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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
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Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil, Chair; Steve Woitkun, Vice Chair; Sheila Johannesen, Dottie Billbrough, and Joshua Horns

Others Present: Kimberly Burnham, Selectmen Administrator; Members of the public: Bob Griffin, Mike Fleck, Amy Burie, Jim O'Leary, Kathy Dennis, Heritage Commission; Carol Baird, Heritage Commission; Sayra Devito, Carsten Springer, Conservation Commission, Jason Holder, Ryan Holder, Bob Loree, Conservation Commission; Bill Hull, Heritage Commission.

Shawn called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the troops who put themselves in harm's way. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

I. Delegates

LER Realty: Bob Griffin, representing LER Realty, the old Cheney Lumber Co. and the current owner of the dam that creates Long Pond addresses the BOS. He states that he has two lots on the backside of Long Pond (Lots #018 and #019) that the Cheney family thought should stay "green". He has put a conservation easement on the property and now would like to find out if the Town would like to add that property to the Town Forest. He provided a copy of the easement to the BOS. He notes if there is any interest, he is asking \$10,000 for the lots and would like an answer by the first of the year (2021).

Long Pond Dam Update: Mr. Griffin states the State Dept. of Resources likes him to keep the Danville and Kingston Selectmen apprised of what has been accomplished regarding the Long Pond Dam. Mr. Griffin explains that last year he hired an engineering firm to inspect the dam and provide plans for possible remedies. There are three (3) options: 1) Remove the dam and alleviate the streambed, 2) Redesign and rebuild the existing dam, and 3) Build a new dam. He states that he has spoken with removal and streambed remediation people and has hired an engineering firm for the redesign and reconstruction plan. He notes he is not entertaining replacing the dam as that is economically unfeasible for him. Shawn asks him about the long-term prospects for the mill, as water was an essential part of that operation. Mr. Griffin responds that the mill is for sale and it would depend if the buyer wanted to start the mill again. He also notes there is a dearth of inquiries into the mill. Shawn asks what the options are, noting that if the dam goes away, Long Pond will be drained and no longer exist. Shawn asks if there are any known costs to keeping the dam. Mr. Griffin states that removal and streambed remediation would start at \$70,000, and double to \$140,000 by the time permits, engineering and construction designs are added in. Redesigning and reconstruction of the existing dam would start about \$120,000 and the cost would again double for all the permitting, engineering and construction designs totaling \$240,000. The costs of a new dam would be approximately \$400,000. Shawn states the BOS will need time to think about the issue and what the Town can do. Shawn thanks Mr. Griffin for the update.

II. Old/New Business

Shawn asks Ms. Baird's permission to move forward with discussion from the Long Pond Protection Association as a follow-up to Mr. Griffin's update. She agrees to this agenda change.

Long Pond Protection Association (LPPA): Mike Fleck of the LPPA explains the Association has been talking with Mr. Griffin regarding the dam, noting it is a related issue. He explains the LPPA is concerned with Long Pond and

what it means for the community, particularly with regards to its' recreational and tax benefits. He has put a packet together for review. Mr. Fleck states that he has done some analysis of the first two options of either removing the dam or repairing it. He notes the difference in costs between removing it or repairing it is approximately \$100,000-\$150,000. Once the dam is gone, the cost to replace it is over \$500,000. He notes he is comparing these costs with the Echo Pond issue in Windham. They spent over \$1M by the time they re-engineered and built a new dam from scratch after the old dam was ripped out. Mr. Fleck has also done an analysis of property values around the "good" waterfront properties and the "poor" waterfront properties from the Assessors database. There is about a 30% premium value on the land with "good" waterfront. He has also looked at Zillow estimates and noted that homes with "good" waterfront were priced at \$40,000-\$50,000 more per house. Mr. Fleck gives an example of the recent sale of Larry Woods home with a beach on 201 Long Pond Rd. compared to the same type and size of house at 82 Long Pond Rd. The houses sold fifty (50) days apart, are only .6 miles apart and 82 Long Pond Rd sold for \$180,000 less because it was not on the Pond. He notes this demonstrates the significant premium for houses on Long Pond. Mr. Fleck also explains these increases in value are also reflected in increased tax revenue of \$1500-\$3000 per property. There are twenty-eight (28) abutters to the Pond so that represents a significant amount of tax revenue over the years.

Mr. Fleck also discusses the recreational value of Long Pond. He notes that especially during the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the entire community has used Long Pond boat ramp. He notes the Pond is a beautiful resource for the Town and community with new conservation land on the backside of the Pond and a variety of wildlife. Mr. Fleck notes the two-fold potential loss of both tax revenue and recreational benefit to the community. He explains the LPPA is also planning to talk to Kingston as the dam is actually in Kingston. Mr. Fleck emphasizes that the LPPA is not suggesting that the Town take over the dam, but that they (the LPPA) are happy to help with fundraising to preserve Long Pond and they need the support of the Town for that.

Mr. Fleck presents a proposal for the creation of a Village District specifically for the purpose of impounding water, and the District can run the dam. He explains a Village District can span town lines into Kingston and could combine to work together on ongoing maintenance of the dam. Mr. Fleck notes this is important because once the dam is gone; it is not going to come back. He notes the dam has been there since 1750 and is part of a land grant from King George. The LPPA has formed a sub-committee to talk to Norm Young who spearheaded the development of a Village District that saved Echo Pond. Mr. Fleck notes this provides a great blueprint for Danville. That Village District funds the operation of the dam and got grants to rebuild the dam. He explains they created a non-profit Association solely for the purpose of doing fundraising, getting grants, and managing the project. Mr. Fleck states he believes the Town and LPPA could do a similar thing. He explains the LPPA cannot form a Village District without support from the Town because the Town collects the revenue that funds a Village District.

Mr. Fleck notes his concern with the time limitations imposed by the State. Mr. Griffin has only one year to come up with a plan for the dam, and only has another year to implement the plan. Shawn states that he personally supports the LPPA ideas, that he has been following the issue for a while. He agrees with the numbers that Mr. Fleck has presented on the property values and taxes and notes the Town is aware of the tax values that exist with the Pond in place. Shawn also notes that if the value of the assessments and resulting taxes goes down, that tax revenue would need to be raised by the rest of the Town's residents. Mr. Fleck notes that most of Long Pond residents are semi-retired, retired, or these are second homes and do not present a school burden to the Town.

Joshua confirms the costs presented by Mr. Griffin noting there is approximately \$100,000 between removing and rebuilding the dam. He asks if the twenty-eight (28) homes on Long Pond would be willing to donate private contributions to repair and privately take over the dam. Mr. Fleck explains that only nineteen (19) residents are members of the LPPA and he questions if "voluntary payments" would work. Amy Burie states that if Long Pond was a private pond and only abutters had access to it she could understand the abutters taking over the repair costs. She notes that the Pond also has very public access with a State boat launch and other access. She believes the Pond is owned by the Town and the State and that she pays a higher tax premium for the benefit of abutting the Pond. She states that the LPPA is there to discuss the issue with all the stakeholders- abutters, the Town, State, and Kingston and suggests that all have to work together as a community to find funding. Joshua notes that he appreciates that, but that he leans to private contributions for private benefit.

Bob Loree asks what the numbers show with the tax benefit of Long Pond versus no Pond. Mr. Fleck confirms the premium assessment paid by abutters is between \$50,000-\$100,000. Taxes are approximately \$28/\$1000, which generate approximately \$1500-\$3000 additional taxes per property per year resulting in approximately \$90,000 in "premium" taxes per year. There is further discussion. Shawn states that the loss of the Pond means that tax revenue will disappear. He states he worked with the Assessor a year ago and estimated about \$60,000 in tax revenue would be lost. He reiterates this amount is from over a year ago and is an average. Shawn also notes that this was done while examining the issue that the Town pays for mosquito and milfoil control, but he feels it is a "no-brainer" to spend \$15,000 and get \$60,000 back in taxes. Mr. Fleck reiterates that the LPPA is not sure how much money will be needed from the Town as they can pursue grants, etc., but they cannot create a Village District without support from the Town. Shawn agrees the Town can explore all those avenues.

Shawn notes that the BOS is updated very infrequently and tonight was the first information they had received on the cost structure and timeline. Mr. Fleck notes there are twenty-eight (28) Long Pond abutters in Danville and six (6) abutters in Kingston. Shawn explains that because the dam is in Kingston, it brings up town jurisdiction and funding issues. The BOS would need to explore if Danville can use Town funds to support a dam in another town. He notes there are many issues that need to be explored. Mr. Fleck asks if Town Counsel could be made available to LPPA to guide them in the process. Shawn explains that using Town Counsel costs money. He states that the BOS will need to have conversations with the BOS in Kingston. Mr. Fleck advises the BOS that he has done research and the dam and water flow rights are in the deed for the sawmill. Shawn states that if the Town were to put funds into the dam, they would need an easement from Mr. Griffin to maintain the dam. Mr. Fleck explains that is the beauty of creating a Village District. The Village District would own and maintain the dam. The funds would be put into an escrow account for the dam maintenance. He notes that the Association for Echo Pond created a Village District, a Village District can span across town boundaries, and is a taxing authority that can be created for a number of reasons, and one of those reasons is for water empowerment.

Joshua asks if the LPPA has considered putting the issue of creating a Village District up as a Citizen's Petition. Shawn explains the multiple years of work involved to develop the current Village District. He notes that he believes if the LPPA and Town can show the State they are working on the process, and provide a road map of what they are looking to do, the State may be more accommodating in extending their deadlines.

Jason Holder notes that he is concerned with the State's timeline. He also expresses concern that during the process, Mr. Griffin has to keep the dam 1.5' below the top of the dam. As Long Pond is only about fifteen (15) feet at its' deepest, this is a reduction of about 15% in the depth of the water. He notes there are issues with nitrates and phosphate in the Pond, and with lower water, the growth rate (of vegetation) is greater. It also allows the milfoil to grow out further into the Pond. The resident notes the LPPA has done a lot of research since spring and while Mr. Griffin said he will do his part to help out, he is no longer interested in owning the dam. He believes that Mr. Griffin will put in his contribution and then transfer ownership. Mr. Fleck states the objective was to make the BOS aware of the issue and to have them understand that time is of the essence. The LPPA is looking for a way to solve the problem that does not bankrupt the Town.

Shawn notes that he would not know where to begin creating a Village District. He suggests that conversation begin with the Planning Board. Mr. Fleck explains that he has looked at the RSA and the process starts with a petition, followed by a vote of only the people who would be in the District. There is still a question if that is the best direction to go in. Shawn states that he needs to talk to "Matt" about another BOS issue and will have him explore some proposals/options for the Town. Mr. Fleck offers to assist.

Carol Baird states that she is trying to understand the goal of LPPA, and asks if it is to get money to purchase the dam from Mr. Griffin. Shawn explains the State has determined the dam is deficient and wants it corrected and brought up to their standards, or remove the dam entirely. Mr. Fleck explains the goal of the LPPA is to find a way to keep the dam. Ms. Baird suggests the group starts getting the word out to the Town about the problem and come up with a plan for the voters in order to get their support. Mr. Fleck explains the group was only notified at the end of July by the Dam Bureau that they were giving Mr. Griffin only a year to get a plan in place and a year to

implement the plan. Ms. Baird reiterates the need to fully inform the Townspeople of the issue in order to get their support.

Jim O'Leary notes the goal tonight was to share the information that the LPPA has with the BOS and to work together with the Town to find the best direction and look at all the options. He notes the LPPA is looking for more information. Ms. Baird notes that if the Townspeople understand the role of the LPPA, they will get more support. Mr. Fleck agrees. She also notes that the mill was named as one of the "Seven Historic Sites to Save" by the NH Preservation Alliance a couple of years ago. This could provide additional funding sources for the project. There is discussion among the public regarding potential additional funding sources and the historical significance of the dam and potential new ownership conflicts.

Mr. Holder states that he spoke to Norm Young regarding the Echo Pond project. Five (5) people started the non-profit Association who raised the money to rebuild the dam and then transferred the dam ownership to the Village District. Mr. Young stated they did it that way because they did not want to burden the people with the costs to build the dam. The new dam is much simpler to maintain, but the eventual costs to construct it were over \$1M. The resident explains that the current by-laws of their Association do not allow them to collect money for the dam and they would need to form a new non-profit Association specifically to raise money for the dam. If the new Association collects money for the dam, but fails to complete the project, all that money would have to be returned.

Mr. Fleck states there are federal grants available and the LPPA can use the Echo Pond people as a good source of information. Sheila suggests the LPPA change their Articles of Agreement, as it might be easier than starting a new non-profit Association. There is discussion regarding that process. Shawn recommends the LPPA contact the Secretary of State's Office for answers. He asks that the LPPA plan on meeting with the BOS again in another month to month-in-a-half to update them (the BOS). The BOS will also do some research in the issues raised.

Heritage Commission: Carol Baird, Chair of the Heritage Commission, introduces the other members that are present, Bill Hull, Kathy Dennis, and BOS representative Dottie Billbrough. She asks to address several issues with the BOS. The first issue is the ability of the Heritage Commission to work on the second floor of the Town Hall. Ms. Baird briefly explains the current situation for the new members of the BOS. She details the dissolution of the Hawke Historical Society. The assets were turned over to the Town, and at the request of the Hawke Society, the BOS assigned the responsibility for those assets to the Heritage Commission. She notes that the BOS also transferred funds from the Hawke Historical Society into the Heritage Commission's account for preservation of that collection. The BOS had requested that all of the collection be gathered and brought to the second floor of the Town Hall so that everything was in one place. The items were retrieved and stacked in a locked room on the second floor. Ms. Baird lists those items as forty (40) cardboard boxes of papers, slides, old documents, photographs, and textiles, two (2) 4-drawer file cabinets, two (2) tall wooden cabinets, numerous tools and artifacts. The Heritage Commission planned to go through these items, organizing and tagging them, and then properly and safely storing them. With the money received from the Hawke Society and BOS approval, the Heritage Commission had purchased three (3) locking steel cabinets for \$1050 to store the most valuable items. The Heritage Commission has also purchased \$300 of archival storage boxes and ID tags. They now have over \$1300 invested in this project. Ms. Baird explains that last year, members of the Heritage Commission attempted several times to work on the project upstairs. However, the temperatures were either unbearably hot or freezing cold. They had inquired about using the HVAC system upstairs, but were told it had not been used for several years. There was no further response.

This year, the Heritage Commission has a grant opportunity that would allow them to digitize the hundreds of old slides for sharing with the community. However, before applying for the grant, they will need to go through at least ten (10) boxes to locate the slides. The BOS representative, Dottie, has made inquiries into the HVAC situation and there appears to be a concern with energy efficiency on the second floor. Ms. Baird reminds the BOS that the Heritage Commission obtained a grant that had paid for that HVAC system as well as new wiring and installation twelve (12) years ago. New windows were also installed twelve (12) years ago and the attic was insulated four (4) years ago. Because the HVAC system has not been used for a while, it will probably need to be

inspected before it is used. Ms. Baird notes she is also uncertain if there is any propane in the tank. She is requesting that the BOS get the HVAC system functioning again so the Heritage Commission can work up there. She also notes that these temperature extremes are not good for the fragile items stored up there. Ms. Baird is also asking that the BOS replace the many bulbs that are out. Shawn notes the lighting issue should be easy to fix. He explains that when the HVAC system was first used, the Town went through \$800 of propane in two (2) weeks, and the BOS at that time determined it was not feasible to heat upstairs when it is not being used every day. Shawn notes he does support turning on the heat when the Heritage Commission is going to be upstairs. Ms. Baird notes the HVAC system had been running for seven (7) years prior to being turned off and the Heritage Commission was not made aware of the cost issue. She reminds the BOS that at the time of the installation, the BOS at that time asked the Heritage Commission to pursue grants to have all the wiring updated and to install the HVAC with the intention of using the second floor for meetings. Ms. Baird reiterates the problem now is they cannot turn the HVAC system on because it has been off for so long and going upstairs to work during the evenings or weekends requires members to deal with the climate issues. No one wants to go upstairs and the collection has been sitting there for a year. Ms. Baird expresses her concern that the Heritage Commission has invested money in this project and cannot work on it upstairs.

Shawn explains that he wants to help, but cannot support the costs of heating the second floor. He notes there is no insulation in the sidewalls. Ms. Baird reminds him the attic has since been insulated. Sheila notes the HVAC system needs to be cleaned. Ms. Baird explains she is not asking for the temperature to be in the 70's, but the HVAC should not be shut off because it is not good for the materials stored up there. Shawn states that he would reconsider the issue with the attic now insulated, but notes if the costs are not less, the Town will be in the same situation. He notes that "climate control" is not financially feasible. Ms. Baird clarifies the issue is not so much about climate control, but to keep the area at a steady temperature, noting the current range is from 40'-100'. Shawn states he understands what the Heritage Commission is trying to do, but reminds Ms. Baird these items were previously stored in a rental unit. Ms. Baird notes that all the Heritage Commission is asking is to be able to work upstairs comfortably this winter. The consensus of the BOS is to have the HVAC system checked out, restarted, see how it goes, and re-evaluate. They will let the Heritage Commission know when they can go upstairs. Ms. Baird notes she is hoping the attic insulation will make a big difference. Mr. Hull notes that the main wish of the Heritage Commission is to be comfortable working upstairs, and they are willing to start the heat up ahead of time and turn it down when they are done. Ms. Baird notes the Heritage Commission is pretty good about that.

Sayra Devito asks what the upstairs temperature is now that it has cooled. Ms. Baird explains the Heritage Commission members cannot wait for the "perfect weather day" to run upstairs and work. She notes they cannot even plan a work session at this point not knowing if they can stand to work upstairs. Shawn notes that until Ms. Baird brought up the issue tonight, he was unaware that temperature issues were preventing the Heritage Commission from working upstairs. He assures Ms. Baird the Town will get the HVAC up and running and they will let the Heritage Commission know when everything is ready. Ms. Baird expresses her appreciation to the BOS.

Old Meeting House Update: Ms. Baird has been asked by Chris Stafford, President of the Old Meeting House Association to discuss the ongoing issue with carpenter ants with the BOS. She states the ants have been an issue for over two years and there is growing concern regarding damage to the structural integrity of the building. Ms. Baird notes the Town had arranged for the spraying last year. That sprayer had suggested some invasive treatment that involved drilling holes in the plaster walls and sawing through some of the woodwork. None of the Old Meeting House Association members were comfortable with that solution. Ms. Baird explains that she offered to get another opinion. She contacted "Chris" at Absolute Pest Control in Amesbury, MA. "Chris" advised her that his company never does invasive treatments. They first monitor the insects, and then spray inside and outside. They guarantee their treatment for six (6) months, but the problem is usually resolved with one treatment. He explained the best time to treat is in late spring. They charge \$500 to treat for carpenter ants. Ms. Baird notes that "Chris" expressed concern about the length of time the infestation has gone on and suggested it might be worthwhile for the Town to have a complete inspection done on the building for wood damaging insects. That is done separately. He charges \$200 for a total evaluation of the building. Ms. Baird had relayed this information to the Old Home Association and has received an e-mailed response from Ms. Stafford that was read aloud.


"As discussed during our Old Meeting House Association meeting on August 17, 2020, the carpenter ant situation on the east side of the Old Meeting House is not improving. While we have had external and internal treatment for two years, and there is some evidence of dead ants, the amount of telltale signs-sawdust- is the same as it has been. While we had the building treated externally and internally for two years, the Town exterminator has indicated the only way to eradicate the insects is to get access to the beams by removing some boards and plaster. The Old Meeting House Association is not supportive of this invasive approach. As you (Ms. Baird) indicated during our meeting, Absolute Pest Control of Amesbury will provide a report of treatment recommendations for \$200 and offer a guaranteed treatment for carpenter ants for \$500. The Old Meeting House Association discussed and recommended that the Heritage Commission request the Town try Absolute Pest Control to see if better results can be achieved. Thanks. " Chris Stafford, President- Old Meeting House Association of Danville.


Ms. Baird explains that she told Ms. Stafford she would bring the Old Meeting House Association's concerns to the BOS. She also notes that since that discussion in August she has learned that the Town has also been looking into the potential of a new pest control company, so she was not sure if the BOS would be supportive of putting something into budget for someone. Shawn suggests spending \$200 for the evaluation now so the Town can have something in place for next Spring, as that is the best time to treat. Mr. Hull, also of the Heritage Commission, requests permission to do treatments in the meantime. He states this will be at no cost to the Town. Sheila notes the outside of the Old Meeting House was just treated. Mr. Hull explains that he just recently disposed of carpenter ants in his kitchen. It took him only two (2) weeks with an inexpensive product called "Terro". The ants eat the product and bring it back to the nest and it is very effective. He notes this is an old poison, sugar and borax. He would be willing to buy it and try it. Shawn suggests that since the Old Meeting House Association are the stewards of the Old Meeting House, Mr. Hull request permission from them. He also suggests the Town spend \$200 to get a complete plan put in place for Spring, whatever the outcome is. Mr. Hull asks if the Town should hold off and see if the Terro works. Shawn disagrees, stating he feels the Town should know where the issue stands and there may be more than one area. He notes that carpenter ants can eat a house. Joshua asks if guarantee states if the company fails to get rid of the carpenter ants, they will continue to treat. Ms. Baird states they will come back again. Shawn notes the six (6) month warranty would cover "ant season". Ms. Baird confirms the BOS has given permission to spend \$200 now for the evaluation and budget \$500 for next year. Shawn suggests the Mr. Hull contact the Old Meeting House Association and address his "volunteerism", but notes the inspection is something the BOS wants to have so they can know where they stand and they (Absolute Pest Control) could find other issues including structural issues. Ms. Baird agrees the inspection would check for other infestations. She asks Shawn to clarify the process for the Old Meeting House Association after the inspections is done. Shawn explains the Old Meeting House Association would come back to the BOS with that information to budget for next year. Ms. Baird clarifies she will contact Absolute Pest Control and the bill will be sent to the Town. Shawn agrees that the BOS has accepted the responsibility of that cost. He asks her to coordinate with the Old Meeting House Association and inform Absolute Pest Control if Mr. Hull is doing his treatment. Ms. Baird assures the BOS that she will clarify the process before anything is done.


Heritage Commission Building Updates: Ms. Baird would like to acknowledge, and make the BOS aware of the amount of work Mr. Hull, as a new member to the board, has done for the Heritage Commission. Last spring he cleaned up the entire interior of the Town Pound, something that has not been done for many years. This included the removal of hundreds of pounds of acorns. He also assisted in the installation of the sign on the gate the Heritage Commission had provided. Mr. Hull also dug holes for the new cedar posts for the sign at the Stage Coach Stop and scraped the lower boards of the Red Schoolhouse in preparation for painting. Shawn thanks Mr. Hull for all his hard work. Ms. Baird notes that Mr. Hull has one more project he would like to complete. She explains there is a problem with water splashing up onto the lower boards of the Red Schoolhouse. Mr. Hull has suggested constructing a long trench filled with crushed rock along the front of the schoolhouse to help redirect the water and preserve the paint on the lower boards. He is looking for permission from the BOS to complete that project. Shawn notes that he has no problem with Mr. Hull working on that. Mr. Hull notes the only expense might be the crushed stone. He is estimating he will need about one-quarter (1/4) yard and that will cost approximately \$30. Shawn explains that he (Mr. Hull) can just turn in his receipt for reimbursement. Ms. Baird also notes that the

extra paint from the Red Schoolhouse project has been stored in the back room with other paints for the Town buildings.

Ms. Baird states the Heritage Commission has completed their annual inspections of the usual buildings and will provide a written report to the BOS shortly. She highlights some of the Heritage Commissions biggest concerns from those inspections.

 **Mice:** Mice are still a challenge at both the Stage Coach Stop and the Red Schoolhouse. The Heritage Commission will continue to put in the Fresh Cab product every fall. She notes they are having better luck controlling the mice at the Old Stage Coach Stop, and only began using the product at the Red Schoolhouse last year. They will continue to use that product and have supplies for this year. However, she would like the BOS to let the Heritage Commission know if they hire a company to deal with mice in the other Town buildings. If that company will be going to be monitoring the issue, she would like the BOS to consider adding the Red Schoolhouse and the Old Stage Coach Stop. Ms. Baird states she also noticed a pile of sawdust inside the Old Stage Coach Stop under one of the workbenches. She cleaned it up and went back this week to check. There were no further signs, and she is not sure if the sawdust came from above. The Heritage Commission will continue to monitor that issue as well.

 **Old Stage Coach Stop:** Ms. Baird notes it is still in good condition. She believes the bottoms of the windows will need to be repainted next year, but it is not a big job and should not be expensive. She notes that this issue is also a result of water splashing off the windowsills.

 **Little Red Schoolhouse:** Ms. Baird reminds the BOS the foyer had pulled away from the building, was put back, but continues to be a problem. She notes that she suspects there is something in the walls and reminds the BOS that something had chewed through the interior wallboards and the Heritage Commission had hired someone to repair the walls. She explains there has been no chewing through the boards, but there is evidence of debris where the boards join in the corners and along the floor. She notes they are not sure if it is mice or bats, and they are not sure what to do about the issue. Sheila asks if it might be carpenter ants. Ms. Baird states she does not believe that is the issue as they have found what they believe to be mice droppings and possibly bat guano. Ms. Baird explains that when the foyer was re-attached to the building, she noticed there is a small space where the two roofs meet, just big enough to allow something to get into the walls. Her suggestion is that the Heritage Commission continues to monitor the situation. Joshua asks if this was the same problem as 4-5 years ago. Ms. Baird explains the foyer was literally pulled away from the building. The fieldstones on the east side shifted enough from the vibrations to pull the foyer away from the building. The foundation was rebuilt and the foyer was pushed back against the schoolhouse, but there may be small spaces where the buildings meet at the top that are just enough to let something into the walls of the foyer. She notes that any time there is an unoccupied building there are pests. Joshua notes that he remembers the earlier issue being mice and chipmunks. Ms. Baird states she believes it is mice based on the amount of damage to the walls. She asks the BOS how they would like to handle the issue. She explains this is the second year using the Fresh Cab product and the Heritage Commission is comfortable giving the product another year. They are just concerned about additional structural damage as it is too expensive to repair. Shawn suggests the Heritage Commission get a cost of addressing the problem so they can put it in the budget for next year. Ms. Baird reiterates that they do not know what is going on, so they cannot know how to address it. She reiterates her suggestion for monitoring the issue for another year, noting there is currently no structural damage, but if something urgent comes up, the Heritage Commission will come back to the BOS. Carol confirms the decisions of the earlier discussions: The BOS will notify the Heritage Commission when the heat is on and they can work upstairs and she will follow through with the inspection from Absolute Pest Control for the Old Meeting House.

Signature File: Shawn reviews the Signature file and notes everything has been signed. He informs the BOS that he has received the SEC's survey for 599 Main St. Joshua motions to authorize the Chair to sign the survey. Second by Sheila. Vote is unanimous (5-0).

Minutes: The BOS reviews the minutes of Sept. 9, 2020 public BOS meeting (at the Community Center). They note that they were also having difficulty hearing some of the conversations, noting that masks were making it even more difficult to hear and understand the public. Because there were so many questions on these conversations,

the consensus of the BOS is to table the minutes for a deeper review with hopes of remembering the content of those conversations.

The BOS reviews the minutes for the Sept. 9, 2020 Non-Public BOS meeting. Sheila motions to accept the minutes as written. Second by Dottie. Vote is unanimous (5-0).

The BOS reviews the minutes for the Sept. 14, 2020 Non-Public BOS meeting. Dottie motions to accept the minutes as written. Second by Joshua. Sheila questions the next to last line. Shawn confirms the timeframe as does the other BOS members. Vote is unanimous. (5-0)

Security Cameras: Steve has put together a proposal for camera installations at two (2) locations: the Town Hall in public areas and at the Town Highway Garage. These would be both internal and external cameras with remote monitoring. Shawn notes his concern with the need to monitor the new salt shed and suggests this is an issue the BOS needs to move forward on. Steve expresses his surprise at the costs, and notes he would like to get a couple more quotes. Shawn notes it is a good start so the BOS knows the price ranges. He suggests that the BOS could possibly tap RMON for the project as they can now do the infrastructure pieces. Steve offers to get some more quotes and if the vendor shows up, he will make an appointment. Shawn notes the Police Dept. has a good system but he cannot recall the vendor they used. Steve will check on that.

Halloween: Shawn has spoken to Chief Parsons regarding Halloween. He notes this holiday is usually handled by the Police Dept. Both he and Chief Parsons are supporters of Halloween, but Shawn would like an opinion from the BOS. The consensus of the BOS is that Halloween will go on following the rules of the Police Dept.

Shawn reads the Town Announcements listed below. He notes the next public BOS meeting is Monday, Oct. 5, 2020 and the Bulk Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020. He confirms with Kim that Gail is still handling the Bulk Pick-up and is all set.

Joshua asked a how the cameras would be set up on the Town network. Shawn clarifies that he believes the cameras will stream to their own servers and only those with the proper credentials can access those recordings via a browser. The camera streams will NOT be open to the public.

Joshua tells the BOS that he went down to Olde Rd at 5:00AM one Friday morning and nothing was happening. He notes that he ran into a resident walking his dog who mentioned the reason nothing was happening was because the Police Dept. has spoken to the owner/operator and they had decided not to operate before 7:00AM. Shawn notes those are the hours of the approved plan.

Eversource Issue: Joshua notes that he heard there was an "event" involving Eversource at GH Carter. Steve (as Fire Chief) explains that he was notified of the issue by Kim. Apparently, a piece of equipment, while working on the right-of-way under the power lines, ruptured a diesel tank resulting in a fuel spill of approximately twenty (20) gallons. Steve notes that usually the Fire Dept. is always notified when something like this happens. However, the Fire Dept. was NOT notified and by the time Steve found out, Clean Harbors and Eversource personnel were already on the scene and had cleaned up the spill. Steve states that he spoke to both Clean Harbors and Eversource and expressed his concern with Eversource's response and how it was handled. He notes he is especially concerned given that the BOS is currently in negotiations with Eversource on a permanent right-of-way.

Shawn agrees and states the he was also taken aback and is concerned that people were not contacted when they needed to be contacted (i.e: the Fire Dept.). Shawn states that the BOS needs to have a "heartfelt" conversation with Ms. LaRocca (from Eversource). Shawn notes he believes the issue happened more as a result of Eversource's relationship with their contractors and "that is not going to fly". Shawn notes he believes the BOS really needs to address this issue. Steve expresses his concern that the issue is time sensitive because by the time the BOS responds, they (the BOS) may have lost their leverage because the project will be completed.

Steve explains that when he spoke to the Eversource representative at the site, the representative's response was that he "followed Eversource's protocol" and felt that was all he had to do. Steve notes that if this were a diesel spill on the roadside, the Fire Dept. would have been notified. Steve also notes that is why the Fire Dept. is a member of the Hazardous Material District.

Carsten Springer asks to speak to the issue. He reminds the BOS that a number of years ago, the BOS had asked the Conservation Commission to look at ? and that kind of thing and that is exactly what came up every single thing they looked at where other towns were basically trying to remake the wheel. The Conservation Commission came back noting that you do not want six people responding, and you do not want the company making decisions in certain situations- you want the Fire Dept. and the Fire Chief making those decisions. They should be the ones deciding what the next steps should be. Mr. Springer notes that to the best of his knowledge, no one has been told anything specific of where the spill was other than the general location. Steve notes he drove out there after he was notified, he spoke to the Eversource representative and Clean Harbors and drove out to the spill where he spoke to the Clean Harbors foreman and at that point everything was under control. Everything had been done properly and they had notified NH DES. However, Steve notes he was concerned that they had by-passed the local agencies. Mr. Springer states he made this point at an earlier discussion and believes that Eversource does not have control over their own circumstances with their contractors.

Shawn agrees that Eversource is lacking the proper oversight of their subcontractors. When something like this happens, it should be in Eversource's protocols that they need to contact the local Fire Dept. Sheila suggests that maybe they were following the protocols based on the amount of fuel spilled. Mr. Springer expresses his concern that the Town was unable to establish how much fuel actually was spilled and where the spill actually happened. Steve notes this why the Fire Dept. pays \$6000 a year to belong to the Hazardous Materials District. If he had known of the issue, he would have notified a team leader to have everything assessed in order to cover the interests of the Town. Mr. Springer reminds Steve that during a review a few years ago, the Hazardous Materials team was one of a few trained to follow through with their investigative findings. Shawn confirms they (the HM team) are trained especially for that. Shawn believes that further discussion on this issue should take place in a Non-Public session and asks Kim to ask Ms. LaRocca to the next Non-Public BOS meeting.

III. Town Announcements

Open Committee Seats:

🇺🇸 Cable Committee- Selectman's Representative, 1 opening

Calendar:

🇺🇸 October 24- Bulk Pick-Up

🇺🇸 November 3- General Election

There being no further items to discuss, Shawn requests a Non-Public session under NH RSA 91-A 3:II(a) and NH RSA91-A 3:II(d). Sheila motions to go into Non-Public session as requested. Second by Joshua.

Roll Call Vote: Shawn- yes, Steve-yes, Sheila- yes, Dottie-yes, Joshua- yes. Non-Public session is entered at 8:45PM

Minutes derived by video provided on the Town of Danville website.

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah A. Christie