



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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*Minutes
Selectboard
Saturday, August 13, 2022*

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, Steve Russo, and Ed Perry along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Also present: Jeffrey Stewart, Graham Loff, Katie Kramarczyk,

5:30pm Eddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARPA Funds Request – Communications Upgrade

Jeffrey reiterated the points made at the previous Selectboard meeting stating a 10% increase in the radio equipment will occur on August 15th. By making the purchases decision now frees up \$9,500 in ARPA funds that can be used for other purchases.

Brendan made a motion to approve the communications equipment purchase in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. **Ed** seconded the motion. Discussion then ensued amongst the Board members with **Dana** objecting to the amount being approved exceeding the \$95,000 that placing the order by August 15th was supposed to guarantee. She was also concerned about circumventing the typical appropriation and approval process for similar purchases and the precedent this might set when faced with other potential price increases. While she was in support of the communications equipment purchase, she objected to placing the order hastily.

Eddie asked for a vote on the original motion. The vote was 4-1 in favor.

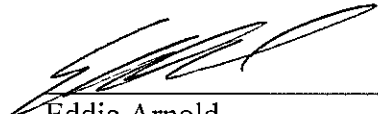
5:44pm Eddie moved, seconded by Ed, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal and potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

6:17pm Eddie moved, second by Brendan, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

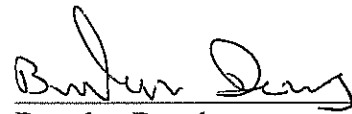
6:18pm meeting adjourned.

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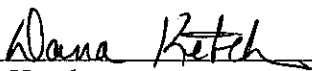
Minutes submitted by Scott Butcher.



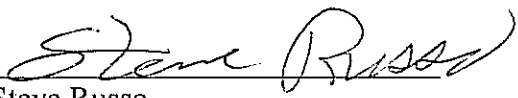
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Dana Ketchen



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Ed Perry