



# Town of Minot

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Board of Selectmen  
Minot Town Office Basement  
*Use back entrance*  
329 Woodman Hill Road  
Monday, November 2, 2020, 6:30 pm  
Minutes\*

**Present: Chairman Steve French, Vice Chairman Daniel Gilpatric, Lisa Cesare and Brittany Hemond**

**Absent: Daniel Callahan**

**Staff: Danielle Loring (Administrator)**

**Other: Jeffery Dyer and Daughters**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman French called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and a quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **October 19, 2020**

MOTION: Lisa Cesare motioned to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Brittany Hemond.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

4. **Warrants**
  - a. **Payroll Expense Warrant**
  - b. **Treasurer's Warrant**

MOTION: Brittany Hemond motioned to accept the Payroll Expense Warrant in the amount of \$19,989.56, and the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$234,011.96; seconded by Lisa Cesare.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

5. **Old Business**
  - a. **COVID-19 Update – None**
  - b. **Code Enforcement Update – None**

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## **6. New Business**

### **a. Request to Consider Adopting a Food Sovereignty Ordinance – Jeffrey Dyer**

Mrs. Loring explained that Mr. Dyer had contacted staff to see if the Town would consider a Food Sovereignty Ordinance, which would allow producers to sell their products and waiving DHHS and USDA requirements within limits. She had instructed Mr. Dyer to come before the Board with materials to support his request for their consideration. She added that they had gotten an inquiry for an ordinance around 5 times in the last two years.

Mr. Dyer explained that his daughters had been raising bees and selling their honey at the end of his driveway this past summer when an USDA representative came by and shut them down. He said that the licensing and inspections costs were restrictive and exceeded the amount they made from selling the honey. He presented several ordinances from surrounding towns and the law concerning the home rule allowance.

Mrs. Cesare recalled this coming up in the past and through that the patron was taking the risk on by purchasing from a farmstand or local producer, Mr. Gilpatric clarified that pertained to products like eggs which were not modified from their original state. Chairman French was also concerned with adding additional restrictions because the Town could not always keep up with regulating them. Mr. Dyer clarified that this ordinance would remove the regulations, and Mrs. Loring agreed. She added that they would get calls about people selling from their homes and it would require follow up from the Code Officer to ensure they were licensed from the State, but this would remove that requirement for certain industries.

Mrs. Cesare asked what the next steps were, and Mrs. Loring explained that the Board could send the ordinance to Planning Board for consideration and review, since it was required to be presented by them per the Town Code. She was suggesting that they use the MMA Model Ordinance for Food Sovereignty because it met the requirements set by the State. Mr. Dyer requested that the Town Consider calling it the “Food Freedom” ordinance because it sounded less restrictive. The Board agreed and suggested that Mr. Dyer be present to discuss the changes and answer questions about the ordinance. Mrs. Loring would send the materials over to the Planning Board for consideration.

### **b. Consideration of Broadband and ConnectME Grant Resolution**

Mrs. Loring presented a resolution for the Board’s consideration that would allow for the Town’s consultant to continue working with FirstLight to prepare a ConnectME Grant application in advance of the March Town Meeting. This did not obligate the Town to complete the grant if it was voted down but would strengthen their chances of getting the funds because it showed local support.

MOTION: Lisa Cesare motioned to accept the resolution making internet access an essential infrastructure; seconded by Brittany Hemond.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (5/0)

## **7. Department Head Updates**

### **a. Clerk’s Report as submitted by Sara Farris, Town Clerk**

### **b. Highway Report as submitted by Scott Parker, Highway Director**

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**8. Town Administrator’s Report**

**9. Selectmen Comment**

**10. Public Comment – None**

**11. Next Meeting Date**

**a. November 16, 2020 – Confirmed**

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION: Lisa Cesare motioned to adjourn; seconded by Brittany Hemond.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

The Board adjourned at 7:29pm.

X	X
Steve French, Chairman	Daniel W. Gilpatric, Vice Chairman
X	X
Daniel Callahan, Jr.	Lisa Cesare
X	
Brittany Hemond	

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