

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2024**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Richard Pelletier – Selectman, Iris Campbell – Selectwoman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator

Others present: Chris Parsons, Keegan Finley, Jason Patten, Cody Lacombe, Phil Marcellino, Josh Gallant, Frank Jones, Priscilla Jones & Nugget, Tama Mitchell, Taylor Burrows, Tyler Davy, Mark McSweeney

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. OATH OF OFFICE**

Chairman Bailey administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Keegan Finley. Officer Finley will be attending the police academy beginning in July.

**2. NON-PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to unseal 2010 non-public meeting minutes dated: October 26 (2 sets), December 7, December 13, January 12, February 2 (2 sets), February 9, July 13, July 22, June 8, May 11, May 5, September 14, April 26, July 27, August 10, September 28 & October 12. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**3. MANIFEST**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 19412 – 19477 a/k/a Vouchers #27 & 28 in the amount of \$254,053.96 (includes 219 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 032021 – 032051 a/k/a Voucher #26 in the amount of \$130,242.20. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for July 10, 2024. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 8 Lot 106-11
- 2023 Abatement Request Denial – Map 11 K Lot 330
- Quitclaim Deed – Map 1 Lot 71 Severance Road

**5. MOTION TO HIRE**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to hire Richard Peschel as a heavy equipment operator for the Highway Department upon recommendation of the Road Agent. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed. Mr. Peschel had previously worked for the Highway Department as a laborer prior to getting his CDL.

## **6. 45 SCHOOL STREET – JOHN PENNY**

Ms. Buono updated the Board on the long court battle with John Penny at 45 School Street. Mr. Penny's barn is falling down and there is a court order in December that ordered Mr. Penny to have the property weather tight and structurally sound by April 30, 2024. Ms. Buono said that Mr. Penny has not done that and in fact, the barn is in a worse shape than it was in December. She said the contempt hearing was scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> but Mr. Penny filed a motion to continue on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, stating that he has a disability and cannot attend any appointments before 2:00 pm. Due to that and even though Mr. Penny didn't submit anything to the Court showing he needed an ADA exception; the Judge rescheduled the hearing for 2:00 on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Buono said that Mr. Penny rejects electronic paperwork and doesn't have a mailbox at his house, so everything that is mailed to him gets returned makes it difficult to communicate and now his attorney has severed their relationship. She said the fact that Mr. Penny doesn't comply with anything is wasting taxpayer money on legal fees but the structure is dangerous and very close to the neighboring property. She also said that the Town is seeking a judgment for attorney fees as well.

## **7. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 6:21 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bailey – yes, Campbell – yes, Pelletier – yes. The motion passed.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectwoman Campbell, Selectman Pelletier, Town Administrator Laura Buono

The Board discussed a situation involving a local developer and what their next steps will be moving forward.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 6:43 pm. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bailey – yes, Campbell – yes, Pelletier – yes. The motion passed.

## **8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 6:44 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) Land Acquisition. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bailey – yes, Campbell – yes, Pelletier – yes. The motion passed.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectwoman Campbell, Selectman Pelletier, Town Administrator Laura Buono

The Board discussed a piece of property that is currently for sale which abuts town-owned property and would be beneficial to the Town. In a motion made by Selectman Pelletier and seconded by Chairman Bailey and which passed unanimously, the Board authorized Ms. Buono to move forward with contact and negotiations on a price and terms for the property in the manner authorized under NH RSA 41:14-a.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:12 pm. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bailey – yes, Campbell – yes, Pelletier – yes. The motion passed.

**9. ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC PROPERTY**

Selectman Pelletier asked the Board what discussed at the walk around with NHDES at the Associated Electric property. Ms. Buono said that they basically showed the representatives from UCONN the area and talked about what the vision was once the property was cleaned up since they have agreed to render a drawing of what a potential municipal complex would look like if it were to be built on that site.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

A true record  
Mary Whalen  
Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Selectboard

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James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

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Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

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Richard Pelletier, Selectman