

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021  
APPROVED**

**SB Members Present:** Rebecca H. Pine, Chair; Alison S. Manugian, Vice Chair; Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk; Joshua A. Degen, Member; John F. Reilly, Member

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant; Art Prest; Bud Robertson; Michelle Collette and Bob Fleischer, Board of Health; Takashi Tada, Land Use Director/Town Planner

Ms. Pine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Pine announced that attendees needed to find a seat and if all seats were filled, they had reached their allowed room capacity. She said that if they exceeded their capacity in the room, they would need to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Rebecca Tabasky read the following statement into the record:

*Thanks for the mic, and thank you neighbors for showing up in support of an issue that is important to our community.*

*I'm Becca Tabasky, a new Groton resident. I benefit from, and fight against, systems of white supremacy.*

*A few weeks ago a swastika was carved into a Groton tree, and pictures were shared over a private facebook group called Rotten in Groton. This swastika was sanded off of the tree before the police were informed of it, and no one from that page raised it to the town for further action. So I did.*

*Since then, I've heard:*

- *the argument that people from all religions should be OK with the Bible representing our town because everyone could learn from it.*
- *people minimize comparing offense to the Bible on the seal to a dislike of water bills.*
- *the grotesque suggestion that the memorial of 1.5 million pennies collected by our schoolchildren to represent the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered in the Holocaust be used to pay for proposed seal modifications.*
- *people use racist, derogatory language to speak of people of color in town who have just as much a right to a good life in Groton as anyone else.*

*This year the white supremacist neo-nazi hate group Patriot Front made a showing in our neighboring town Shirley. Elsewhere in America violent groups chant "Jews will not replace us" and have firebombed synagogues. Asians, Black people, LatinX people, queer and trans people, handicapped people, indigenous people, immigrants, poor people, and more are being threatened and attacked, physically, emotionally, and systemically.*

*I have been pointed in my concerns about issues that contribute to a more dangerous Groton, including selectboard member comments, and have submitted letters to the Selectboard. One of the letters I wrote was shared at last week's meeting.*

*Following this, Rotten in Groton community members shared my name and picture, along with where I live, my mother's obituary, my place of employment, and more. People are saying they will flip me off every time they drive by my house. In no uncertain terms, this was a direct and pointed effort of malice and intimidation against a private citizen of our town.*

*Some of our neighbors and selectboard members are more offended by raising concerns about white supremacy and antisemitism in town than the white supremacy and antisemitism itself. This is unacceptable.*

*Board, I want you to stop make false equivalencies between the suffering and harm done to marginalized groups and the discomfort felt by those resisting change.*

*I know that there is more acceptance and humility in this town than hate and indifference. Neighbors, please join me and others to use a critical lens to connect dots, listen to those who take the effort and have the courage to speak up about how they're treated, watch for systems and actions that marginalize others, and work to disrupt and change them. Get trained to learn how to actively and safely intervene when you see something wrong. We do not have to accept or tolerate Groton's status quo. We can work to make our beautiful Groton even better for all of its residents.*

Ms. Pine said that the Board could not deliberate about topics that are not duly posted on the agenda. She said that this was an important issue and was going to offer the Board an opportunity to make comments. Ms. Pine said that name calling and the like was wrong and bad behavior. She said she was putting on a future agenda an item to discuss their procedure to create responses to incidents such as hate incidents. Mr. Degen read the following statement into the record:

*I am mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore. Shame on our SelectBoard for sitting by idly while our residents have come under attack. We are the chief executive body of this town charged with making policies and keeping everyone that lives here safe. Not just physically safe but emotionally safe too. Many events have occurred recently and this board has remained silent when hurtful white privileged rhetoric has been stated at this very table by an elected official sitting here tonight. The chair and other members just sat there in silence rather than admonishing the hurtful Mein Kampf comment uttered by a SelectBoard member. This board and our community needs to become upstanders and not bystanders to hateful and hurtful comments.*

*It has been just over thirty years since I moved to Groton with my wife to raise a family in this beautiful town. Overall we love Groton but not some of the things that we have personally experienced or heard. Here is a list of just some of the things we have witnessed.*

*Swastikas were inscribed in bathrooms at the schools. Then we had to try to explain to our children why someone would do this. When confronting the situation with the administration they just had janitors clean it off rather than engaging the police.*

*More swastikas on desks and lockers. Again we discussed it with the administration and nothing was reported to the police nor was there education provided to the student body on the hurt that this type of antisemitism causes. After all the swastika was and is representative of Hilter's intention to murder all of the Jewish people.*

*Another swastika was burned into the tennis court at the Stonebridge fields.*

*A former classmate of one of our daughters stated in front of another friend when invited to our home and she said "Why would you ever go to that Jew ridden house"? That child did get suspended from school. It took over ten years to receive an apology from her father to me for his child's comments.*

*After the election of Donald Trump a former friend saluted me face to face in front of others at a local gas station using the Heil Hilter salute.*

*Racist anti black graffiti using the N word was inscribed at the tennis courts at our country club on a building.*

*The same day a large swastika was painted on the asphalt on Briarwood lane in North Groton.*

*A swastika was recently carved into a tree at town field. Rather than reporting it to the police an elected official took it upon himself to scrape it off.*

*Then a photo of this very same swastika appeared on the local Rotten in Groton Facebook page. This group appears to have almost 2000 members. What shocks me most was that not one single member reported this to the police. SHAME on you all!*

*The last straw is this. Rebecca Tabasky is my niece. She had been looking to purchase a home for many years. We told her how great Groton is. Ultimately she found a home to purchase here in All are Welcome Groton. Upon hearing about the swastika on the tree at town field she wrote a letter to our board asking us to address this disturbing incident. She got a statement from the chair in response. Then she followed up with another letter with an accompanying chart about levels of white supremacy.*

*VOILA this letter and chart ends up as a hurtful, harassing, incitement filled post on Rotten in Groton coupled with intimidation, bullying and Doxing. Personal information about her life, her job, where she lives and her mother/my sister's obituary was posted then commented upon in a very negative and subliminal anti Semitic manner.*

*I am FREAKING MAD AS HELL AND WE SHOULD NOT TAKE ANYMORE!*

*As an elected official I am subject to ridicule for my statements and actions, but Rebecca as a private person is not.*

*Shame on you each and every member of Rotten in Groton. Shame on you to my fellow SelectBoard members and shame on you bystanders throughout Groton. It is long overdue for you all to stand up to hatred and stop the BS rhetoric about people of all colors and religions that may be different from yours. This is America, where we are so lucky to have the right to believe in whatever we want as long as it harms no one else. Many of you white privileged individuals had ancestors who fled here from persecution. Remember that other than the Native Americans and those brought here through the indignity of the slave trade were all immigrants.*

*Damn it people stand up for the those rights. Say something when someone says something bigoted. Don't just let it slide.*

*I am deeply disappointed with the lack of leadership exhibited by this board to address situations such as I have described. Therefore I will offer the following three motions for your immediate consideration.*

*I move that this board instruct the chief of police, Michael Luth, to monitor the Rotten in Groton Facebook page for anything that can be construed as a hate crime and further if such a situation occurs he shall prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.*

*I move that this board create a local bylaw to address the consequences of hate speech or hate crimes.*

*I move that we establish a policy to be adopted by the police department to create a system to track, investigate and prevent hate crime and hate incidents. Appropriate training as to how respond to and understand patterns of hate related incidents will be provided to all officers of the department.*

*I am mad as hell and none of you should take it anymore!*

*Josh Degen*

Mr. Reilly read the following statement into the record:

*Thank you for expressing your feelings regarding our Town Seal and your complete disgust and dismay (your words) for that seal. It is glaringly obvious in your emails that you hold that same mindset for me or anyone else that holds a different opinion than yours. Let me clarify some mischaracterizations that you have made with regards to who I am, as you know nothing about me. You have labeled me anti-Semitic, white supremacist, hateful and ignorant. My grandfather came over to this country in 1919 from Ireland and endured innumerable prejudices and bigotry because he was Irish. He over came and persevered by his actions, not words. As a little boy he often spoke to my brother and me about this bigotry and told us, "prove them wrong, show them who we are by your actions". My dad was a veteran of World War II, at 18 years old he left high school in Cambridge and enlisted in the Army Air Corp where he flew more than 30 combat missions over Germany to defeat Nazism. His combat group had a better than 50% mortality rate, my father was my hero for this and many more reasons! I resent your characterization of me as anti-Semitic! I have one Jewish daughter-in-law and my youngest son will soon marry another Jewish girl. I have a granddaughter who is part Jewish. I love them all! I revere Jewish people and find them to be among the most resilient, industrious and genuinely caring people on the planet. I say this out of personal experience throughout my life and mostly because I have an old Jewish friend who keeps me apprised of the history, happenings and status of his beloved Israel. I was born white, not my choice. I don't feel superior to anyone or any race! Not the way I was raised by my parents. I grew up in a house where the color of your skin or where you came from did not matter. My father would not have tolerated that, his two best friends were an African American and Puerto Rican American. They were my family. Today color is thrown in our faces constantly. I find it sad and divisive.*

*My position on the Town Seal is mine. Disagreeing does not entitle you or anyone else to label another individual as a "White Supremacist". I am in favor of letting the Town's people decide and if change is decided I'll be fine with that. I have seen many changes in my lifetime. My view on the Town Seal does not come from the religious side, although I do see how some may view it that way. Back in 1898 when the Seal was adopted as presented by Dr. Samuel Green, an abolitionist and surgeon in the Union Army it was meant to represent and pay tribute to the original settlers of Groton. So it was not meant to represent the people in that era, 1898. The argument that it does not represent the makeup of the Town today does not make any sense to me. Furthermore, the original inhabitants of this Town came here because they were persecuted for their religious and or political beliefs. The argument that those persons and that Seal represents religious intolerance and white supremacy is a stretch. In your email when I commented on the plow you wrote, "comparing the plow to the Holy Bible is childish, dismissive, naive and menacing rhetoric". You have either completely missed my point or twisted it to further your dogma. One of the arguments for changing the Seal is that it is not representative of who we are as a town today, it is not representative of who lives in our Town today. Using that same philosophy one can say that the plow is not representative of the most common occupation of today's Groton residents. Why are the words "Holy Bible" being targeted for removal? For me, both symbols on the Seal represent the history of the Town, where we all came from and thanks to those early inhabitants we all can enjoy the Groton of today.*

*I ask, who is displaying hatred? Who is displaying religious intolerance? Who is ignorant and pushing a dismissive menacing rhetoric? The people of Groton will decide the fate of the Town Seal at the spring town meeting. I respectfully ask that everyone share their positions through discourse that is civil and respectful.*

*I wish you could see the good in people, especially in this Town. We are not perfect. I am not perfect, but I am confident that my family, my friends and the people in Groton who know me, know what I am! I denounce any threats to you personally or to your property! I will be one of the first to demand action should you have any such problems.*

Ms. Manugian said that she expressed tremendous thanks to those who were bringing issues to the forefront. She said that she thought about her own lack of response to the comments made a few weeks ago. She said she couldn't process rapidly enough. She thought that some bystander training was necessary so that they could react in the moment. She said she wanted to be part of progress. She said that these issues needed to be discussed and handled in a civil manner. She said she, like many needed to continue to grow and learn and encouraged folks to challenge her to continue to grow.

Mr. Cunningham said that he apologized to Ms. Tabasky about his comments a few weeks ago and had apologized to the public. He said he attended the Diversity Task Force and provided an apology for his statements. He said that outreach and education needed to happen and was the reason they decided to pull the Town Seal article last week. He said that when negative slogans were being passed around, that wasn't helping the discussion or furthering the education.

Mr. Degen said that his statement wasn't about the Town Seal and didn't want that to be confused. He said his comments were about hatred.

Ms. Pine said that they would be scheduling a future meeting to discuss this.

Mr. Jeffrey Wallens asked if the public was going to be allowed to speak. He said his family ran the Rotten in Groton page and should be allowed to speak. Ms. Pine said that they would be scheduling a separate agenda item to further this discussion at another time.

Ms. Pine commended everyone for speaking in honesty. She said she knew no one wanted to see this community split apart by these hard conversations. She said she was heartened by what she had heard and also took responsibility for not standing up in the moment. She said that they issued a statement on diversity a little over a year ago and reminded folks of that.

Mr. Robert Hargraves said that public comment period was not being adhered to by not allowing Mr. Wallens to speak.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH VACANCY**

Ms. Pine outlined the process for advertising a vacancy on an elected Board and added that they had 3 applicants for the vacancy.

Ms. Vicky Belanger said that she had been a resident of Groton since 2008 and thought she would be a good fit because she would like to give back to her community. She said that she would be graduating with a bachelor's degree in Public Health, more specifically Community Health and Communication. She said that community engagement was important and was confident she would be a good fit because she was committed to learning and succeeding in this role.

Mr. Vikram Narayan said he was a medical doctor and had lived here since 2010. He said that he had some extra time and wanted to give back to the community. He said that he was board certified in anesthesia. He said he wanted to see people in Groton as healthy as possible.

Mr. Evan Thackaberry said he had been here since 2017 adding he was scientist with a PhD in environmental toxicology and had extensive expertise in drug development and risk-assessment. He said he was a board-certified toxicologist and had experience as emergency medical technician (EMT). He said he was impressed with the Board of Health and thought he could contribute.

Mr. Cunningham asked if the applicants had been following what the local Board of Health had been doing and the issues before them. Ms. Belanger said she had been following the Board of Health and had also been following the surrounding communities which she thought was important. Mr. Narayan said that he knew of the polices based on what he did in his profession. Mr. Thackaberry said that he had attended some of the Board of Health meetings to get an understanding of what was before them.

Ms. Manugian said that the Board of Health was also responsible for things other than COVID and asked what their interest or knowledge was for those things also. Ms. Belanger said that she was interested in seeing an initiative on EEE and other resources they offered. She said she would also like to see other mental health resources put on the website. Mr. Narayan said that he agreed with increasing mental health awareness and was hoping to expand those other areas once they got past COVID. Mr. Thackaberry said that he was interested in learning more about the other areas that the Board of Health had jurisdiction over.

Mr. Degen asked if they knew what PFAS was. No one knew. Mr. Degen asked if they knew what Title 5 was. Mr. Narayan said he knew it was about septic systems but would need to brush up on the regulations. Mr. Degen asked about their position on masks in buildings and in the schools. Ms. Belanger said she was in support of masks. Mr. Narayan said he did not support masks. Mr. Thackaberry said he supported masks. Mr. Degen asked what their position was on vaccines. All candidates supported vaccines.

Mr. Fleischer said he was familiar with 2 of the candidates because they had spoken at a recent meeting but had no questions. Ms. Collette said that the Board of Health typically met 2 Mondays of the month but that homework needed to be done including site visits adding this member needed to be involved. She asked if they would have sufficient time to be a member in addition to the meetings. Ms. Belanger said she had availability and would make time. Mr. Narayan said that he too had availability. Mr. Thackaberry said he would make time.

Ms. Pine said that the Open Meeting Law was an important law that needed to be learned and asked if they had previous experience with it. Ms. Belanger said she did not. Mr. Narayan and Mr. Thackaberry said that they would need to learn more about it.

Mr. Degen said if appointed, was it their intention to run for either appointment up in May. Mr. Thackaberry said he would want to see how it went before committing. Ms. Belanger said she would run for the 3-year term.

The Select Board and Board of Health wrote their top choice down on a piece of paper which was collected and tallied by the Town Manager. There were 6 votes for Evan Thackaberry and 1 vote for Vikram Narayan. (*tally sheets attached*)

*Mr. Degen moved to nominate Evan Thackaberry to the Board of Health vacancy for a term to expire at the annual election held in May, 2022. Mr. Cunningham seconded the nomination. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-aye; Cunningham-aye; Collette-aye; Fleischer-aye*

### **GROTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION – DESTINATION GROTON PRESENTATION**

Mr. Jeff Gordon introduced himself, Ms. Mary Jennings, Mr. Greg Sheldon, Mr. John Amaral, Mr. Bob Pine and Mr. Steve Lane.

Mr. Gordon said that Indian Hill Music Center would be done at the end of 2022 and ready to open. He said that this would increase the pace of visitors into Groton. He said that they had so many assets in the Town with a long history to tell. He said that they managed to retain a positive destination reputation. He said that they felt that needed to engage in a town-wide conversation about Groton's future. He said that they set out to learn what they didn't know about Groton and about other destination communities within Massachusetts. He said that they held focus groups and issued surveys. He said that they collected data on economic considerations, views of stakeholders, case studies, regional partners and planning documents. He said that the Destination Groton report showed 23 findings and 6 groupings. He said their conclusion was that they needed to appoint an individual and or a committee to work with all the stakeholders who would contribute to this success. He said that the reason for this report was to start a conversation and work to get ready for Groton's future.

Mr. Cunningham asked what a job description would look like. Mr. Gordon said in his opinion a technology and social media background would be important as well as someone who had a pulse on what was going on within the Town. Mr. Cunningham asked if the Chamber had seen this. Mr. Gordon said that they had and were involved.

Mr. Degen said that the report was great and refreshing. He said that with the success of many here in Groton, it was time to look for a part time economic development director. He said that he thought they should assess the need for an economic development director. Mr. Gordon said that someone should also have a chamber of commerce like knowledge.

Ms. Manugian said that having served on the Economic Development Committee, the committee felt as though they could only move things forward so much and were spinning their wheels knowing a director was inevitably the next step. She said there were many opportunities coming along with Indian Hill above and beyond the large concerts they would be holding such as music lessons, piano recitals, etc.

Mr. Pine said that the non-profit community was very strong in this community and could really benefit from this.

Mr. Reilly said that they did a great job on this report. He asked about who facilitated the communication between the business association and the chamber. Mr. Gordon said that they did but wouldn't know what was going on in Town if it wasn't for the business association.

Ms. Pine said that Ayer had a fulltime position for this and had received grants to cover salaries. She asked if they could look into grants. Mr. Haddad said that they would need to put the money up front as part of the process and then explore grant opportunities. Mr. Degen said that they needed to capitalize on this now but needed to add a goal to look at developing a committee charge and also look at a job description for a potential position.

Mr. Reilly volunteered to serve. Mr. Sheldon was nominated to serve. Mr. Degen said that Mr. Prest's visions of Groton were coming to fruition and thought he should serve. Mr. Haddad said that he would meet with Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Reilly first to develop a charge and hoped Mr. Prest would consider volunteering once the Committee was formed.

Mr. Degen asked that they add this to their goals.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Haddad said that a couple of weeks ago, when the Board approved and authorized the DPW to work with the Friends of Prescott on their Landscape Improvement Plan, they requested that the Plan be revised to remove some of the concrete. He said that the Friends had revised the plan and removed almost half the concrete. Mr. Haddad

said that DPW Director Tom Delaney had revised his estimate on materials and believed it will be in the \$4,000 range. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to vote to approve the Plan so they could get going as soon as possible.

*Mr. Degen moved to approve this plan and authorize the DPW to spend up to \$4,000 and work with the Friends of Prescott on this. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.*

Mr. Reilly said he appreciated the beautification, as did Ms. Pine.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

### **2021 FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT PUBLIC HEARING**

*Mr. Degen moved to reopen the public hearing. Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Haddad said that the warrant had been revised by removing the Town Seal Article, to have the Select Board as the appointing authority for the Town Clerk article and by adding the recommendations of the Finance Committee. He said that the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend all of the Financial Articles contained in the Warrant. Mr. Haddad said that should the Board agree with the Finance Committee, they could group the first ten articles into a Consent Agenda and vote them all at once (subject to none of the Articles being held). Mr. Haddad said he would ask the Finance Committee to revote the budget article adding one additional item had come to light since they took their positions.

Mr. Amaral said that he and his partners had purchased the Deluxe Property 10 days ago. He said that their intent was to have the property rezoned into the multi family zoning but because DHCD wasn't going to have their legislation written by the Fall Town Meeting, that raised some issues. He said that the legislation was not calling for an affordable component but he and his partners were planning on adding an affordable housing component. He explained the challenges with providing more than 15% affordable component and with giving up the general business designation adding that would limit them. He said that they made a formal request to the Planning Board that the article be withdrawn and would pursue affordable housing and market rate housing under current laws. He briefly talked about plans for connecting the parcel to the many amenities around the site and within walking distance and the opportunity for multiple public hearings where the public could express comments on their plans.

Ms. Pine thanked Mr. Amaral adding she fully supported a mix of affordable and moderate priced housing. Mr. Burke said that they started talking about the zoning regulations when this came out originally but added the State didn't have their regulations finalized yet and wouldn't until sometime in 2022. He said that the sense of urgency was now gone adding municipalities still had a lot of questions for the State. He said his personal suspicion was that the Planning Board would vote to remove this article at their meeting on Thursday night. Ms. Pine said that the discussion on Thursday would still be helpful about that zoning district. Mr. Cunningham said he hoped the Town would be held harmless until the State figured their regulations out. Mr. Degen said that making best guesses was not the best way to go about this. He said that he liked the concept of the village idea with it being mixed use. He said he was concerned about the Town earmarking \$500,000 to upgrade the Nod Road pump station without knowing what Mr. Amaral's intentions were. He said Mr. Amaral's track record spoke for itself but suggested they hold onto the money until plans were in place. Mr. Amaral said that a LIP vs. a traditional 40B didn't mean they wouldn't build something that wasn't attractive or that conversations would be adversarial. Mr. Amaral outlined his intentions for the property and about plans to work with the Town as they move forward in this process in the best interests of the Town. Mr. Haddad said that the pump station needed to be upgraded regardless of the development of this property.

An audience member asked for clarification over 40A and 40B. Mr. Burke provided an explanation of the differences. She asked if the Town had some control over how much was built over a certain number of years. Mr. Burke provided an explanation. She said her concern was building out a lot and increasing the school enrollment and about increasing the business opportunities in Groton.

The Board agreed with making items 1-10 on the warrant included in a consent agenda and supported them unanimously.

Article 11 – unanimous support

- Article 12 – unanimous support
- Article 13 – unanimous support
- Article 14 and 15 would possibly be coming off
- Article 16 – hold off until October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Article 17 – at town meeting
- Article 18 – at town meeting
- Article 19 – Peter, Josh, John, Becky-support; Alison- at town meeting

*Mr. Degen moved to continue the public hearing until October 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Pine said that the date for town meeting was set during the summer before the COVID surge. She said that because of the increases in COVID, they moved the location of town meeting to outdoors but could not change the date at this point. She said that they were exploring options should the weather be cold. Mr. Haddad said that they were exploring the possibility of holding town meeting at the High School gymnasium. He said that the Moderator had asked Town Counsel if he had any power as the Moderator to change the location after the warrant was mailed. Town Counsel was looking into this further.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – Cont.**

2. Mr. Haddad said that they needed to find a date to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss budget guidance and wondered if Zoom might be easier. He said he was waiting on the final new growth number from the Assessors. He said he asked the Finance Committee to hold a couple of dates open in October. He said they would also need an executive session to discuss collective bargaining guidance.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Mr. Haddad said that he had provided the Board with a proposed letter of endorsement for an application for the Forest Legacy Program. Mr. Muehlke said that the acreage they were applying toward the program was 590 acres. Ms. Manugian asked how much revenue was going to be lost. Mr. Haddad said that most of this was in Chapter 61 and would not be a loss of revenue. Mr. Muehlke said that their plan was to keep the forest a forest and occasionally log the land. Mr. Cunningham said that some would be a CR and some would be fee owner of the property. Mr. Muehlke said that one owner would be the Town and one would be Fish and Game.

*Mr. Degen moved to accept the inclusion of four tracts totaling 590 acres in Groton for the Forest Legacy Program in the letter of support as provided to the Board. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Cunningham said that he and Ms. Pine attended the Arbor Day celebration which was a very nice event. Ms. Pine said that the tree was planted in memory of Lee Burton.

Mr. Cunningham said that in downtown Townsend, there would be a ribbon cutting for the first section of the Squannacook Rail Trail at 2pm.

**MINUTES**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of September 13, 2021. Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-abstain; Reilly-abstain; Cunningham-aye*

Ms. Pine adjourned the meeting at 9:34pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted:  
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 09/27/2021

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