr. Wright has been in communication with us as he developed the attached prioritization plans.

The purpose of this meeting is to present this information with Mr. Wright to you to discuss the high, medium, and low priorities that were determined during the assessments. From here, the board can discuss whether you agree with the priority selections or whether they need to be modified to fit the goals of the Town.

Next Steps:

1. Present assessments to Selectboard.
2. Selectors provide feedback on whether adjustments need to be made.
3. Selectors determine which priorities we will obtain estimates and quotes for.
4. Administration & Contractor will pull together estimates and modify the plan from the feedback received.
5. All “in progress” tasks will be finalized.
6. Prioritization Plan will be finalized after abovementioned tasks are complete.

Attachments:

Attachment A – 1879 Schoolhouse Assessment & Matt Kenniston’s Review for Future Upgrades

Attachment B – Ascutney Fire Station Assessment & Fume a Vent Estimate

Attachment C – Martin Memorial Hall Assessment

Attachment D – West Weathersfield Fire Station Assessment

Attachment E – Weathersfield Proctor Library Assessment

Attachment F – Town Garage Assessment & Recommendations

Attachment G – Transfer Station Assessment & Compactor Estimate

The Selectboard decided due to the detail of the information that they would table this discussion for the next meeting to allow the members to review all of the information and formulate questions for discussion.

## 10.) Building & Maintenance Contract

Selectors,

Our Building & Grounds Maintenance contract has expired with TJ Property Management, LLC. The contract is for the maintenance of the following:

- Martin Memorial Hall
- Proctor Library
- Ascutney Green
- Old Meeting House & Memorial Grove
- Perkinsville Green
- Perkinsville School
- Hoisington Field

We have the option to either extend the contract or advertise as RFP. The contract currently does not exceed the \$10,000 threshold to put out to bid.

The Town currently spends \$3,700 on this contract.

David Fuller wanted to know if TJ Property Management was still going to offer the same price or not.

Brandon Gulnick will review and if there is no price increase, continue with TJ Property Management. If there is a price increase, he will put out an RFQ.

11.) Fund Balance Discussion –

Sarah Macy from VLCT, she is the Director for the State of VT, has been in the office and working remotely. She said by Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, she would have the reconciliations done to date. She reviewed the most efficient way to pull data from NMREC and provider reports with Brandon and they will be provided at the next meeting. These will be the most up to date and then have a discussion on the Fund Balance.

12.) Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Selectboard Goals
- Town Manager Goals
- Business Personal Property Tax
- Key Fob Lock System -MMH
- Dump Truck

13.) Appointments – None

Vacancies:

- a. Budget Committee (2 Vacancies)
- b. Constable (1 Vacancy)
- c. Energy Coordinator (1 Vacancy)
- d. Parks & Recreation Commission (2 Vacancies)
- e. Zoning Board of Adjustment - (2 Vacancies)

14.) Approve Warrant

Paul Tillman made a motion to approve the warrants of 5-16-22 as follows:

General Funds	Operating Expenses \$10,733.53
	Payroll \$12,464.01

Highway Fund	Operating Expenses \$9699.04 Payroll \$7,910.77
Solid Waste Management Fund	Operating Expenses \$ 12,785.50 Payroll \$1,668.23
Library	Operating Expenses \$0.00 Payroll \$1,991.08
Grand Totals	Operating Expenses \$33,218.07 Payroll \$24,034.09

David Fuller – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Vote - unanimous

15.) Any other business

Ray Stapleton was at the meeting to review the bid on the dump truck.

There was discussion about the items that should be added or removed. Ray has been talking to the dealers and the vendors trying to get the body, sander and the chassis to come together under \$100,000. There are things that were cut that should be cut, like the warranty and the drop side. He went back to the vendor to discuss. There is approximately \$1,200 between the drop side and regular side, however there is about a \$7,000 - \$8,000 difference overall due to the increase of the components of the truck, not just the drop sides. There is also a 24-30 month wait for getting new bodies.

Ray went back and reviewed the components to see what could be changed. The hydraulics on the truck is good for resale, good for the speed of making the body go up and down, but it doesn't make it so they can't do the work they are doing now. If they take the hydraulics off, that is a huge savings. The stainless-steel body, is good for resale, it stops the rust and will give you more on a trade in, however, he is not sure if it offsets the additional cost.

The chassis, Ford and Dodge are not making fleet trucks or municipal trucks and you cannot order one until 2023 and they are not giving prices because they do not know what the prices are going to be.

He spoke with the staff at the Highway Department. The truck they currently have is a 19,500 lb chassis. They can do this same job with a 1-Ton, which is a 14 – 15,000 lb chassis. It should not affect anything that this truck does.

Having a Fisher plow is more practical in some places on the route instead of a straight edge, instead of a municipal heavy-duty plow.

There is a truck available that would meet their needs, but does not have a plow or sander. The amount Ray has is for the truck, 7 – year extended warranty, the body and the chassis would

come to \$80, 147.00 without the plow and sander. This would leave just under \$20,000 to purchase a plow, sander, strobe lights and side steps. Ray would have the plow and sander installed professionally so it does not void the warranties.

Ray asked the Selectboard how they would like to proceed.

David Fuller made a motion that the Chair, Town Manager and Highway Department Head take up the consideration of the purchase of the 1-Ton truck that Ray outlined.

Wendy Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion – Ray said this would be the chassis with the body already on it. That is what they have available, if it happens to be gone before he an get there they will have more coming.

Vote – unanimous

16.) Adjourn

Paul Tillman made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 pm

Kelly O'Brien– 2<sup>nd</sup>

No discussion

Vote – unanimous

The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022 at 6:30pm at Martin Memorial Hall.

Respectfully,  
Chauncie Tillman  
Alt. Recording Secretary

**WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD**

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David Fuller, Vice-Chairperson

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Kelly O'Brien, Clerk

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Wendy Smith, Selector

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Paul Tillman, Selector

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Michael Todd, Chairperson