

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 9, 2020

These minutes were recorded by Angela Rizzitano, Secretary. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Call to Order:

Selectman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
Martin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Sandra Martin, Susan Simpson and Martha Eldridge.

Announcement:

Chairman Martin thanked the Board for all their hard work this past year. Martin also took a moment to recognize the Town for their community support in wake of the fire that left multiple families displaced. Martin thanked EMS, Police, Fire, Red Cross and Town staff for their all their help. She also thanked local businesses Rivers Edge Grille and Tavern, Mumma Christy's, and Yankee Smoke House for providing food to the victims.

Department Head Reporting:

Highway Department – William Eldridge, Highway Foreman, read the highway weekly work log. They checked all routes. They sanded and salted as needed. They opened the pit at Camp David. W. Eldridge advised they cleaned all the trucks, set up shelter for the fire victims. Tony J. Eldridge, Superintendent of the Works, advised the roads are posted in the newspaper and the time monitoring method is working well.

Recreation Department – Tony J. Eldridge, reported that all normal recreation activities are on-going. He also advised that the recreation summer program is proceeding as planned.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, advised that the Tax Collector received approximately \$49,000.00 in revenue. She also advised that they received approximately \$30,000.00 for auto revenue. Skehan advised that Town Elections will be held March 10, 2020. Polls are open from 10 AM – 7 PM. Town meeting will be held on March 11, 2020 in the Bub Avery Gymnasium starting at 6:30 PM. Chairman Martin asked how much taxes are still outstanding. Skehan advised there is \$1.1 million outstanding.

Transfer Station – Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, advised that they did their normal recycling. He has 45,000 pounds of cardboard, 35,000 pounds of plastic and 29,000 pounds of aluminum ready to ship out.

Building Inspector– Steve McConarty, reported he has been busy with inspections. He provided the Board with his weekly report for the week of March 6, 2020. He advised that there was a total of 12 permits that went out, 18 home inspections, 2 Health Office follow up inspections, 19 in house plan reviews and daily phone calls. McConarty also advised that O'Reilly's has been signed off and should be open very soon.

Government Buildings- Tony J. Eldridge, reported that the mini splits at the Library have been installed. He also advised assisting setting up the shelter for the fire victims.

Selectmen's Office – Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, reported that it's been a busy week preparing for Town Meeting. He also advised that candidate's night went great and the Solar Pilot Program was passed.

Water & Sewer Department – Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, reported that he has been working on fixing the tractor. He also advised that Camp David will be opening soon and he received some coronavirus flyers that he has displayed at the Post Office and the Town Hall if anyone would like to view it.

Public Input:

Kevin Houle asked why the Town website is requiring people to log in to view its contents. Chairman Martin advised that the website is not working properly and it's being worked on to fix that issue.

Mr. Houle asked the Board about a report on NH Public Radio regarding a lawsuit from a former Ossipee Police Officer against the Town of Ossipee. Martin advised that she cannot comment on that as it is a legal matter. Discussion ensued.

Misty Ryder asked the Board if it would be possible to collect monetary donations for the fire victims at the Town Election. Martin advised that she will check with the Moderator.

Alison Hayford inquired about the Recreation Department and asked about Craig Brady's departure. Hayford asked what the plan is going forward for the Recreation Department. Martin advised that the Board is working on getting a new director in place but T.J. Eldridge will be filling in temporarily until that happens.

Dallas Emery asked Ed Comeau, State Representative, about HB1217 regarding Police Departments having to report complaints and misconduct. Comeau advised he thinks it should go through the court system and Police should not be policing themselves. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

Martin made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session held pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) for a legal matter. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session and Non-Public session held on 3/2/2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 3/2/2020. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 3/3/2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 3/7/2020 with a pay date of 3/10/2020 in the amount of \$39,647.00. Accounts Payable for the week ending 2/24/2020 is \$20,285.47. Water & Sewer Accounts Payable is \$4,108.70. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Payroll Reimbursement Request issued to the Water & Sewer Department for the payroll week ending 3/7/2020 with a pay date of 3/10/2020 was submitted in the amount of \$3,257.88. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign the request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Water & Sewer Warrant was presented for signatures for \$960.00 with penalties after April 13, 2020 for all sums not paid by this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a notice of decision for case number #20-1-LM for Bruce Barnard of 14 Dorrs Corner Road. Tax Map 224, Lot 013 and Tax Map 224, Lot 014 was granted a request for a lot merger. This is posted online.

The Board received a notice of decision for case number #19-1-SPRA for Westward Shore Cottages of 110 Nichols Road. Tax Map 29, Lot 001 was granted a request for a site plan review amendment to add a pool, pavilion and playground. This is posted online.

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The Board received a Veteran's Exemption application. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Temporary Outdoor Event Application for Ossipee Central School PTO for their Fun Color Run/Walk on May 9, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for March 2, 2020 through March 6, 2020. It will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Transfer Station Work Log was received for March 1, 2020 through March 7, 2020. It will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Raffle Permit Application for NH Sheriff's Association. Drawing to be held at Carroll County Sheriff's Office on April 15, 2020. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 274, Lot 001 was presented for Ossipee Aggregates. The logger is Greenleaf Products. There is no cemetery on the property and the taxes are paid. Simpson made a motion to approve this Intent to Cut. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Recycling Center Cash Log for the month of February. The total collected is \$2,565.90.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 95, Lot 011 was presented for Sharon White. The logger is Curtis White. There is no cemetery on the property and the taxes are paid. Simpson made a motion to approve this Intent to Cut. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received for Michelle Edmund for April 25, 2020 and May 30, 2020 at the Bub Avery gymnasium from 1:00 PM -5:00 PM. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None Presented

New Business:

Selectman Martha Eldridge took a moment to thank Selectman Sandra “Sam” Martin for her service as Selectman in the Town of Ossipee.

Second Public Input:

Brian Slowski asked the Board about the Recreation Department and if the spring sports and summer programs are going to proceed. M. Eldridge advised that all programs are still scheduled as planned. M. Eldridge also advised that T.J. Eldridge is taking over temporarily. Brian asked what T.J.’s qualifications are regarding to recreation. M. Eldridge advised that it is just temporary and the assistant recreation director is also stepping up and helping as well.

Kevin Houle made a statement to Martin regarding her attendance during her term as Selectman as well as comments regarding a former Ossipee Police Officer. Discussion ensued.

Ed Comeau advised that there is a School Board Meeting at Ossipee Central School on March 9, 2020 at 7 PM.

Ed Comeau also commented on HB 1217, which is a bill requiring Police Officers to report misconduct by other Police Officers. Comeau read the bill and discussion ensued.

Ed Comeau advised that there was a meeting to discuss the next steps for the victims of the recent fire in Ossipee. He advised that things are moving fast and they are trying to get aid from the Government. Discussion ensued.

Dallas Emery asked why the Town charges the taxpayer for a copy of the employee handbook. He was advised that all copies made in the Town Hall are 25 cents per page. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that he could receive copies via email free of charge. Dallas advised that he was not told that was available to him. Discussion ensued.

Non-Public Session:

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, M. Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded.

Adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Sandra P. Martin, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 3/16/2020