

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen Minutes of September 19, 2022 - Regular Business Meeting
Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773
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SELECTMEN PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Barry Connell, Vice Chairman; Herbert Tellor, Jr.; Keith Sayer, James Burroughs

SELECTMEN ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Hunter F. Rieseberg, Town Manager

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Bert Spaulding, Sr.; Josh and Allyssa Stevens; Cody Osgood, KA Stevens; *via zoom:* Brenda Burns, SCNS

NCTV: John Lunn, NCTV

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kessler called the meeting of the BOS to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: accepted as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Newport Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH under RSA 72:74, I to discuss the Newport Solar II PILOT Agreement. Chairman Kessler read aloud the public notice into the record. He stated the notice had been posted at the Newport Town Office, Sullivan County Commissioners Office, and Richards Free Library and on the Town website.

Chairman Kessler acknowledged Town Manager Rieseberg. Town Manager Rieseberg stated that the Town had been approached by Norwich Solar Technology who is proposing to build a solar array out on Sunapee Street/Guild. The company proposes to sell the power to the grid and perhaps a portion to the school district. The company has asked for a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). RSA Article 72:74 outlines the terms of how the agreement should be written. The proposed PILOT has been shared with the BOS members. A Public Hearing is required as a part of the process to finalize the agreement. He stated the proposal: "Newport Solar II LLC is proposing to pay the Town of Newport no less than \$4.00/kilowatt for the facility (in no case will go below \$4.00/kilowatt). It will be no more than 10% of the gross amount of the facility. The rate will be subject to a 3% annual inflation rate. The Town does not own it; does not maintain it; has no responsibility for it." Chairman Kessler asked for the life of the PILOT. Town Manager Rieseberg said he believed 25 years. Town Manager Rieseberg gave additional information to support approving the PILOT. Selectman Connell asked if the school was going to purchase electricity from the company. Town Manager Rieseberg stated that was his understanding. It would not affect the PILOT with the Town. There were no further questions from the Board. Chairman Kessler opened the hearing to the public.

Maura Stetson, Newport addressed the Chair and asked if Norwich Solar will be able to build on the property once they get the PILOT. Chairman Kessler stated that (ability) would be through building permits and other permitting. The PILOT only determines the tax structure. Mrs. Stetson said that one of the curses of going to every (Town) meeting is knowing that they (Norwich Solar) have several permits

that they still have not applied for. Chairman Kessler stated that if they do not build the Town will not collect a PILOT. If there is nothing there; there is nothing for a PILOT agreement. It is only for the current use of the land. Chairman Kessler stated that the PILOT does not authorize them to proceed with construction. They still have to go through the same process to construct on the site: Zoning and Planning Boards and building permits. For clarification, Mrs. Stetson repeated that any restrictions that have been put on them by any Commission or Board will need to be adhered to (*see Conservation Commission minutes of February 17, 2021 for restrictions placed on the company: Case # 2021-SFPE-001Cheshire Oil Company*). She was told she was correct; it would all depend on what the land use Boards determine.

Mr. Bert Spaulding, Sr. asked for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (dollar amount). Chairman Kessler stated he thought they were looking at a 1 megawatt plant; he did not know the amount of the PILOT. It depended on the price Norwich Solar sold the electricity for. Chairman Kessler stated that \$4/kilowatt would equate to \$4,000. Chairman Kessler acknowledged Town Manager Rieseberg who said that in conversations with Norwich Solar they were expecting an annual revenue stream of \$150,000/year. Chairman Kessler addressed Mr. Spaulding, Sr. and explained the Town intern's work in helping to come up with the Town's PILOT numbers. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed Chairman Kessler and stated that all information should be presented at Public Hearings. People should not have to drag it out; or know what questions to ask beforehand. He asked if there was any additional information concerning the PILOT that hasn't been mentioned already at this meeting. He was told it wasn't a very long agreement. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked if the proposed agreement was the same as the solar array on Route 10 South. Chairman Kessler stated no, the Route 10 property is now owned by the Town. The only customer for the Route 10 solar array is the Town of Newport; there is no commercial market for that array. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked if there were taxes on the Route 10 South property. He was told no; the Town would be taxing itself. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked if they were taxing Norwich Solar for the use of the Town property (Route 10). He was told no. When acknowledged, Town Manager Rieseberg said Norwich Solar annually paid the Town a small stipend. The Sunapee Street/Guild land is privately owned. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked for the rate that the electricity would go to the school. Chairman Kessler said it was between the two parties. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked about the PILOT agreement revenue for the property. Would the (potential) \$8000 go to the Town or the School? He was told to the Town in lieu of property taxes. There was a discussion between Mr. Spaulding, Sr. and Chairman Kessler on a division of revenue between the Town and the School. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said the Town got all the revenue and the School got the discounted electricity. Chairman Kessler agreed. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said the information should have been given (or made available) in the Public Hearing.

Chairman Kessler asked if there were any other questions or comments. There being none, Chairman Kessler closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): August 15, 2022 - Selectman Tellor made a motion *to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 BOS meeting as presented*. It was seconded by Selectman Sayer. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: On a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Tellor; *the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of the September 19, 2022 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed the Board members and using a drawing on the room's whiteboard, explained his situation. He identified Chandlers Mill Road and a culvert that ran under the road which funneled water from a brook to the (Sugar) river. He explained the importance of the culvert routing the water to the river (away from the road and properties). Mr. Spaulding, Sr. stated the culvert was a plastic culvert. He explained the extent the culvert stuck out from the edge of the road. He

explained to the Board members the options needed to be taken to protect the culvert's integrity. It needed to be covered or placed deeper in the ground. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. brought it to the attention of the Public Works and in a (second) phone conversation Mr. Cartier said the Town does not replace or repair culverts on private property. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said that he was told he owns to the center of Chandler Mills Road. He repeated his concern: the exposed culvert is in the right of way. His choice is 1. Leave it like it is; it will be damaged by the Town trucks. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. gave historical data: ten years ago he began allowing the Town to use the property free of charge. No conditions were imposed on the Town. The Town now stores gravel, stores the water truck (when they grade the road) and frequently uses the property as a turnaround. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said he saw the exposed culvert at the property and was told he had to replace it. 2. The alternative was to let it be destroyed (by the Town vehicles and equipment). He explained the scenarios to the Board members. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said he had had a conversation with the Town Manager and Public Works Director. His property is now restricted. The Town is no longer allowed to turnaround on his property. He finds it unacceptable that the culvert is in the right of way and he "owns it". The end of the culvert is right at the edge of the paved road and the Town will not replace the culvert. He has to therefore limit the use on the property; the Town trucks will destroy the culvert. Addressing the BOS he said they had to make a choice; he did not get an answer from the Town Manager. He has relayed Todd Cartier's answer (to them). Continuing, Mr. Spaulding, Sr. told them of another parcel of land he has recently offered to the Town to use. He did not believe he will allow them on his other parcel of land. The refusal to fix the culvert on Chandler's Mill Road is an abuse of authority. It is a simple request and the culvert is in the right of way. He asked the BOS for a decision (to do what's right) to have Public Works correct the situation by lowering the culvert or filling over the top of it. Town Manager Rieseberg said that he learned about the situation Monday (September 19) morning about 10-10:30 a.m. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. negated that saying he called the Town Manager three times on Thursday (September 15) and twice on Friday (September 16). There were no return calls in those five attempts. Town Manager Rieseberg repeated to the BOS that he learned about it on Monday at 10-10:30 a.m. He was in touch with Mr. Cartier at approximately noon, contacted Mr. Spaulding, Sr. stating he would do a site visit and get back to him later in the week. Town Manager Rieseberg stood by that representation.

Chairman Kessler asked if there were comments from the Board. Selectman Burroughs asked what the long term impact was on the road if the culvert failed. He asked if it will require (future) excessive maintenance (if unchecked). Town Manager Rieseberg did not have the answer. Selectman Burroughs stated he believed this would be preventative maintenance. Selectman Sayer said that if the Town was the one using the property and creating wear and tear on the culvert; in good faith would the Town be willing to replace it. Town Manager Rieseberg stated he could not comment; he did not have enough information.

After further discussion without a decision by the Board, Mr. Spaulding, Sr. reiterated that the Town vehicles and equipment were not to trespass on his property starting immediately. Town equipment and material was not to be stored at his location as well. Selectman Connell stated that if long term damage to the road was indicated, the Town should dig and put the culvert deeper as requested. A decision was postponed to the October 3, 2022 BOS meeting. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. told the Board there is to be no use by a Town vehicle on the property; period until the Town replaces the culvert. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. expressed his disappointment in not having a decision made at the BOS meeting. He had gone through the chain of command and did not receive an answer.

Mr. Josh Stevens addressed the Board and informed them he works out of a sand pit on Coon Brook Road. They receive a waiver from the Town for damages made driving equipment on the road. They have approached abutting landowners concerning safety issues and have been given permission to cut back trees and foliage from the road (sides) for a better line of sight. The Stevens have also done road maintenance leading up to the new Town bridge. In February 2022 they were notified there was damage

to the pavement. Mr. Stevens agree to correct it as a part of their waiver with the Town. Mr. Stevens gave a proposal to the BOS to alleviate the problem with the pavement from the bridge out approximately 200'. He explained the work that had been done (overlay on top of broken asphalt) and why the Town work is not holding. His proposed fix is a complete reconstruction of the gravels and paving (160' in length). Mr. Stevens said he would be willing to do this reconstruction because if the fix is not done the Town (and Stevens) will be looking at the same problem every year. He has put extensive amounts of grades of gravel throughout the entire area to build a better road section. He asked if the Town would be accepting of them (re)building that section next year. Also, if it is acceptable to the BOS he would like to patch the areas of road that have been "popping". He asked if he had given enough information for the Board to make a decision. Chairman Kessler asked if the proposal was brought to Mr. Cartier (Public Works). Mr. Stevens said he was bringing it to the BOS first. He could share it with Mr. Cartier; but he wanted the BOS to understand that he was committed to taking care of the damage that was done. His is an option. He believed it should go to the BOS first. Mr. Stevens stressed it was not something he expected the Town to repair; Stevens was offering to rebuild the section. When asked he repeated his proposal was a complete reconstruction of the paving (160' in length). Mr. Cartier is aware of the other improvements that Mr. Stevens has done. Selectmen Burroughs and Connell commended Mr. Stevens for his proposal which goes above and beyond what is required of him by the Town. Town Manager Rieseberg recommended that the BOS not make a decision at the September 19, 2022 meeting; instead they should defer any decision to the October 3, 2022 meeting after Mr. Cartier has reviewed the plans. Secondly, Mr. Stevens stated he was working on a project at Maple Manor. He said that the Town (via Todd Cartier) has enforced a "Street Opening Bond" on his company. He was not refusing payment; he was requesting an explanation of the procedure of how the Town calculates the charge to various contractors. Mr. Stevens asked Chairman Kessler if there was a matrix for the costs. When asked, Town Manager Rieseberg stated to his knowledge there was no matrix. He gave his opinion as to why the Stevens were being charged a bond. In discussion it was stated Mr. Cartier said it was new. He was quoted a \$5,000 Bond for work on River Street, and \$25,000 bond for work on Maple Street. Chairman Kessler said it was not in their purview. Mr. Stevens told the BOS that he had written and asked Mr. Cartier how he derived the amount. He asked if the BOS knew those bonds were being required. He was told no. Selectman Burroughs said he would think there was a matrix to figure the charges. It should be part of the permitting process so there would be consistency between jobs, regardless of the contractor. When asked, Mr. Stevens told the BOS that other cities and towns did have matrixes. Chairman Kessler acknowledged Town Manager Rieseberg, who said there couldn't be policies for everything. If a bond is required, it should reflect the cost to have someone come in and repair work that was improperly done. He would be happy to look into the Street Opening Bond. Mr. Stevens said that Mr. Cartier cited a RSA; Chairman Kessler read it into the record: RSA: 447:16 *Liens for labor and materials by Public Works*. Selectman Burroughs said there have to be towns around that have policies and follow RSAs. They should be looked into. Addressing Town Manager Rieseberg, Selectman Burroughs asked to have information for the October 3, 2022 meeting. Town Manager Rieseberg stated he had a different philosophy (than Burroughs) about the need for such a policy.

The last concern Mr. Stevens brought before the Board was the load limit change on the bridge at Coon Brook Road. Mr. Cartier informed them last year that the load limit would be changing. Mr. Stevens asked how it was derived; if it was through a formal evaluation of the bridge. He has checked; the bridge is not on the state "red" list (the list developed by the state which recommended color ratings for bridges to indicate their overall general condition. Red list includes: "Poor, Serious, Failing, Closed/Failing" conditions). Continuing, Mr. Stevens said that there was conflicting information. The state has the bridge rated as "E2"; or an 80,000+ lb. load limit. The Town has posted a 6 ton limit sign for the bridge. He therefore asked for an explanation of the conflicting information. Selectman Burroughs asked if the E2 was a state indicator. He was told yes. Mud season road limit is 6 tons. Their road has been at a mud season load limit year round. Mr. Stevens was asked if the load limit affected his business. He replied yes. Selectman Sayer stated he did not understand the state ratings and the local road versus bridge limits.

Mrs. Stevens said it was conflicting information and they were trying to get an understanding of the information. They have not been made aware of a bridge evaluation and subsequent change in load limit. Chairman Kessler said if the state inspected the bridge the Town should have a copy. He requested Mr. Stevens ask for a copy of the report. Selectman Burroughs said there is a (Town) policy of when the 6 ton load limit signs have to be up and taken down. Mr. Cody Osgood addressed Chairman Kessler and said that Mr. Cartier instructed him to put up the signs posting the bridge for 6 tons. When asked when, he replied last May. He just followed directions from Mr. Cartier. Mr. Osgood said that he had noticed problems in the bridge, it should be looked at. When asked, he confirmed he had told Mr. Cartier of the bridge and his concern. Chairman Kessler said it may be time for the state to come out and inspect it. Town Manager Rieseberg stated it was the first time he has heard of this. He asked that the subject be postponed to the October 3, 2022 meeting when he will bring an update on the concern.

Mr. John Lunn addressed the Board and viewing public. He informed them all that NCTV will be closed and offline on Tuesday and Wednesday (the 20th and 21st). They will be moving equipment to the Towle Building and setting up the communications equipment there. NCTV will be back online on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS: Selectman Teller stated there have been issues with vandalism/theft in the North Newport cemetery. He has learned that besides him, many people have had items stolen off graves in the N. Newport cemetery. He and the Board members discussed various ways the issue might be abated. Selectman Burroughs thanked the Fire Department for their hard work at a recent structure fire. Newport was understaffed; thanks to mutual aid it all ended well. Hopefully the short staffing in the Fire Department can be fixed soon; it is a big issue. Selectman Connell had nothing to share at this time. Selectman Sayer had nothing to share at this time. Chairman Kessler had nothing to share at this time. Town Manager Rieseberg had nothing to share at this time.

INFORMATIONAL: Community Center Update - Chairman Kessler stated Newport has been looking at a new Community Center for 30-40 years. He gave historical information on the most recent attempts to raise money and pass Warrant Articles for a new Community Center. The administration and staff applied for a grant to pay 55% of construction costs for a Community Center. Senator Jean Shaheen acquired a grant with an earmarked 4.78 million dollars to go towards the construction of a new Community Center (in Newport). Town Manager Rieseberg has been contacting people who have previously pledged money for a new community center. BreadLoaf Company has provided a new construction cost estimate of 8.5 million dollars. Chairman Kessler stated the Town is 800,000 dollars short of the total amount needed. Town Manager Rieseberg is continuing to look for funding sources. He is contacting the State of NH to see if businesses can use their donations as tax credits. Chairman Kessler stated the Town is very close to being able to build a new Community Center without any local tax impact. Due to construction prices and supply shortages the BOS needs to decide whether they can complete the necessary fund raising by the end of 2022. If the Town needs to postpone construction (go to Town meeting or wait to the 2024 construction season) he believed the Town would be looking at raising another 300,000-400,000 dollars just for the interest. They are therefore looking for additional funds and looking to cut items from original construction proposals. Selectman Connell asked Town Manager Rieseberg if the Town was \$800,000 short. In discussion, he stated he wanted specifics. Selectman Connell asked if there were ways around the shortage. Town Manager Rieseberg explained his ongoing search for additional donations from people and entities.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed Chairman Kessler and stated he has been positive about the proposed Rec Center. He wanted an answer: the Town construction price has stayed level while the CTE Center has a 3 million dollar increase due to the economic environment, etc. He was surprised that the Town numbers are coming in level with its original numbers. Chairman Kessler said that Town Manager Rieseberg recently contacted BreadLoaf and asked them to refine construction numbers. They had given a lower

number than had originally been given to the Town. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said the cost of construction is going up. He again questioned the Town's construction costs staying level. Chairman Kessler said that BreadLoaf was conservative and there was contingency money in their original budget. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. repeated; the CTE Center construction costs have increased, the Town Rec Center has not. There must have been a significant cushion in the original quote. Selectman Burroughs asked if construction was still contingent on the US Budget passing. Chairman Kessler agreed, and stated when the money would become available to Newport. Selectman Burroughs said it will be difficult to "risk" or "gamble" going forward without knowing 100% where Newport will get the construction project funding. Twice the Town (voters) has said that they did not want the proposed Center at the number presented. The BOS needs to make sure that all our ducks are in a row (before proceeding). The Town does not want to start something they can't finish. It will be poor judgement by the BOS. When asked, Chairman Kessler gave the construction numbers again:

Amount of the federal grant (Senator Shaheen):	4.78 million dollars
Amount of local donations (estimate):	<u>3.00 million dollars</u>
Total:	7.78 million dollars

Total amount of construction (approximately):	\$8,500,000
Amount still needed (approximately):	\$ 800,000

In general discussion, Town Manager Rieseberg stated that he will recommend the project go out to bid in December 2022 or January 2023 no matter what (the amount raised). A contract would be issued when the Town had the money. He will follow whatever the Selectboard directs him.

Exit Interview Form - Selectman Burroughs stated he had asked the Board members what the past practice was for Board members and exit interviews. Personnel were under the auspices of the Town Manager. Selectman Burroughs reminded the Selectboard he had asked for something like this during the Board Retreat.

1. A climate survey (employment conditions and culture)
2. Exit interview questionnaire.

He stated the questions on the exit questionnaire will be a record of the strengths and weaknesses in the Town departments. The information will be brought to the Selectboard (the policy makers in the Town). He said it was important to have a good understanding of what is going on in each of the departments. The retention of employees is paramount to the interests of the Selectboard. He explained the proposed policy exit interview form that could become part of the policy handbook.

There was a general discussion on the form. Town Manager Rieseberg stated that it would be inappropriate to discuss the form in Public Session. Selectman Burroughs asked if there would be action on the form. Selectman Burroughs repeated that the Selectboard was the policy maker. He asked if they wanted to do something or not. There was discussion on the procedure to use the forms. On a motion by Selectman Burroughs, ***the Board voted to establish the policy of an exit interview form to be offered to every employee who is leaving.*** It was seconded by Selectman Connell. Town Manager Rieseberg said that they needed to look at statutes of privacy rights before they voted. Selectman Burroughs asked what the statute was. Town Manager Rieseberg was unsure. ***The motion failed 2-2-1 (Connell and Burroughs yes, Tellor and Kessler no, Sayer abstained).*** In further discussion, Selectman Burroughs said he had asked for the agenda item to be discussed in NPS. It was placed on the public agenda.

2022 Charitable Exemption Request - A general discussion was held on the charitable exemption request by the Loyal Order of Moose. Chairman Kessler said the Town assessor did not believe they met the requirements of a charitable organization. Selectman Connell made a motion ***to deny the charitable exemption request by the Newport Loyal Order of Moose.*** It was seconded by Selectman Tellor. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

ACTION ITEMS: Request to Waive Ordinance Regarding Alcohol on Town Property – Janine Richards, on behalf of the Class of 2002 - The request was withdrawn.

Economic Corporation of Newport, Inc. (ECON) Lease Agreement - Town Manager Rieseberg told the Board that ECON has been allowing the Town to use the storage shed for various department's equipment free of charge. They currently have financial challenges. The proposed lease agreement will be between ECON and the Town for the use of the shed on the ash landfill. The lease is complete, except for a definite financial number. After a general discussion on the lease agreement, Selectman Tellor made a motion *that the Selectboard accept the lease agreement with the Economic Corporation of Newport, Inc. on the ash landfill property as stated*. It was seconded by Selectman Burroughs. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

Newport Area Chamber of Commerce Waivers for Rental of Town Property, Donna Mahair & Shannon MacMichael - Ms. Donna Mahair addressed the Board and gave them a chart with the year's calendar of events for the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that the Chamber was seeking waivers of some events, others they will pay the nonprofit rate and the remaining the full amount. Ms. Mahair explained and reviewed each event for the Selectboard. She said that the Red Star Twirlers was not a Chamber event; it was with the Willey-Perra Program. It was a fundraiser for the Newport children (in need). She answered all questions from the Board. Selectman Tellor thanked Ms. Mahair for the comprehensive list of requests. It made it easy for the Board to understand the (Chamber) requests. He asked if the standardized rental request forms will still be used. He was told yes. Selectman Tellor made a motion *to accept the list of tentative dates for the Area Chamber of Commerce events and fees as requested:*

12/03/22 T'was Just Before Christmas: full waiver of fees; in conjunction with the Rec Center

12/10/22 Red Star Twirlers: nonprofit rate of fees

1/25-1/28 Dancing with the Newport Stars: full payment for event

02/02/23 NACOC Annual Dinner: non-profit rate of fees

06/17/23 Brewfest (Alcohol Waiver needed): full payment for event

6/25-7/27 Concerts on the Common: full waiver of fees

06/24/23 Wings and Wheels: full waiver of fees; cosponsored with Airport

07/21/23 Block Party/Chamber Night: permission; done in conjunction with the Rec Center

It was seconded by Selectman Sayer. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

There was no further scheduled business in the public meeting. On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Burroughs; *the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(e)Litigation.*

Town Manager Rieseberg addressed Chairman Kessler and requested one additional business item before going into NPS. He asked that the motion made concerning going into the NPIAS program be reworded and revoted. He had given Chairman Kessler the exact wording before the previous meeting. Town Manager Rieseberg has been in contact with the FAA and he will not be able to go forward with his application without a reworded motion and vote. Chairman Kessler found and read aloud from his iPad the wording necessary for Town Manager Rieseberg's request.

Chairman Kessler made the following motion *that the Town of Newport votes to pursue federal funding making Parlin Field 2B3 an obligated NPIAS airport under the Federal Aviation Administration grant programs with oversight by the NH State Block Grant Program and understands the federal grant assurances and obligations that this effort entails*. It was seconded by Selectman Tellor. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

Town Manager Rieseberg informed them that while the Town of Newport was waiting for an answer from the FAA, he has applied for a grant through the state AIM program (see page 5 of the August 15, 2022 minutes for explanation of all acronyms).

There being no further business in the public meeting *the Board went into nonpublic session at 8:29 pm. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

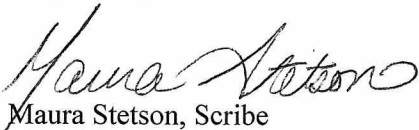
Present were Selectboard members Jeffrey Kessler, Keith Sayer, Herbert Teller, Jr.; James Burroughs and Barry Connell. Town Manager Hunter Rieseberg was also in attendance.

The Board exited non-public session RSA 91-A:3II(e)Litigation. Chairman Kessler made a motion *to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II (a)Personnel.* It was seconded by Selectman Teller. *The motion passed 3-2-0 (Burroughs and Connell no).*

No votes or decisions were made.

On a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Teller; *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Stetson, Scribe

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved on: October 3, 2022