

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
9:00 am – Tuftonboro Town Offices**

**Monday, October 25, 2021**

Present: Chairman Marcussen, Selectman Albee, Selectman Pike and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Marcussen called the Selectmen's meeting to order at approximately 9:02am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve the 10.18.2021 BOS meeting minutes as presented. Selectman Pike seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chief Thompson presented the attached update.

**SIGNATURE FILE**

Selectman Pike made a motion to sign the Letter to .Gov Domain Registration, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Pike made a motion to sign the corrected Right of Burial for Benson, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign the Current Use Assessment for Map 46-2-19, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve budget #4220 – Fire for \$527,995 (-36000), Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve budget #4240 - Building Inspection for \$72,217, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0

Selectman Albee made a motion to approve budget #4196 - Insurance for \$78,050, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve budget #4550 - Library for \$231,662, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0

**CORRESPONDENCE**

ZBA public hearing notice in Wakefield NH

Notice of Course Completion for James Hathcock – Firearms Instructor Recertification

Letter from Camp Sentinel and PILOT for \$2000.00

LRPC – Final Meeting of Calendar Year 2021 October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Letter from Roberts & Greene, PLLC regarding audit of 2020

Tuftonboro Free Library YTD 2021 account details.

**SELECTMEN’S UPDATE**

Chairman Marcussen attended a Master Plan meeting at the Town House on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, and attended a short Planning board meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, to approve a 2-lot subdivision. Selectman Pike mentioned that all the Selectmen attended the Capital Improvement Program committee meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Selectman Albee talked to Jim Hambrook regarding the Great Meadows property.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 12:12pm am, Selectman Pike made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cami Wakefield  
Administrative Secretary

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**Selectmen's Meeting**

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**2021**

Fire Calls 187	Gas burner Inspections: 36
Medical Calls 234	Oil burner inspections 11
Service Calls 78	Wood/Pellet Stove Inspections: 6
SPD 10	Life Safety Inspections: 29
<b>TOTAL 509</b>	<b>Total 82</b>

**2020**

Fire Calls 159	Gas burner Inspections: 40
Medical Calls 224	Oil burner inspections 5
Service Calls 37	Wood/Pellet Stove Inspections: 6
SPD 9	Life Safety Inspections: 22
<b>TOTAL 429</b>	<b>Total 73</b>

Utility 2 has a check engine light on which the diagnostic trouble codes are showing that the fuel pump units need to be replaced estimate of \$1,047.73 at 603 auto works.

Tires on the ambulance were replaced prior to this year's inspection and an alignment was also completed at Belknap Tire of Laconia total \$ 1,975.90 with state bid prices for 6 tires 8/26/2021.

Boat 2 will be traveling to Kimball & Dube in Gray Maine for its yearly service prior to the winter season on 11/2/2021.

Fire Prevention Day was completed at Tuftonboro Central school on 10/18/2021 by Captain Pike.

10/21/2021 all interested members received their yearly flu shots.

The department responded to a subject trapped under a tractor on Merry Mount Road on 10/6/2021 at 5:36 pm. 9 Tuftonboro Fire rescue personnel with the assistance from Stewarts Ambulance, Tuftonboro PD, Sandwich PD, and Carroll County sheriff's office worked successfully to extricate the patient and get him loaded to Stewart's ambulance for transport to Huggins Hospital at 5:57 pm (21 minutes). A Tuftonboro Medic accompanied the ambulance crew to the hospital. (See letter from the Patient)

The department has responded to two. motor vehicle accidents that have occurred at the Mountain Road and Ledge Hill, Durgin road intersection one was on 10/13/2021 at 1:45 pm the second was 10/19/2021 at 2:07 pm. Luckily both accidents had all that involved refuse to be transported to the hospital. All occupants advised they were not injured however shaken up. The intersection is a very

dangerous as some said they didn't see the stop sign or the other vehicle traveling on Mountain Road. Both vehicles that struck the vehicle traveling on Mountain Road were traveling from Ledge Hill Road across on Durgin Road. The first accident narrowly missed have a school bus involved by inches, as one vehicle came just short from hitting the bus stopped at Durgin Roadside. My question is can a simple white stop line, be painted at the stop signs on Ledge Hill Road and Durgin Road. Could solar stop signs be put in place that have flashing LED lighting around it and motion sensors. You see these signs used regularly in Maine, the lights start at \$2,031 and up.

The intersection is a nightmare to direct traffic in once an accident occurs. Multiple personnel are needed to keep traffic moving or shut the road down. If patients are hurt multiple personnel are needed to treat patients.

The driveway sealing has been completed at all the stations.

The rear tires have been replaced on engine 1. The tires were replaced by Belknap Tire in Laconia at state bid price \$2304.20 for 4 tires on 10/14/2021.

Pump testing on the departments 3 class A Engines was completed on 10/12/21 by Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. All apparatus passed the main pump testing, engine 4 has a vacuum leak on its 5 min dry prime test, which it will need to be repaired and retested. The Unit is still in service and usable. The unit should hold a dry prime starting at 21(hg) for five min with no more than 10(hg) loss. HG is inches of mercury.

All inspections and preventive maintenance have been completed on FD apparatus for 2021.

We have circulator pump issues at Central Station for heating system waiting for new pump to come in this is scheduled for 10/28/2021 ENE system of NH is completing the works.

The new furnace at Melvin Village station was completed by Butler Heating LLC on 9/29/2021 \$6,750.00.

There was a structure fire 31 Edge O Lake Drive at 10:15 pm on 10/16/2021. Homeowner returned home to find his outside furniture and the vinyl siding on the back of his home on fire. Homeowner used his garden hose to stop the fire, just as it was burning into the attic soffits. FD personnel checked with a thermal imaging camera for extension into the attic. The fire department would like to remind everyone if you have a propane outside fireplace unit or a grill on your deck, please do not leave it unattended. This incident was accidental but could have left the home seriously damaged if it wasn't seen and extinguished when it was. Please remember the wind can blow around loose plastic furniture covers and start a fire when near an open flame.

The Department responded to an Untimely death at 6 Mill Pond Road on 10/17/21 at 5:49 pm.

Responded to 89 Center Street in Wolfeboro Mutual aid Engine 2, car 1, and six personnel for a first alarm structure fire on 10/20/2021 @ 9:15 pm.

FD was awarded a small Division of Forest and Lands grant 50/50 matching. For 6 wildland shirts, 1 backpack blower, and 500' of 1 inch forestry hose. The town will receive the \$673.66 after the \$1,373.66 purchase.

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## Thank you First Responders

On a recent late afternoon I had finished grading our lake association's rural dirt road and was taking my brother's 1949 Ford tractor back up the road to his house. Trying to touch up an area of the road, I backed too close to a steep embankment and went off backward down the slope. I fell off and the 4000 pound tractor's rear wheel came to rest on top of my right hip while I was lying on my left side. I was pinned, in severe pain, unable to move my legs and rapidly losing circulation to them. The real prospect of spending the night on this untraveled road settled in quickly. I repeatedly yelled "Help" as loud as I could, and finally, after around 45 minutes, someone heard me and called 911.

What happened next was truly amazing. The first person responding to the 911 heard it in his own truck as he happened to be driving nearby. He quickly assessed the situation, prepared the scene for rescue, and reassured me that help was coming. Within minutes the fire rescue truck arrived, along with about 15 to 20 volunteer first responders from all over our small rural community. They rapidly assessed me and the urgency of getting the tractor off me. They efficiently and expertly stabilized the tractor with a cable, built a foundation of wood for the "jaws of life", jacked the tractor up, and pulled me out. Within minutes I got circulation back to my legs and regained some sensation and movement in them. The relief was physically and emotionally overwhelming for me. I felt a strong sense of gratitude and confidence in these complete strangers who had just saved my life. I was stabilized on the backboard and transported by ambulance to our local emergency department by the very competent paramedics. I was able to walk out three hours later just extremely bruised and sore, and very happy to be alive.

In retrospect, I think the most amazing aspect of this whole episode is the character of the men and women who saved me. They have reaffirmed my faith in "people". They didn't judge me by my being rich or poor, Protestant or Muslim, Black or White, Republican or Democrat, or a Red Sox or Yankees fan. They saw a fellow human being in deep trouble and just jumped in. They have trained hard and developed the expertise and commitment that makes the system work. It is a truly impressive system developed by the people and for the people of our community.

Thank you again to all the people who saved my life and to the system they have developed. You are amazing and deeply appreciated.

Ted Hall

Thanks for rescuing Boppa,

Ruby Judy Elsie