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PRESENT: E. B. Beattie, Chairman; L. Gargiulo, Vice Chairman; M. R. Lane, Selectman;
L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator; L. Jordan, Town Secretary

ROAD AGENT- CORE SERVICES/INVOICE MONTHLY REPORT

WINTER BAN ON OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING

The Board reviewed the Winter Ban on Overnight Street Parking document to sign. The Chair asked if it would be possible to alter the times, and the Town Administrator and Police Chief will investigate.

ROAD PAVING 2020

The Road Agent has been investigating paving certain roads before the winter with Continental Paving, Inc. Additional prices are forthcoming for Board consideration November 4th.

The Road Agent presented the Board with photographs of the inside of the King Street culvert. Additionally, the Road Agent presented the Board with a list of hazardous trees. He has a proposal for a day rate of \$1,950/day for a three-person crew, but trees will also need to be hauled away at an additional cost. He estimated total cost for this project to be around \$2,200.

MOTION: To approve up to \$2,200 for Urban Tree to remove the list of hazardous trees.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: M. LANE

UNANIMOUS

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the monthly report as outlined in his invoice for services rendered.

MOTION: To approve the September core services and monthly invoice #0920 of the Road Agent as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: M. LANE

UNANIMOUS

FIRE CHIEF, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT– MONTHLY REPORT

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the monthly report submitted by Fire Chief J. Lord.

The Fire Chief informed the Board that the burn ban has been lifted and constituents can apply to burn via permit as per usual with the Fire Department at this time. The I-95 median crossover at the area of the Taylor River is being installed by the DOT the week of November 2nd. Additionally, no nuclear drill is necessary this year as Hampton Falls meets requirements.

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EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS REIMBURSEMENT DR-4516

J. Lord submitted expenses to FEMA in the amount of \$3,300 for case #DR-4516. FEMA will pay 75%, so the Town will receive \$2,508.37.

MOTION: To accept funds from FEMA into the General Fund for \$2,508.37 re: DR-4516.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: M. LANE

UNANIMOUS

POLICE CHIEF, ANIMAL CONTROL – MONTHLY REPORT

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the monthly report submitted by the Police Chief R. Dirsra. He reported that the antennae tower had been repaired and stabilized this week.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR, CODE COMPLIANCE, HEALTH OFFICER –
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the monthly report submitted by the Building Inspector.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board acknowledged the Consent Agenda items:

1. Monthly Financial Reports of Bookkeeper, Treasurer, Tax Collector
2. Xfinity Regional Sports Networks Fee Adjustment
3. NH DES Land Resources Management (Map 5, Lot 50)

OLD BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Fund Balance: \$1,192,558.75

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ PAYROLL/ TREASURER/ TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

WARRANT(S):

Bookkeeper	Payroll Warrant #523	\$23,170.40
	Accounts Payable Warrant #742	\$790,415.49
	Accounts Payable Warrant #743	\$5,822.34

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MOTION: To approve the warrants as presented above.

**MOTION: M. LANE
SECOND: E. BEATTIE
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TAX BILL STUFFER

The Board reviewed and discussed the document assembled by the Town Administrator. The Board approved the document as amended.

COMCAST COMMENCEMENT OF RENEWAL PROCESS (AGREEMENT)

The Board reviewed and discussed the Xfinity/Comcast agreement with the Town. Vice Chairman L. Gargiulo suggested using a third-party aggregator to save cost, and that the Town should be aggressive about negotiating a better arrangement. The Board is not satisfied with the current level of service. The Town Administrator will provide the Board with a copy of agreement documents.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECTMEN'S DESIGNEES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

The Town Administrator mentioned that Shawn Hanson is available to be at the election. M. Lane mentioned that J. Ziolkowski would be interested in volunteering.

MOTION: To appoint Shawn Hanson as a Selectman's designee for the November 3 General Election.

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

TOWN HALL FURNACES

The Board discussed the two proposals for furnace replacement. The Town Administrator communicated that the second servicer opinion concurred with the first opinion and the furnaces need replacement as originally recommended. There are three furnaces at Town Hall and two are not operational.

MOTION: To approve replacement of two furnaces at a cost of \$5,980 and \$5,330 from the remaining funds in the expendable building trust fund and the remaining balance from the general fund; if needed.

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
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OTHER SELECTMEN'S OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the costs of recycling, especially glass, which is not being recycled at the facility and is heavy. This increases the disposal cost to the Town. The Board discussed changes for the new Solid Waste Ordinance in the new recycling economy/climate.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT

David Allen, Hillcrest Drive, read a letter condemning swastikas that have been defacing political signs on the corner of Drinkwater and Hillcrest. He highlighted that as a Jewish American family, he is horrified to see this in Town, and that antisemitic imagery is hateful, despicable and absolutely unacceptable. He pointed out that he feels this is a hate crime and asked the Board to condemn the vandalism. The Chair read a statement regarding this. R. Dirsia said that the Police Department is working on the case and the state Attorney General will be investigating this as a hate crime.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission were present to report that the Town Common Bandstand roof project has begun.

The Chair closed the public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED (SCHEDULE)

MOTION: To approve the 2021 Holidays to be Observed schedule as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MOTION: To approve the November/December Newsletter as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS

HEALTHTRUST RENEWAL RATES 2021

MOTION: To approve the Health Trust renewal for Hampton Falls for 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

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**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

HEALTHTRUST RETURN OF SURPLUS

MOTION: To accept the return of surplus in the amount of \$7,056.21 and return retiree and employee shares.

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

PRIMEX PROPERTY LIABILITY, WORKERS COMP, UNEMPLOYMENT COMP 2021

The Town Administrator stated there is a slight increase in premiums, and also new information is forthcoming re: the Contribution Assurance Program (CAP).

DRIVER FEEDBACK SIGNS (ROUTE 84)

Near Dodge Road, a resident complained that he is at risk when snow shoveling, doing yard work, etc. due to vehicle speeding at the end of his property. The Board Chair and Town Administrator met with the DOT in September to discuss different kinds of signs or putting in an island to slow traffic for safety reasons. Driver feedback signs were discussed as a solution. The Chair asked the Police Chief to provide pricing for two driver feedback signs.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (The Depot)

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission were present to discuss the Monday meeting with Primex regarding risk and liability at "The Depot". The Parks and Recreation Commission asked Primex if some signs would be feasible and included the Police Chief in the discussion and at the site visit. Primex recommended a safety swimming sign, hours of operation, site rules.

The Board requested the Parks and Recreation Commission draft an ordinance for consideration of the Board, working with the Police Chief (and Town Counsel). Chief Dirsra spoke to the Board about the feasibility of controlling the traffic at the Depot.

BRUSH DUMP FENCING

The Board discussed putting in a stockade fence to improve the view and solve other issues. The Board would like to investigate pricing for this. The Road Agent will measure the length for the Board.

OTHER SELECTMEN'S NEW BUSINESS

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No other new business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Lord brought up the Aid to Firefighter's Grant from FEMA. The Department has been awarded \$119,000 for air packs. More information will be available next month.

The Chair acknowledged and read aloud a list of people who worked on the Town Common plantings at the monument.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: 10/7/2020

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 7, 2020 as written.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: M. LANE

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PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard at this time.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by L. GARGIULO seconded by M. LANE

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

 X RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

 X RSA 91-A:3, II(l) *Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Edward B. Beattie, Chairman	Y
	Louis Gargiulo, Vice Chairman	Y
	Mark R. Lane, Selectman	Y

Entered nonpublic session at 7:43 p.m.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by L.GARGIULO, seconded by M. LANE

MOTION: PASSED

Non-Public session adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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MOTION: To resume the meeting in public session at 9:05 p.m.

**MOTION: L. GARGUILO
SECOND: M. R. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE OPERATIONS LLC (dba Consolidated Communications – NNE) V. TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (FAIRPOINT)

The Board reviewed the settlement agreement document pertaining to denials of abatement appeals for tax year 2018 of its property tax assessments of poles and conduit, and right of way use in Hampton Falls and heard that Town Counsel has reviewed it for signing.

MOTION: To authorize Chairman Beattie to sign the settlement agreement with Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE formerly d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE as presented and refund \$14,240.

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

**MOTION: L. GARGIULO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS**

Next Selectmen's Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall