



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Don Gerber, Dan Hagan, Ross Byrne and Anthony Irving

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board approved the reappointment of Frederick Platt III to the Board of Assessors, Ben Kegley and Beverly Crowther as regular members of the Conservation Commission and Christine Darnell as an alternate member of the same commission.

The board also approved its meeting calendar for 2020.

The board discussed the need for a special Town Meeting, scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 8 pm, to receive approval of 2 agenda items. The first item is the acceptance of the Code of Lyme. This ordinance, if approved, would combine, reformat and renumber the town ordinances and regulations into one, more user-friendly place ... called The Code. No significant changes to our rules are included in this ordinance accepting The Code. The consolidation of the rules of town was undertaken to locate and correct inconsistencies between our rules and correct any provisions that run counter to state law.

The second agenda item is an ordinance adding three alternate members to the Planning & Zoning Commission. This commission is the only land-use board without alternates, leading to the potential for meetings not having the required quorum. The addition of alternates will also help new members along the learning curve of land use regulations.

Selectman Kiker will prepare a timeline for holding the Town Meeting and a communication plan to advise the residents of this meeting.

A discussion was held among all attendees regarding Birch Mill Road bridge. This bridge is presently closed due to its deteriorated condition and its need of replacement. The alternative of removing the bridge permanently and restoring the natural flood plain condition is an alternative all attendees felt was appropriate to study before expending additional engineering funds for a replacement. In addition to cost considerations, the attendees felt it appropriate to determine the effect on emergency services and gain the neighborhood's input.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Mattson  
For the Board of Selectmen