



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Belmont Mill, Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant TA Alicia Jipson, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Sharon Ciampi, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, Ron Mitchell, Jessica Ellis- Hopkins, and Danielle St. Onge.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. moved the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2022 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Solid Waste Contract- TA Beaudin reviewed with the Board the details of the Solid Waste and Recycling Automated Collection proposal which was accepted last fall from Casella; she noted that Waste Management had not bid on the proposal. In the past contract we included all of the school's dumpsters in our costs. TA Beaudin reached out to Casella and asked what the cost on that was. The market rate on the monthly rental rate was \$850. On-average we are looking at about \$36,000 for the collection of the trash and recycling at the schools; to remove this from the Town's contract, Casella estimates that the savings would be less than \$36k. TA Beaudin Asked if the Board wished to pass along these costs to the School District and the Board recommended advising them what the actual costs are but that we would not be passing any billing along at this time. The City of Laconia did not immediately accept the bids given on trash collection, they went out a 3<sup>rd</sup> time and those are due this week. TA Beaudin noted that the Town made a good decision locking in the proposal last December as costs are continuing to rise. She noted that currently we are paying a tipping fee of \$71 per ton for disposal of trash and no tipping fee for recycling; the new contract includes a tipping fee in year one of \$98 per ton plus a tipping fee for disposal of recycling. Casella will own the totes and they will deliver the totes; they will also help the Town with marketing and education. She explained that what we are trying to avoid is collecting free range trash that is not placed in a toter. The cost to do the traditional trash collection would be considerably more that we are paying now if it were available. They are having issues with hiring, and finding that supervisors are going out and riding in trucks. We do not collect in the trailer parks, and apartments with

more than 3 units. They are willing to work with those who are unable to handle a large tote and will work with them to accommodate a smaller size. The new costs for next year will be in excess of \$600,000. TA Beaudin recommended that we meet with the budget committee in early July to have that discussion. Casella will come up with a spreadsheet showing all the changes. We intend to do a huge education push well before this takes place. Selectman Pike mentioned we may want to look at the cost of building our own facility. TA Beaudin added that all we are asking is for them to put trash in a container vs on the street. Selectman Pike suggested we notify the school district of the cost, make them aware and see how they respond back. TA Beaudin noted that back in 2021 we spent \$458, 813 on trash collection.

### Other New Business

Mill- Selectman Pike asked what is our next move with the Mill renovations. We appropriated money for the Mill, what floor are we going to start with? Selectman Mooney added that she is still trying to set someone set up pro-bono to take a look at the building. TA Beaudin added that there is a new grant for improving air quality and energy efficiency and the health safety of public buildings and is reaching out to see if we can apply.

Next meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in regard to the Comcast franchise agreement. We shall have representatives from all parties there. Then the library trustees have asked to meet with the Board at a night meeting which will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.


### Non-Public

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 10:45 a.m.; roll call was taken and those present and voting were Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney and Claude Patten. Also present were TA Beaudin, ATA Jipson.


Chairman Mooney closed the non-public session at 11:45. am

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Danielle St. Onge as the new Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Belmont.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
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Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

  
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Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman

  
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Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman