

**North Berwick Board of Selectmen Minutes August 17, 2021**

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AUGUST 17, 2021**

**Present:** Chairman Galemmo, Selectman Johnson, Sr., Selectman Johnson, Jr.,  
Selectman Hall, Selectman Cowan

**Also Present:** Dwayne Morin, Trish Lara, Verna Sharpe, Stephen Peasley

Chairman Galemmo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review and Approve Minutes of August 3, 2021:**

Selectman Cowan motioned to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021 as written. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**3. Public Input:**

There is no public input at this time.

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**E. Police: Update on Downtown Meeting**

Dwayne Morin stated that Chief Stephen Peasley had a meeting last Thursday for concerned parents regarding what has been transpiring in the downtown area throughout the course of the summer. Chief Peasley is here to give the Selectmen a briefing on that.

Chief Peasley stated that they had the meeting last week at the Fire Station and there were 34 people that came to the meeting. He stated that it was a good meeting. He had seen some talk on Facebook that made him wonder how the meeting was going to go. He said that everyone showed up with a good attitude and a lot of ideas were thrown around. There were some elaborate ideas and then some that were a little more reasonable. The biggest thing that everybody mentioned was that the issue is mostly with the age group between 12 to 15 year olds. They feel that the town does really well with the younger kids in the community with summer camps and other things like that. The older kids are out working or are able to drive to other places to do things. The people did not feel that there is a lot of things for the other age group to do. Chief Peasley stated that the people did throw out some ideas to consider. They mentioned a skateboard park. He stated that the idea is great but there is a lot to consider. They would need land, people to build it, resources, and other things. The people also brought up the idea of having a teen center so the kids would have somewhere to go and hang out.

Chief Peasley stated that they also talked about enforcement. He told the people that it really wasn't their desire to really come down hard on the kids for minor violations. He explained to them how the Police cannot just throw them out of the Mill Field for just being there. If they see something going on that the kids shouldn't be doing, then they can make them leave. One of the people asked about all of the out-of-town kids that are coming in. Chief Peasley told them that they can't throw them out because they are not from this town. He said that he believes everyone understood. Everyone at the meeting really didn't want the Police to be handling things that way, even though Facebook seems to say differently.

Chief Peasley stated that Facebook is fueling a lot of bad feelings. He gave the people at the meeting a couple of examples of what he meant by that. He mentioned the incident where a kid's bike had been destroyed. On Facebook, people were commenting on things like, why the kids aren't being charged with that destruction and that it was gift to that child. Chief Peasley told them that it was actually the child's older brother that had destroyed the bike and not the group of kids. However, according to Facebook, it was a mob of kids that did it. He gave the group a couple more of examples and he felt that they made some progress with this group about the issues and Facebook.

Chief Peasley said that the past week has been pretty good until last night. There were about a half a dozen kids and all but 1 of them were from out of town. The lights were pulled out of the gazebo. The bags for the dog waste were thrown around everywhere. They damaged the sign at the American Legion and the thing that holds the books located beside the Legion building. Chief Peasley stated that they caught the kids doing this, but the problem is that they need a complainant to press charges. The Legion was not willing to do that, so they weren't able to charge anybody for it. Chief Peasley stated that the kids were here past the curfew time of 10:00. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked why these kids were coming to North Berwick? Chief Peasley does not really know why. He said that it started slowly this Spring. He is assuming that others are texting their buddies to meet them there. Selectman Cowan asked how many kids were involved in the group last night. Chief Peasley said that there were about 6 or 7 and they were all 14 and 15 years old. He said that they did get one of the parents to come down and take them all home. There was one from Somersworth and the others were from Berwick. Selectman Hall asked if the Town could make the complaint against the kids. Chief Peasley said that they could for the gazebo damage, but the problem is that they do not know who did the gazebo. He said that he is sure that it is someone from that group, but they can't charge the whole group. They can only charge the person that actually did the damage. Chief Peasley stated that they have been working on this issue since Spring. The Officers have been down there talking to the kids. He said that they will talk to the Officers but as soon as the Officers leave, they go back to doing what they want. Chief Peasley said that they need to start issuing some charges.

Chief Peasley stated that they had another incident today. There were a couple of kids of which 1 was from North Berwick and the other one from Somersworth was back. They were swearing at a woman on Madison Street. She called the Police, and they warned the kids for disorderly conduct. The kids came back to the home later and threatened the woman. The Police came back and arrested both of them. He said that a juvenile arrest simply means that we give them a summons to court and take them home. Chief Peasley stated that these kids have no respect at all. The woman that they were threatening is 9 months pregnant. Her husband came out of the

house and that is when the kids left. The woman wondered if they would have left if her husband had not come out. Selectman Cowan asked what had started the interaction. Chief Peasley said that they were cutting through her yard and swearing at her earlier in the afternoon. After they were warned they went back later and were not necessarily threatening her, but they were intimidating her. He said that they charged them both with terrorizing. They will have court date and at least speak to the charge.

Selectman Cowan asked if there was any way that we could keep the Somersworth kid out of our town. Chief Peasley said that he has been warned to stay away from a few places like Cumberland Farms. He said that they can't keep him out of town, but they can keep him away from certain places. He stated that the kid has a very bad home life. One of our Officers that was on the midnight shift this week found him sleeping besides our air conditioner outside of the building. He hadn't eaten all night, so the Officer took him to Dunkin Donuts and gave him a ride back to Somersworth. He is living with his grandmother. Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked if the Police could work with DHS or some other agency to help him. Chief Peasley said that they have reported his father to DHS, so they are aware of the situation. We had an issue with the kid prior to this one. His father is originally from Berwick and the grandmother lives in Somersworth. His father didn't want anything to do with him. He was going to Florida on vacation, and he didn't even want to come down to talk to him. They called DHS on the father, so they have a case going against him. Selectman Hall asked if the kid attended SAD60. Chief Peasley believes that he does.

Chief Peasley stated that, at the meeting, some of the issues that came up were more of a nuisance issue. The biggest issue is the skateboarders in town. They don't fall under any laws. He said that if you roller skate or bike, there are certain rules that you need to follow. There are none for skateboarders. Chief Peasley feels that it might be a good idea to have a skateboard Ordinance. Some of the complaints that he received is that they are darting across the roads in front of cars or stay in the road and not let cars go by them. Selectman Johnson, Jr. said that some towns have banned skateboarders from public roads. Chief Peasley said that is what he would like to have in the Ordinance. Selectman Hall asked if the town would have the authority to require that they wear helmets too? Dwayne said that he would have to do some research on that. Selectman Johnson, Sr. said that when they skate on the sidewalks, they are a nuisance to the pedestrians and when they skate on the road, they are a nuisance to drivers. Where will they be allowed to go? Selectman Hall said that they do have some spaces in the park that they can use. Selectman Cowan believes that if we funnel them into a certain location, it will be safer for them as well. Dwayne said that the Elementary School principal did say that they could use the North Berwick Elementary School parking lot until school starts.

Chief Galemme would like to see some sort of Teen Center. He knows that it would cost a lot of money, they would need a good location and there would need to be someone there to supervise. Selectman Cowan said that if we are the ones dedicating money to it, then it should be restricted to North Berwick only. Chairman Galemme stated that, the downside of putting restrictions on it is that it won't stop kids from other towns to come to the downtown area still. Selectman Cowan said that if there is an attractive place then you will attract larger numbers and she doesn't think that they want to get into that either. Selectman Hall still likes the idea of using the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of this building. Dwayne said that, in theory it is a good idea, but his concern is with the disruption

that would happen. We still have to conduct business in this building. Chairman Galemme said that he thinks an ideal location would be like a store front downtown if there was one that was empty. It is in the same area that they are currently hanging out so if they wanted to go to Dunkin Donuts or Aroma Joe's, they are still close by. He said that they are mostly talking about doing something in the summertime when kids are out of school. It would be a place with air conditioning and a place to do things. Selectman Hall said that he doesn't think it would be a big disruption. He said that kids can be respectful if they want to be someplace and do something.

Selectman Cowan would like to see an initiative by the School District to come up with something for these kids. She said that they were able to accomplish the Ryan House which affects a small population of kids. She said that we have a far greater number of kids with needs to have something constructive to do in the summertime. She said that maybe they could approach the School District and see if we can put some collective effort into this. She stated that not all kids will join traditional sports activities or other groups so there needs to be some other outlet for these kids. She said that if we try and do something like this on our own it will attract big numbers of kids and perhaps some of them will not live within our own town. She thinks that would be come a whole separate issue to manage. She would like to see an initiative with the school. She said that they have the opportunity to apply for grants just like what they did with the Ryan House. Mr. Hall said that the Ryan House was all done by fund raising and non-profit. Chairman Galemme said that it was done by school officials but on their own time. Selectman Cowan stated that she is not happy about the destruction, tying up of our time for our Police Officers and other things. She said that we need to look at the problem and see if we can come up with some positive resolution for it within the 3 towns. She is not interested in accommodating kids from Somersworth.

Selectman Hall asked if she was proposing a meeting with Berwick and Lebanon to see if it is something that we can work on with the 3 towns. Chairman Galemme said that he wouldn't be against that. Selectman Hall said that Berwick is doing something right now that our town could support. Dwayne said that it was not Berwick doing the Teen Center in Berwick. It is a non-profit organization that is doing it. Dwayne said that they will not stand for unruly kids either. Selectman Hall said that we wouldn't either and that is why he likes this building for a place for them. The Police are here. He doesn't believe that a kid will come in here when there is a reliable adult. Dwayne said that they had an incident last week where 6 kids aged 12 to 14 from North Berwick were yelling and swearing up and down the hallway. Selectman Hall said that this wouldn't be the place for those kids. Dwayne said that it's these kids that are in the downtown area. Selectman Hall said that you separate the good kids from the ones that are causing trouble and give them a place where they can come and do something, the ring leaders will then fall away because they won't get into this building. Dwayne said that that would be the hope. He said that he is not opposed to doing something, but he will have a lot of employees that will not be happy about having to deal with this on a daily basis which is beyond our scope of our employment. This concerns him greatly. He said that there will also be about \$3 million of equipment sitting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor within a year.

Selectman Hall said that it concerns him that they are talking about how there are elements from other places coming in and invading our town. He doesn't think it should be a discussion on one town versus another town. This is a group of young kids that need an outlet and what can we do

as a society. He said that he likes working with other towns and other School Districts. He said that this might not be an ideal place and people may be upset but if having community policing is what we really want to do and really want to interact with kids, it would draw them to a place where you have the town government, police officers and somebody that is being paid to supervise. They may be able to utilize teachers during the summertime. Selectman Johnson, Sr. asked what the Hurd Academy was used for in the summer. Selectman Johnson, Jr. believes that it is pretty empty during that time.

Chairman Galemme said that if they are going to wait for schools or another town to do something, then nothing is going to happen. If they are concerned that kids from another town might show up, then there is really nothing they can do. Chairman Galemme said that we can't open a youth center and check ID's at the door. Selectman Cowan said that if they are going to be looking to expend town funds for this, she feels that we need to look to the needs of our own population. She said that they need to have parameters somewhere. She would be concerned with opening up the door to the general area to service the needs of communities that should be looking to provide something themselves. Chairman Galemme said he doesn't disagree with that sentiment but there is a dual purpose to this. One is to give the kids something constructive to do or at least non harmful. The other one is to resolve the issues that we have been having downtown. If we exclude a bunch of kids, no one is going to show up. Even our own kids will want to be with those kids. In a way, we need the acceptance of all of them, no matter where they are from, in order to get them to go to this location. Dwayne asked if they thought that the townspeople will vote to spend that amount of money for children outside of our town. Selectman Hall said that they should let the town vote and find out what they would be interested in doing. Selectman Cowan said that they have to be clear with people about what it entails. She has a hard time with opening it up to everybody if we are funding it ourselves as a town because that is not technically our role. She said that their role is to take care of the kids here. Selectman Hall thinks that the only way they can legally do anything like that is to charge a fee.

Selectman Johnson, Sr. asked if it was going to be an open place where it would be a free for all where they could swear, holler, and disrupt everything or will it be a controlled atmosphere. Who would be responsible for keeping the discipline? Would it be teachers? Selectman Cowan said that they would have to structure the program carefully. There will need to be some guidelines in place because it will attract a wide variety of kids. Selectman Hall said that they had spoken about possibly having some video games, pinball machines, access to the internet and other things like that. Chairman Galemme said that if he was setting something like this up, he would start with putting in foosball table, PlayStation, pool tables, vending machines and an adult there. At the beginning, they could just be there and then slowly he would start building in programs like crafting or game competitions. He has no idea if the townspeople would want to pay for something like this, but he feels it is worth putting together a proposal and let people vote on it. Selectman Hall said that he deals with this age group a lot. Even with the worse kids, if you engage them in a game or activity, they do well.

Selectman Johnson, Jr. asked the public that was present if they had any comments or suggestions. Trish Lara said that she lives on School House Road and works in York, so she does not come downtown very often. Everything that she has been hearing has basically been from Facebook. She said that to only have that as her knowledge of what is going on in town,

you would think that there was a serious gang walking around damaging property, yelling at little kids and knocking people over. That is the reason she came to the meeting tonight. She said that people get fired up and post something on Facebook to fire everyone else up because they want something done, but what is Facebook going to do? She said that people need to call the Police and come to these town meetings. She was wondering why she was the only one at the meeting. She doesn't even have kids, but she is here because she is concerned about the town. She doesn't understand why all the people that are complaining on Facebook are not attending these meetings to vocalize their concerns. Dwayne said that Facebook, to a certain degree, has riled people up but what is being posted on there is not true at all.

Selectman Hall asked Chief Peasley how many of the 34 people that were present at the meeting supported a Teen Center. Chief Peasley said that that was one of the things that was thrown out as a suggestion and there was a lot of support for it. The other one was the skateboard park. Dwayne said that what the Selectmen are proposing for a Teen Center will rival what a skateboard park would cost but it would be on a yearly basis. It would be about \$100,000 yearly to run which is more than what our entire Parks and Rec program budget is. Even if it is just a summer program, you cannot lease a place for just 5 months. They would have to lease for a year. Also, they will outfit it with electronics which are not inexpensive. There are also expenses for upkeep, staffing costs of about \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year, and heating and cooling costs.

Chairman Galemme asked Dwayne if he could put together some general costs for what the Teen Center would cost to run from about 10:00 am to the curfew time of 10:00. Dwayne said that another thing that was brought up at the meeting was that they would like to see the curfew time reduced to either 8:00 or 9:00. Dwayne said that when they originally picked the 10:00 curfew for the Ordinance, it was because that was about the time that the kids would get out of work. Unfortunately now, most kids are not working. Dwayne also said that there also needs to be some parental responsibility. Government is not set up to solve every societal ill that happens. Selectman Hall agreed with Dwayne but unfortunately, the parents are not taking responsibility and are probably doing things worse than what the kids are doing. He said that the town is getting a lot of flack for what's happening downtown, and parental responsibility is a huge thing. However, we can't make them parent. Dwayne asked if it should be the government's job to fix somebody who can't parent. Selectman Hall believes that there is a social contract and does think that it is part of the government's job to help those who can't parent. Chairman Galemme said that we will ultimately deal with the fall out at some point. If we can do something to intervene earlier so that they don't become the Police Officer's problem, then we are all better off.

Dwayne asked if this was something the Selectmen would like to hold a Public Forum on. Selectman Hall said that if they are waiting until April to do something, they should probably start with Dwayne putting together a really rough outline of a budget on what it would cost for leasing, equipment, and staffing. Then they could have a general amount when they talk to the public and can get an idea if they want to do this.

Selectman Johnson, Sr. asked what they can do for the immediate problem. He asked if we needed to change the curfew. Dwayne said that this still needs to go to Town Meeting. Chief

Peasley said that the curfew issue has not really been a problem until last night. They are usually gone by 8:00.

Chairman Galembo stated that they should table this discussion for now. He would like to start working on the Skateboard Ordinance. At the next meeting, they can also discuss the possibility of having a Public Forum where they would present a few ideas and take their ideas into consideration. Dwayne will put together some rough numbers to present to them on costs.

## **5. New Business:**

### **A. Commitment FY22: Establish Tax Rate and Commitment for FY22**

Dwayne Morin introduced Verna Sharpe as the new Assessor. She will work here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dwayne stated that she comes out of New Hampshire which has a different commitment process than Maine does. He figured she could sit in and hear the discussion that the Board will have to set the commitment.

Dwayne said that they have been talking about commitment since June and it is now time to set it. We have about \$889 million in taxable value. The total budget for the 3 budgets of County, Town and School is about \$11.4 million. You take away the allowable deductions of State Revenue Sharing for an amount of about \$240,000 and Other Revenues of about \$1.7 million, it brings us down to a total budget of about \$9.3 million that we need to raise through taxation. He stated that we get a range of what we can set our tax rate at. This year the range is from \$10.55 to \$11.00. He said that our tax rate last year was \$11.90 so at the very worst we will lower the tax rate by \$.90. This will not equate into a tax deduction for our taxpayers because last year, our town valuation was about \$770 million. This year is at about \$889 million. This is because property values rose, and they rose disproportionately among people because of what the market is doing. We had to increase values this year by 12% across the board. However, we have a pretty significant personal property valuation that doesn't get changed because those are valued at 100% every year.

Dwayne said that when you look at tax rates, a lot depends on what we want to do with an overlay. He said that we are allowed to have a 5% overlay, but we have never had a 5% overlay in our town. We are healthy financially. We usually use the overlay when the town is suffering financially, especially making sure that we make ends meet. We have a healthy surplus of about \$3.2 million which affords us the opportunity to not have to borrow money to operate the town. We operate the town very successfully on what we have in the bank. For the past 5 years, we have been seeking between 3% and 3 ½% overlay which is usually in the \$300,000 range.

Dwayne said that he believes they should be in the \$10.85 to \$10.90 tax rate range for this year. He is leaning more towards the \$10.90 which is a \$1.00 decrease in the tax rate. This means about a \$30 per year increase for taxpayers. This will be our first increase in the past 5 years.

Selectman Hall motioned to set Town of North Berwick Municipal Tax Rate to \$10.90. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

##### **A. COVID-19:**

Dwayne said that the State is slated to release the ARPA funds to the towns after September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The State does have the money and they have asked for deferments from the Federal Government, so they didn't have to disburse to us until after September. After September, we will be receiving our first allotment of that money which will be about \$300,000. They will need to figure out how to spend it. The Federal Government have severely restricted the use of those funds. We are allowed to give workers increase in pay because of the COVID related hazard pay. We cannot pay more than \$13.00 per hour over their salary.

Dwayne stated that we can also use the funds for broadband, water, and sewer. We do not own our water and sewer so we cannot use any for that. We are also allowed to replenish any lost revenue that we had from 2020 through 2024. There is a formula that they need to use. We didn't really have a significant loss in revenues. The biggest area that we suffered was in the Parks and Rec revenues. We didn't run the programs so we can use the funds to reimburse the money that we lost. Selectman Hall stated that if we do not use the \$600,000, does the money go back to the County, State or Federal Government. Dwayne said that it would go back to the State, and they would be responsible for sending it back to the Federal Government. Dwayne said that the goal is to use it. He said that we can give grants to nonprofits, and they need to use it for the same purposes that we would need to. The Water and Sewer Districts are nonprofit so we could give it to assist in one of their projects.

##### **B. Linscott Road Intersection: Discussion on Progress**

Dwayne stated that they are still waiting on the sign bracket and guardrail. The engineer will come out to inspect again when the guardrail is added. The guardrail was not part of the original engineer plan, so they are going to come back to review.

Dwayne said that they have finished Valley Road and Ford Quint Road. They came in under budget but higher than what they thought. This is primarily due to the fact that the roads were more out of shape than what they thought. Dwayne said that the original paving budget was \$308,000 and we are about \$15,000 under that. Once we get the money back from the Linscott Road project, we can see which roads they can work on next.

Dwayne said that the Winter Sand is all in. He said that we used 800 yards last year and on a normal winter, we use 2000 yards.

##### **C. Town Signs: Discussion on Replacing Entrance Signs**

Dwayne showed the Selectmen a picture on the computer of the new town signs according to what they had said they wanted. Selectman Hall said that he is not a fan of the gold finials on the top of the post. Chairman Galemme agreed.



Dwayne said that he currently has prices on the granite and Billy is working on a price for the sign itself. The main thing he is looking at right now is that he wants to digitize the seal to get a better quality. He has sent it off to another company to find out how much that would cost. Billy is also working on the costs of the bracket to attach the sign to the posts. Dwayne said that the gold balls are \$50.00 each not installed. They would need to be installed by drilling into the granite. He said that the granite will cost about \$3,000. The total cost for the signs should be about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The Board agreed that the proposed sign looks good. Dwayne still getting costs together.

**D. MSAD 60: State Subside Increase – Building Projects**

Dwayne stated that there is a Public Hearing this Thursday night as well as a School Board meeting. The Selectmen had talked about issuing a Thank You letter to the School Board for returning the money that they received in additional school subsidy. Dwayne read the letter into the minutes:

Deer School Board Members:

The Town of North Berwick Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Board for their decision to return the additional FY2022 State Education Subsidy of \$1,250,080.00 back to the taxpayers of North Berwick, Lebanon, and Berwick.

Prior to the return of the subsidy, taxpayers in North Berwick were facing an average tax increase of \$135.00 due primarily to the increase in the Education Budget portion of the tax rate. The return of the additional School Subsidy will allow the town to reduce the tax burden on North Berwick taxpayers so the average tax increase will be under \$30.00 for the ensuing year. During this past year of uncertainty and financial challenges, this is welcome news for the taxpayers of North Berwick.

The North Berwick Board of Selectmen would again like to thank the School Board on behalf of all the taxpayers of North Berwick for this decision.

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the draft letter that Dwayne Morin has created for the MSAD 60 School Board of Directors. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Dwayne asked how many of the Board members will be present at the Public Hearing.

**Reminders: Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting – September 7, 2021 – 6:30 pm**

**5. New Business:**

**B. Planning Board: Hagan Subdivision Lot Dedication**

Dwayne stated that there is a 7-lot subdivision that is being proposed by Mr. Hagan on Route 9. One of the criteria for any subdivision in our community is that they must do a public dedication

of land, or they must give money toward our Open Space and Recreation Impact Fee Funds. The Hagan's are proposing to give the town Lot 6 of their subdivision. They are proposing to put in a cul-de-sac off of Somersworth Road. It will have 5 lots that will have duplexes on them and 1 lot will have Mr. Hagan's home.

Dwayne said that our Subdivision Ordinance requires the gifting of land to the town. It is not intended to give the town lands that are unusable so typically wetlands are not an acceptable form of public dedication. They are supposed to be lands that we can use for active purposes. The reason they are proposing this one is because behind it is the Maple Street Conservation Area. We have preserved that area and have 3 miles of trail on the property. Dwayne showed the Selectmen where the property is located on the computer projector. The total that they are giving us is about 7 acres. It is mostly wetland so the reason would be for Conservation purposes only.

Selectman Cowan motioned to accept the lot dedication from the Hagan Subdivision. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

### **C. Transfer Station: Hauling Agreement with Casella**

Dwayne said that he started negotiating with Casella Waste back in April on a new waste hauling agreement. Our waste hauling agreement expires in December, 2021. One of the concerns that we had was with the recycling market. He stated that Casella is holding tight to their concept that they want to utilize a funding formula for the recycling market. That is what they are utilizing in all of their contracts and in truthfulness, it is actually fair. He doesn't like the cost, but it is fair to them. The good news is that the recycling market has improved. With recycling costs, there is a tonnage price which says what it is going to cost and there is a threshold price. They figure out whatever the cost is and that is what the town will be responsible for. Right now, the market is sitting at \$80.00. Dwayne said that, in regard to the hauling prices, we have some of the lowest hauling rates in the area.

Selectman Hall motioned to approve for Dwayne Morin to enter into an agreement with Casella Waste on behalf of the Town of North Berwick. Selectman Cowan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

### **6. Other Business:**

Dwayne stated that he received an email from Verizon stating that our project has been postponed due to COVID. It won't happen until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022. He did get the new engineer drawings, but it is still delayed.

**7. Review and Approve Warrants and Correspondence:**

Warrant:	August 10, 2021	- \$ 14,486.30
Warrant:	August 17, 2021	- \$ 631,889.17

Selectman Hall motioned to approve the Warrant of August 10, 2021 for the amount of \$14,486.30 and the Warrant of August 17, 2021 for the amount of \$631,889.17. Selectman Johnson, Sr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

**8. Adjournment:**

Selectman Hall motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm and come out at 8:45 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Selectman Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Selectman Johnson, Jr. seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0

Respectively Submitted,  
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Original to Town Clerk

Chairman: Charles Galemmo

Selectman: Jonathan Hall

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Jr.

Selectman: Wendy P. Cowan

Selectman: Michael Johnson, Sr.