Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2022

In person – Chairman Caplain, Selectman Boisseau, Selectman Hibberd, Selectman Jensen, Selectman Morris.

**Chairman Caplain opened the meeting at 5:00pm and made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91A-3 II (personnel). Selectman Jensen seconded – roll call – all – motion passed.**

**Board interviewed candidates for building inspector and code enforcement position.**

**Chairman Caplain made a motion to return to public session at 6:05 pm. Selectman Hibberd seconded – roll call – all – motion passed**

**Public Input**

**Barry Zitser** –Transfer station committee passed resolution on first item of agenda – Northeast Resource Recovery Association – exec director wanted town to be aware of new recycling campaign – sent info to liaison – needs pledge from town – free service to town

**Conservation Committee** – bills and letters for board support –

**Cheryl Jensen** – busy project - rep Tim Egan submitted 4 environmental bills in house – HB 1571 – increase fines for littering with revenues to F & G department – 20% rise – state highways and parks - HB 1652 – establishes bottle and can redemption law in NH – surrounding states have redemption - beneficial to town when transfer station opens, reduces tipping fees – HB 1406 – authorize municipalities to collect food waste and compost – not required, but authorizes to – allows transfer stations to enter into agreements with farms and other entities – NHMA testified on behalf of bill – HB 1122 – authorize municipalities to collect and sell construction and demolition debris – reduce tipping fees and trash send to landfills

Chairman Caplain – appreciates work done on letters and bill information.

**Selectman Morris – made a motion to submit letters in support of HB 1571, 1652, 1406, 1122, and 1471-1119, to their respective legislative committees – Selectman Boisseau second – roll call – all – motion passed**

**Property purchase agreement**

**Selectman Morris – motion to have the town release all tax liens through 2021 on Map 403-28-004 in exchange for a $12,000 payment – Selectman Boisseau seconded - roll call – all - motion passed**

**Minutes**

**Chairman Caplain motion to approve minutes from 1/24/2022 - Selectman Hibberd seconded - roll call - all – motion passed**

Other:

**Selectman Hibberd** – Deliberative – moderator recommendations – Profile school – following up with Profile to check availability of mask less area if needed. Offers up the most distance between individuals if needed.

**At 6:22pm Chairman Caplain made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91A-3 II (legal, personnel) – Selectman Morris seconded – roll call – all – motion passed.**

**Board discussed committee members absent and missing quorum.**

**Board discussed legal issue.**

**Board discussed candidates for the building officer/code enforcement position.**

**Selectman Morris - made motion to offer position to PD and DR on a 6-month trial basis if both agree on job sharing – Selectman Jensen seconded – roll call – Selectmen Boisseau, Caplain, Jensen, and Morris in favor – Selectmen Hibberd opposed – motion passed 4-1.**

**Selectman Boisseau made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm – Selectman Jensen seconded – roll call – all – motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Fleury

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