

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
February 18, 2021 — 4:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith, Glen Coutu, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber

**Others Present:** Bernard Dennler (Administrative Assistant/Teleconference Host); Valerie Belles (Senior Accountant); Dean Hunniford (Director of Public Works/Facilities)

**1.0 Call to Order**

First Selectman K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

**2.0 Discuss and act upon 2021-2022 budget**

Public Works: The Selectmen discussed TIP Miscellaneous Services and Rental of Equipment and the need to distinguish between fixed annual expenses which should be included in the operational budget and non-recurring expenses. They agreed to create a line item under Miscellaneous Contractual Services to house Verizon GPS expenditures and to remove the line item for Inmate Services. D. Hunniford said he has never used inmate services in Public Works. They discussed long term Capital goals. G. Coutu spoke in favor of removing the bucket truck and excavator from the long-term Capital plan. B. Petrie agreed. The Selectmen also discussed removing a request for radio upgrades for \$123,000 given that there are Town-wide upgrades needed in a few years. G. Coutu suggested moving up a sweeper to this year's request. The Selectmen also discussed the snow contract.

Building Department: The Columbia employee share hours have been removed due to the termination of the agreement. The Selectmen noted the mileage request is double the current fiscal year and asked V. Belles to look for an explanation behind the request.

Selectmen agreed to meet again Tuesday, February 23 at 5:30 PM to discuss the Community Center and TIP.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**3.0 Appointment(s) to the Board of Assessment Appeals**

K. Cwikla said that he had received a recommendation from the Republican Town Committee to appoint David Geligoff to a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals. Recent resignations had left the Board without quorum. This appointment would allow the Board to make quorum again.

*G. Coutu MOVED to appoint David Geligoff (R) to the Board of Assessment Appeals. K. Smith SECONDED.*  
**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

**4.0 Executive Session: Strategy and Negotiations regarding Lebanon Green Litigation**

No Executive Session was held.

**5.0     Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernard W. Dennler III  
Administrative Assistant