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TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 7, 2023, Minutes

Board Members Present: Arne Jonynas, Lee Gustafson, Peter Hudkins, Heather Chase (arrived late) and Arianna Knapp at Town Hall.

Staff Present: Julie Hance, Town Manager, at Town Hall; and Susan Bailey, Recording Secretary, via Zoom.

Visitors Present: Mike Randzio and Chief Tom Williams at Town Hall; and Scott Blair, Joy Slaughter, Hugh and Lori Quinn, Chester Telegraph, Tim Roper, and SAPA TV via Zoom.

Call to Order

Chair Arne Jonynas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. He welcomed everyone. Julie announced that Heather Chase needed to attend a meeting at the high school as representative and if she attended this board meeting, would arrive late.

Agenda Item 1, Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Arne said there was a small bookkeeping item that needed to be added for the appointment of an alternative authorization representative on the source investigation project for the water department. Arne entertained a motion to add it as an agenda item. Arianna moved and Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 2, Approve minutes from the May 17, 2023, Selectboard Meeting

Lee made a motion and Arianna seconded it to approve the May 17, 2023, minutes. The motion was carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved as written. The members noted the outstanding job regarding the production of the minutes.

Agenda Item 3, Citizens' Comments/Answers from Previous Meeting

None.

Agenda Item 2, Appointment of the Alternative Authorized Representative for the Source Investigation Project for the Water Department

Julie said she was in the application as the authorized representative and Deb was the Town Treasurer, so it made sense for Deb to be the alternate and they were requesting it on the project. Lee moved and Peter seconded a motion to appoint Deb Aldrich. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie noted his was the project for the secondary well. They had approved three: the wastewater management plan, the lead line inventory, and this was the secondary well. The other two have been in motion for a while and this department was just getting caught up with its application. Julie noted the loan had been approved so it would get going soon.

1 **Agenda Item 4, Old Business**

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3 Report given by the Town Manager:

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5 Water and Sewer Rate Increase

6 Julie and Cil will attend a seminar in Randolph put on by the D.E.C. on how to set water and sewer
7 rates. The next billing does not go out until August, they have time to do it. In July, Julie will
8 propose the new rates. Sewer has not been increased since 2014, and water has not been increased
9 since 2018. They are long overdue, and they should be considered annually. She wanted to make
10 sure they were capturing their operational costs and planning for capital as there were projects
11 coming up. Peter mentioned that Jeff had talked about rewriting the rules and amending them and
12 wondered if that could be done at the same time. Julie will speak with Jeff.

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14 EMS News

15 It has been on Facebook, but Steve Vertefeulle, the Facilities Director, was named First Responder
16 of the Year by the Vermont Department of Public Safety, which is a big deal. It will be presented
17 in June at the Public Safety Building. Lee asked how it came about. Julie said Mike Randzio
18 nominated him. She also noted that Mike is now a certified instructor for EMS for the region and
19 the state. Going forward, when they have people that want to become EMTs, it is difficult to find
20 Instructor Coordinators in Vermont and now they can hold a class in-house to train employees
21 which will save the town a lot of money. Mike will also be able to train people outside, which will
22 generate revenue. Julie said there is a new EMS academy in Newfane. Mike has made a lot of
23 connections there and now that he is an IC, he is an instructor. Chester had two EMTs who needed
24 tactical training attend and Mike taught the class, so the fee was waived for their training and the
25 town saved \$1,000. Mike has been approved by the state to challenge his advanced EMT since he
26 is a licensed nurse and has been an EMT for several years.

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28 Julian Quarry

29 An application was filed and a DRB hearing set for July 10th at 6:00 p.m. There will be site visits:
30 Chandler Road is at 3:00 p.m.; Route 103 Quarry at 4:00 p.m.; and Route 103 North at 5:00 p.m.
31 Jim Carroll will be at the meeting and will be there for the purpose of guiding and instructing the
32 DRB. They anticipate that Julian Quarry's attorneys will also be present. There will be a cost for
33 Jim to attend, but it will be worth it. Arne asked if board members wanted to attend to let them
34 know, so it could be warned if there were more than two. Julie said she would warn it so that they
35 were covered as there appeared to be interest in attending.

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37 Hennessey Property

38 It had been several months since the Health Order. He is still in a nursing home in Bennington and
39 not expected to return home. They have been in communication with the brother and Julie was
40 hoping to encourage Mr. Hennessey to let them do Phase I and enter the tax sale process so they
41 can acquire the property and get Brownfield Funding from the State to clean it up. She has spoken
42 with Mr. Hennessey's brother, and they are hoping to persuade him. They are trying to move
43 forward but the next steps will be difficult, and his cooperation is needed to some degree. Arne
44 asked if he had been approached and Julie said he had in the past and for a while, he felt he was
45 going to go home. Tom, as Health Officer, would likely reach out to him as he has a good rapport
46 with Mr. Hennessey.

1 Mental Health Services

2 The Police Department has mentioned in the past that they are doing research on the mental health
3 services assistance for police. There have been conversations with H.C.R.S. An agreement was
4 reached, and Julie gave the members a copy of the agreement they would sign. Providing Chester
5 P.D. with a police liaison is needed. Tom decided to start at that level and see how it works. They
6 have the potential to go to a part-time liaison but wanted to test the waters first. They hoped they
7 could aid the ambulance. Once Julie receives the final version from H.C.R.S., she will sign.

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9 Administrative Assistant to Police Department

10 They hired a new administrative assistant and are excited to welcome Alicia to the team. She is a
11 great find. She comes with experience and an emergency management degree. She will bring a lot
12 to the table. She has grant writing experience is a certified peer-to-peer supporter and can work
13 with Laurie Cloud, who provides peer-to-peer support for the town. Alicia is from Springfield and
14 is very interested in becoming an EMT and is also interested in the part-time police academy. She
15 would not necessarily be on the road but could serve as a desk officer to take the complaints over
16 the phone, which would save a tremendous amount of time for the officers on the road. They will
17 give her a couple of weeks to acclimate before exploring these opportunities. Peter and Arne agreed
18 the Public Safety building was a genesis for the good things happening with Emergency Services.

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20 Yosemite

21 The bids have been awarded for the windows. Arcadia Restoration, who did phenomenal work at
22 the Academy Building several years ago, will be restoring the windows and adding storms. They
23 will do the work over the winter at their shop. They will do the restoration of the sliding door.

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25 Electric on The Green

26 Bids have been received. The Festival Committee will donate about \$10,000 for the project.
27 Between parts, labor, and digging, it was expected to cost \$30,000. It could be good use of
28 economic development funds, whose balance is a little over \$400,000, as it is improvements to the
29 Green for events to be held on the Green. Julie will present them with an official proposal for their
30 approval in July. Wilmington Trust will come in July to give a presentation regarding the economic
31 development funds. They have not drawn on the funds in several years.

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33 Potash Property

34 Arne had a few questions about the Potash Road property. Mike and Julie had a meeting with Jim
35 Carroll in the morning and were likely to proceed with a health order. A couple of hurdles were
36 that the property owner has been deemed incompetent and in a state facility and has constitutional
37 rights to attend the hearing, so they need to discuss with Jim how to proceed. Mike has collected
38 lots of information and they have reached out to the property owners for statements. They've
39 gathered photos and evidence of what they believe is a failed septic system and lack of a potable
40 water supply. They have grounds but just must figure out how to proceed with the health order.

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42 Solar

43 Julie emailed them for a follow-up on the appraisal and she still has not received one. Julie was
44 speaking with someone from USDA, who has a program opening in June under the Inflation
45 Reduction Act. It will provide funding for municipalities to stand up their own solar farms and
46 return a 50% credit in grant form. The program will be announced soon. There is lots of land with

1 the potential to add their own solar. Arne asked how long they had to wait to hear back about the
2 solar because it seemed like they were getting the runaround. Julie said they don't have to sell it
3 to the town. She will ask the attorney to review the contract to see if they can force the issue. Lee
4 had reviewed the contract, and his opinion was there may be some leverage. Lee said one of his
5 original clients was Green Lantern who also got nowhere with Greenbacker. Lee didn't understand
6 how they could stay in business like that. Arne wondered if there was anything they could do as
7 far as raising rents. Peter said they were on a separate ticket for the town and were paying taxes.
8 Peter's opinion was if they wanted \$2.4 million for it, real estate taxes should be based on that
9 appraisal. Arne agreed they should get some answers. Peter had heard Chester was in the red grid
10 wise and they wouldn't be able to install much more solar. Arne had heard the same, but someone
11 explained it was cautionary and not having to do with the load but he wasn't sure of the details.
12 Peter thought it would be different if they put in solar with USDA funds compared to residential
13 solar. Arne agreed. Lee said the GMP solar map said substation transformer had less than 10%
14 capacity remaining so that was the limitation. He thought it would be worth investigating how
15 much additional solar it could take. Julie will ask the attorney if they could force the sale and raise
16 the rent and would provide the appraisal to the listers.

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18 Wayfinding Signage

19 The signage is out to bid and will come in by June 16th. Arne asked if the kiosk for Brookside Trail
20 would be included. Julie said there would be two kiosks: one on Cobleigh Street and one on the
21 Green. They are just beginning the process of designing the maps for the kiosk. She said one
22 thought was one side of the kiosk would have a map of the town and the other side would have a
23 map of all the trails, including Brookside. The map of the historic walking trail would have a QR
24 code that you could pull up on your phone so people walking would have access. Arne asked if
25 there would be a sign at the Brookside Trail bridge. Julie said it wasn't part of this, but they could
26 do something.

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28 Community Gardens

29 Arne said they had started two weeks ago and had 24 plots and they were doing a great job. They
30 had compost with trails in between. They've gotten 21 out of 24 plots spoken for, so there is a lot
31 of interest. A lot of the abutting neighbors are taking part in it. Arne wanted to thank them for their
32 hard work. Julie said the guys had taken one load of woodchips down and would be taking another.

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33 **Agenda Item 5, Housing Commission Bylaw**

34 The bylaws were modeled after the Town of Essex Junction. Julie had changed between 5 and 9
35 members and was the only change they had previously requested. Lee read through the mission
36 statement and was uneasy with some of the language about helping to ensure residents had access
37 to homes. He was concerned about ensure being too strong a word and if it would bind them
38 legally. The third and fifth bullets concerned him. He was afraid they may be committing
39 themselves to providing housing for anyone that comes into town. He thought the mission
40 statement may be too broad and they would have unintended consequences. Arne thought maybe
41 it was too specific. Lee suggested it say to provide housing for the community but not get into the
42 weeds. Arianna suggested it say the Commission is empaneled to help Chester develop inventory
43 that meets these things. Lee understood what she was saying but wasn't sure he liked it better. He
44 still wondered what it meant if they didn't do that. Arianna said the Commission's job was to guide
45 the town to help them develop an inventory. Lee wasn't sure he agreed with that because if their
46 job was to help the town was committing to do it. He wanted to be clear they weren't setting

1 themselves up. Peter agreed with Lee and didn't think they should get into the housing
2 management business. Peter liked the word develop. Arianna added they were committing to a
3 result as opposed to a process. Arne thought they were more aspirational goals as opposed to
4 something set in stone that they must meet or obtain and noted things could change in the future.
5 Arne thought the mission statement would be changed with the advice and recommendation from
6 the Commission. Arne understood the concern with the word ensure and agreed with the basic part
7 of it but not the aspirational part as he didn't want to bind the town. Lee thought they were being
8 too specific about what they would include. He thought they shouldn't say they were providing
9 certain things. He thought they needed to aspire to certain things but didn't want them to face a
10 potential lawsuit. Peter looked at it line by line and said he didn't have any issue with affordable
11 housing at a 30% threshold. He thought the housing committee's job would be to decide on the
12 desirable type of household. Peter said they couldn't provide healthcare as the clinic had left. He
13 noted the bylaws now allow for PDUs to be outside the village and an echo village could be
14 someplace if someone put it up. Arianna said the purpose of the housing commission is stated and
15 it felt like the Selectboard ,who was creating the commission and getting the team kicked off, may
16 make sense for them to charge the newly found commission to come up with their mission and
17 simply provide them with examples like this. She thought if they told them what they would do
18 before they came in. Julie pointed out that they were an advisory committee, so they needed to be
19 given their role. Julie said Susan Bailey had just emailed her with HUD's mission statement which
20 was "to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable housing for all."

21 Hugh Quinn suggested softening the mission statement by softening the word ensure to facilitate
22 because it implies that they will collaborate and encourage but not guarantee. The members agreed
23 to use the HUD language, as it was very general. Julie noted it was a living document and can
24 change over time. Arne questioned a quorum being 5 members given there would only be 5
25 members. It would be changed to a majority of members. Julie will make the changes to the bylaw.

26 Peter said Otis was leaving Regional Planning and they would be down to two planners. Julie said
27 they were advertising and hoped they would find someone. They agreed Otis had done a great job.

28 **Agenda Item 6, Adopt Rules of Procedure for Selectboard**

29 Arne entertained a motion to officially adopt the rules of procedure for the Selectboard as written.
30 Lee moved and Arianna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The members
31 signed the document.

32 **Agenda Item 6, Ambulance, additional position**

33 Julie said they are at a place where a lot of work, conversations, and research had gone into
34 deciding the time was right to add a second full-time position. They had wondered what this person
35 would be doing while they were waiting for a call, what were the statistics, and how was it
36 supported. They learned 68% of the calls are during the day and the median age of Chester
37 residents is 55. With the loss of the clinic and what is going on in the healthcare world today,
38 medical services aren't as readily available as in the past. Mike is becoming an advanced EMT
39 and Jeff Knisley is an advanced EMT. The next person would either need to be an advanced EMT
40 or become one. There is a lot they could do. There's a movement across the country looking at
41 EMS 2050 as a whole and moving more toward a community health service because of what is
42 happening in the healthcare system. Mike has had many conversations with Springfield Hospital
43 and the medical director they operate under. Julie gave an example of an elderly woman who has
44 medical issues and recently had brain trauma and is at home and needs to get connected with Life

1 Alert. Mike and one of the EMTs for the town got her connected and when the equipment comes
2 in, they will set it up so she can be more proactive. There have been conversations with the Senior
3 Center and known seniors who need blood pressure checks regularly and that's an outreach they
4 could do. They could do blood pressure checks regularly and the Stop the Bleed program. They
5 could be involved at high school with CPR training for staff and students. They have also discussed
6 being able to do labs and blood draws. They've been having a lot of conversations about where
7 the gaps are. Some people require blood draws weekly and some need to find transportation to get
8 to the Springfield Hospital because there's no longer a clinic in Chester. Cancer patients who need
9 to go to Dartmouth for treatment need labs before they can go. That would be a service Chester
10 could provide with advanced EMTs. They can do the blood draws and have them couriered over
11 to the hospital. Arianna asked if it would be billable. Julie thought some of it could generate
12 revenue, which Mike was researching. Peter said they were talking about things the visiting nurses
13 were doing. Julie said some of the gaps the hospital identified are some of the social services aren't
14 as active due to understaffing which is raising questions because they are organizations that are
15 receiving money from voters annually, but the services aren't there for Chester. One of the services
16 they were not willing to do was helping the woman with Life Alert. It had to do with not having
17 the staff to do it and this is where Chester could take a community approach and help. Julie saw it
18 as something that could be billed for, especially the lab piece, but it was also providing community
19 health. Mike is the Health Officer and the third ambulance person would free up some of his time
20 to do training for fire, police and ambulance which would free up money in the training budget. It
21 would allow them to bill calls at ALS, which is a much higher revenue rate. It would give them
22 someone on staff 7 days a week during daytime hours, which would help fill the gap. Lee wondered
23 if they had done an estimate of income versus the cost. ALS would be \$50,000 to \$52,000 a year.
24 With the cost of personnel that it would offset, it would save about \$23,000 or close to half. If out
25 of 500 calls, 50% are ALS, it increases the revenue by \$105,000. These were assumptions but Julie
26 noted even if they only had 50% of the payment it would pay for the position.

27 (Heather Chase entered the meeting.)

28 Lee wondered if they knew why the clinic closed and if they could entice someone else to come
29 in. Julie said Springfield was downsizing and it was a numbers issue. Julie didn't foresee anyone
30 coming in. Springfield is interested in Chester taking on this role and Chester is interested in them
31 helping to pay for the position. Chester taking on some of the services would free them up as they
32 are understaffed.

33 Mike Randzio said insurance companies pay a certain amount for an issue and if you are readmitted
34 for the same issue, they only receive one payment. The idea is if the ambulance provides home
35 visits and preventive medicine, they are saving the hospital money by not having the person have
36 to go back to the hospital for the same issue.

37 Arne noted they were not trying to make money but rather provide a service and help the
38 community and do it cost effectively. If there were ways to do it that were innovative and work
39 for the hospital, it was something worth pursuing. Julie said they needed a second person to meet
40 call demands. This would provide other ways they could use and justify the position.

41 Peter asked Mike if he had asked how Brattleboro was billing. Mike said it was a partnership with
42 the hospital and doing post visits at home for the hospital. The hospital does the billing and there's
43 a cost share. Julie said there was a lot of negotiating with Springfield Hospital about how to make
44 it work. She didn't see all facets of it happening immediately. She thought they could evaluate it

1 as they headed down the path. They need the position and the buy-in from the board to provide the
2 services. Arianna said they got there because they are no longer able to do the first basic step. Julie
3 said they've had college students at home that have helped and one was leaving to go out west, but
4 it's getting more difficult, so the second full-time person was important.

5 Lee wondered how people would avail themselves and how they would educate townspeople to
6 contact them. Mike said 911 would always be there for an emergency but if someone had the
7 sniffles or needed someone in a non-emergency capacity, the Community Cares Network has
8 connections for all the elderly folks who need some form of assistance. Mike said they came to
9 him to help to facilitate assisted living by sitting down with someone and making phone calls.
10 They are meeting on June 12th at the Senior Center as an introduction to provide blood pressure
11 checks and health checks but reminding them if it's an emergency, to call 911. Lee wondered if
12 there was a financial benefit to having a second means of accessing the services instead of calling
13 911. Mike said many calls are due to falls and if they had done a home safety check, they may
14 have avoided the fall and cut the cost out. People also call because they can't get their medication
15 and this person may go to the pharmacy and get it. Julie said the other issue was people in town
16 still need the services that aren't being provided and how can they meet the need without breaking
17 Chester's budget. Ludlow has a flat fee for ambulance services and Julie has considered exploring
18 that. The primary focus is they are shifting more toward a community health role and does the
19 Selectboard support that. Lee thought it was a great idea, but a concern was how to educate people.
20 Julie noted that the Family Center was connected to a demographic that she was not. Arne
21 mentioned Senior Solutions and thought the education part was important but also thought the
22 more contact that Emergency Services had with the people needing services would be extremely
23 helpful. Lee thought regional was great but the more they could support local people was a huge
24 step.

25 Peter thought they should hire someone and wanted to know what Rescue was doing. Julie said
26 Mike was very well connected with Rescue and conversations were taking place. Peter moved to
27 hire this person and Lee seconded the motion.

28 Lori Quinn, as a physical therapist and healthcare provider, knew what they were speaking about
29 was pertinent given the healthcare desert we are in. She saw it as a complicated conversation and
30 saw the questions as is the EMT the best person to provide community health or should they look
31 at a APRN or PA or someone with a broader medical background who can diagnose or treat, or
32 should they create a community health such as Londonderry? She didn't know the answers and
33 didn't have the expertise and was impressed with Mike and his expertise but saw it as a big problem
34 and complicated and should be looked at more comprehensively. She thought it would be great for
35 Chester if they could include some other medical people with expertise in community health. Mike
36 said part of the conversations he was having was with the Chief Care Coordinator through
37 NorthStar so there were dedicated personnel who coordinate care and that was the capacity with
38 which they were looking to operate. He even said things as simple as having a conversation with
39 someone to get them set up on Life Alert. They would stay out of diagnosing but deal more with
40 preventative. Mike said they were acting within their license, and some would be under Springfield
41 Hospital. Even though they are licensed to do blood draws, they would go through the hospital's
42 training so it would be done to their specifications. He asked Lori if it made sense. She got it and
43 said it was complicated and they would have to be careful not to go above their licensure abilities.
44 She felt with the mean age of Chester at 55, it made her older than the mean and it was potentially
45 a big problem. Arne saw it as a first good step to offering more than they had been and a step in

1 the right direction. Julie thought it important to note they were very aware of their scope and
2 operating within their means. The conversations were very in-depth. The medical director at
3 Springfield is an M.D. and he must sign off on anything the ambulance does, and monitors what
4 they do and holds them accountable, so they don't operate outside their scope.

5 Heather was all for the idea but thought before they hired someone, they should negotiate the
6 details with Springfield Hospital first. Julie said they could have the conversations but the primary
7 reason they need the position is to answer calls during the day with Mike and not the community
8 health conversation, which was happening on the back side. They will have the need come early
9 September. Heather knew from personal experience, the Health Officer role keeps increasing and
10 understood. She thought sooner than later would be a good time to approach partners to participate.
11 She said it was great they were making Springfield Hospital's job easier, but that wasn't her job
12 right now. She thought if they were going to make Springfield's job easier, they could pitch in
13 sooner. Arne said the hire wouldn't happen until August. Julie said by the time they advertise and
14 get someone in, it will be early to mid-August. The monies were not budgeted funds. Peter noted
15 they were already over the ambulance budget and Julie agreed. Peter said the bottom line was they
16 needed a warm body to answer the ambulance calls and provide backup. Recently, revenue was
17 generated when they had a hazmat call at the end of Elm Street. They got creative and billed the
18 insurance company and between fire, ambulance, and police, brought in \$22,000 in revenue
19 because it locked their services up for many hours. That was not budgeted revenue. There are other
20 things happening. EMS rates are up, and ALS rates are much higher than BLS rates, so Julie hoped
21 they would be offsetting. Mike added their revenue was already more than projected. Julie assured
22 Heather they would have the financial conversation with Springfield Hospital sooner rather than
23 later. Heather thought it would be good to have the job description reflect that and the scope of
24 practice clear and Julie said that was being discussed and what Springfield Hospital was helping
25 to form. Peter thought they were all great ideas and needed and Julie should come back to them.
26 Julie said there are conversations about building the job description and identifying the services
27 they can do that are within their scope and how to form the partnership and everyone is still at the
28 table forming the partnership. Julie agreed with Peter that they needed a person. Mike said all the
29 skills would be in the scope of practice set by the state. Heather thought it was important to have
30 the vision when interviewing but also making the applicant aware of the vision. Julie understood.
31 Tom Williams, Chief of Police and Chief of Ambulance, addressed Lee's question about getting
32 the information out to the people. Tom said they are going on 911 calls and are dealing directly
33 with the people face to face and can provide them with information. Tom said when people talk
34 with each other a lot of communication goes person to person. They see those people all the time
35 and meet with the seniors at Senior Circle with the Tenants Committee regarding public safety and
36 other concerns they have. The Chester Business Coalition is very interested in how they can help.
37 There are all sorts of ways to get information out, including social media. Heather suggested that
38 if they were increases to their services, to include it in the negotiations with Andover and Julie
39 agreed. Arne said there were a lot of facets to it but as Peter said, the initial step was getting the
40 additional person for the ambulance department and the second step was the expansion of services.
41 Julie wanted to know if there was any interest from the Board in making this shift. Arne thought
42 there was. Tom said with the MOU, the police department would have direct contact with social
43 services, and they would be helpful to the ambulance too. Tom said their goal was to get ahead of
44 it and not spend the town's resources. From conversations he's had, he thinks it will be used. Lee
45 said when they seek the welfare of the community where they live, they're all brought to a higher
46 standard and saw this as a good step forward and loving your neighbor. Tom wanted to get the

1 person in the position and establish the foundation to provide EMS at that level and then provide
2 better services while providing cost savings by bringing in revenue. Tom asked why they weren't
3 being out there proactively with people's health. For someone who is homebound, making an
4 appointment is that much more difficult. Arne thought the discussions were excellent and it was
5 good they were proactive and addressing the issues for the betterment of the community.

6 Peter had moved and Lee seconded the motion to add a second full-time ambulance employee
7 starting in August or September. The motion passed unanimously.

8 Julie said they would be reporting back and the shift to community health would not happen
9 without the support of the board, so they would report back with a plan before steps were taken.

10 **Agenda Item 9, New Business/Next Agenda**

11 Julie said highway safety grants are due next Friday. They can apply for up to \$35,000 and will
12 apply for funding to do the white line striping of North Street, Route 103 within the town limits,
13 Route 11 within the town limits, Depot Street, and Maple Street, all within the area of what they
14 are allowed to do. Arne asked about crosswalks, and they aren't allowed to use it for crosswalk
15 but can use it for a stop bar. Peter said you couldn't use it to replace one and Julie said they had
16 just read through the paperwork, and you could. Arne was concerned about the crosswalks, as the
17 paint had worn. They have the paint now, so Steve and Kirby, and others would be out doing them
18 soon.

19 The Planning Commission has approved their Open Space and the Amendments. Julie said there
20 wasn't enough for a June 21st meeting and what she proposed was holding one meeting in June,
21 July, and August. If they do it, they need a meeting the 1st week of July to set the tax rate on July
22 5th unless moved to another night within that week. They can put zoning on July 5th and one the
23 first meeting in August if they agreed to only have one meeting in July. Arne said they both would
24 be straightforward. Julie said they could combine them and do one public hearing, or they could
25 have two hearings on the same night or have two hearings on two different nights. Peter suggested
26 two public hearings because they could close one if there was a problem with the other. Arne was
27 willing to do them on the same night. Peter asked about the second quarter financials if they only
28 had one meeting and Julie said they would see them in August. She offered to send them to the
29 members in advance to be reviewed as a board at the first meeting in August.

30 Arne wanted to see the short-term rental data by the next meeting. Arne said houses are being sold
31 and turned into short-term rentals. Arianna asked what would come before the Board and Arne
32 said they were waiting for the data from the company. Julie said Preston had reached out and they
33 were hoping to have everything by the end of the month. Heather asked when they started
34 collecting the data and Arne thought it was April 1st. It will have a breakdown but isn't changing
35 what is happening. Other towns have addressed them, and he thought it was worth having a
36 discussion once the data was received. He didn't know the direction the board wanted to take.
37 They could sit back and have the data and do nothing or they could decide to take a direction. Peter
38 said the data could be a whole meeting. Arne agreed they were missing a whole part without the
39 data. Heather is unavailable June 21st. Arianna would need to Zoom in for the June 21st meeting
40 and the second meeting in July. Her personal preference would be a long meeting on July 5th and
41 one in August, but she would do whatever was needed.

42 Hugh said one thing the Planning Commission included in the recommendations to the Selectboard
43 were a variety of options if they chose to do additional regulations. They did a lot of work looking

1 at different towns around Vermont and the country to see what others were doing above and
2 beyond basic registration. He wasn't suggesting anything needed to be done but once they had the
3 data, if the Selectboard needed to consider options, he would be happy to recirculate the
4 information about what other towns were doing to regulate short-term rentals. Arne thought it
5 would be helpful and Julie would provide it to the members. Heather suggested the information
6 include any updates and Hugh agreed they could. He said some things other municipalities had
7 done were being challenged in court and weren't going well. Arne suggested they gather as much
8 information as possible. Julie would wait until they received the data from the group, and it would
9 give the Planning Commission time to update their information.

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Agenda Item 10, Adjourn

11 Lee moved, and Arianna seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, passed
12 unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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