



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Diana Fiske, Gregory Miller, Humphrey Tyler

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board received a review from the Friends of Whalebone Cove concerning the non-native aquatic species found in the cove. This organization was formed to protect the cove and has invested in a study of invasive species finding seven different types of potentially threatening invasives. The friends have, and are, combatting these species based upon the recommendations found in the study and primarily through volunteers to remove the plants manually both within the cove and upland where found. The group discussed the need for coordinated efforts throughout the lower CT River area and the board directed them to additional groups involved in the subject for additional resources. The board also commended the friends on the proactive involvement and offered the town's assistance on its website and social media to help communicate the efforts of the friends and widen the outreach for volunteers as eradication efforts are scheduled.

The board appointed Humphrey Tyler, Will Fiske and Mary Stone as the three new alternate members of the P&Z Commission as authorized at the last town meeting. The addition of alternate members should assist the commission in reaching a quorum for meetings when regular members cannot attend and serve as training for this very important commission.

The board also discussed the potential for North Lyme Cemetery to be passed to the town stemming from a lack of Association members to adequately manage and maintain the property. Any such transfer of ownership would include the financial assets of the Association. These assets would cover the town's cost of maintenance for many years. The board approved the First Selectman to negotiate on the town's behalf.

Selectman Kiker reviewed the usage of the town's website. Visits to the site are up 14% year over year. The board thanked Mr. Kiker for the amount of time he volunteers maintaining the website and social media presence for the town.

The board reviewed and approved the draft capital budget for FY 2020/21 to be presented to the Board of Finance on February 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson For the Board of Selectmen