

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, June 15, 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.

The Selectmen's Meeting reconvened from recess at 4:17 PM.

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session held pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), reputation risk to discuss the bids. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery made a request to recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the Selectmen's Meeting downstairs.

Meeting Minutes:

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/08/2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr., discussed cleaning up the property at 120 Dorrs Corner Road. It is Town owned property. The approximate cost to clean up that property is \$24,000.00. Discussion ensued. M. Eldridge advised that it is too costly to begin the clean-up process at this time and suggests the Town put that on hold for right now.

M. Eldridge advised that there will be chemical toilets located at the Mill Pond and the Y Field in Ossipee Corner.

Public Works Update:

Public Works Director, T.J. Eldridge advised that they will also be located at Dunkin Lake, Constitution Park and behind Citizens Bank. He advised the Town will be using Pottie Patrol out of Wolfeboro, NH. He advised that all fields are now open as well as the dog park. Selectman Smith asked how often the chemical toilets are cleaned and what the cost is going to be. T.J. Eldridge advised that he will get that information and advise the Board.

T.J. Eldridge advised that the grader is working great. They graded the mountain roads and they will be doing Rollin Park, Blake Hill and Granite in the coming weeks.

Review of Red Folder:

Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr., advised that the Conservation Commission voted and passed donating forestry cutting back to the Town of Ossipee to the General Fund. He reached out to NMA Legal and was advised that is acceptable to do. Discussion ensued.

Bids:

Bids were awarded as follows.

Mark and Scott Mounce –1986 Skid Steer \$6785.00, 2005 F550 dump truck \$3785.00, 2004 Spreader \$325.00

Charon Emery – Police Cruiser, 2014 Chevy Impala \$1000.00

John Edwards - 8ft York Rake \$510.00

Lee Deschambeault - 2017 F350 8ft truck bed \$530.00

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request issued to the Water & Sewer Department for the payroll week ending 6/13/2020 with a pay date of 6/16/2020 was submitted in the amount of \$3,901.79. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign the request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 6/13/2020 with a pay date of 6/16/2020 in the amount of \$47,917.19. Accounts Payable for the week ending 6/8/2020 is \$189,164.87. Water & Sewer Accounts Payable is \$5,899.36. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder continued:

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax from Michael and Sandra Carleton of 21 Sawyer Road. Tax Map 254 Lot 24. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax Warrant for \$1,520.00 for Tax Map 254 Lot 24. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Chairman M. Eldridge read a Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 466:14 entitled “Warrants, Proceedings,” you are hereby directed to proceed forthwith either to collect the fees due the Town of Ossipee, to be turned over to the Town Clerk, or seize an unlicensed dog for holding in an appropriate holding facility. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 466:16 entitled “Returns,” you have until 6/29/2020 to return this warrant with a statement as to whether all the unlicensed dogs in Ossipee have been seized and held under the provisions of this chapter and whether complaints have been entered against all the persons who have failed to comply with the provisions. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Water & Sewer Warrant was presented for signatures for \$196.80 with penalties after July 20, 2020 for all sums not paid by this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign this Warrant. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement application for Steve and Polly Sheffer. Tax Map 092, Lot 104. The reason for the abatement is the wrong meter was read and the actual usage for this property was only 3,441, not 30,582. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign this Warrant. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant was presented for signatures for \$15,144.00 with penalties after July 13, 2020 for all sums not paid by this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to sign this Warrant. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder continued:

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Map 264, Lot 25 for \$16.00. The property had a boundary line adjustment that wasn't entered into the system before tax bills went out. Simpson made a motion to sign. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Map 264, Lot 26 for \$6.00. The property had a boundary line adjustment that wasn't entered into the system before tax bills went out. Simpson made a motion to sign. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 110 Nichols Road for property owner Chris Ryan (Map 29, Lot 001, Sub 015). The request is in the amount of \$112.15. The Assessor's recommendation is to deny this request. Simpson made motion to deny. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 12 South Shore Road for property owner Amy C. Floria (Map 045, Lot 004). The request is in the amount of \$0.00. The Assessor's recommendation is to deny this request. Simpson made motion to deny. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 5 Passaconway Road for property owner Stephen & Gail Lauermann Family Trust (Map 075, Lot 030). The request is in the amount of \$40.72. The Assessor's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 17 Red Baron Road for property owner David M. Sullivan (Map 011, Lot 038). The request is in the amount of \$0.00. The Assessor's recommendation is to deny this request. Simpson made motion to deny. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Map 053, Lot 90 for \$6,263.00. The property sold in April before the tax bills went out and the correct owner needs to be billed. Simpson made a motion to sign. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 1600 Route 16 for property owner Goumas Realty Trust (Map 053, Lot 090). The request is in the amount of \$6,263.00. The property sold in April before tax bills went out. The deed was just received. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 130 Gretchen Road for property owner David West (Map 073, Lot 140, Sub 045). The request is in the amount of \$107.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at Foggs Ridge Road for property owner Robin & Jason Lyle (Map 264, Lot 026). The request is in the amount of \$15.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at Foggs Ridge Road for property owner Patrick M. Smith (Map 264, Lot 025). The request is in the amount of \$1.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 700 Route 16 for property owner Bruce & Reena Russell (Map 130, Lot 012, Sub 032). The request is in the amount of \$141.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 1 Terrace Pine Road for property owner Christine Csokmay (Map 104, Lot 014004, Sub Q). The request is in the amount of \$13.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 110 Nichols Road for property owner Michael Andre (Map 029, Lot 001, Sub 224). The request is in the amount of \$96.00. The Assessing Clerk's recommendation is to grant this request. Simpson made motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Adjustment recommending William "Bill" Grover as a full time member for 1 a year term and asking to accept and confirm William "Bill" Grover's appointment. Smith made a motion to appoint William "Bill" Grover to this position. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Adjustment recommending raising Daniel Fischbein from an Alternate member to a full time member for a 3 year term. Smith made a motion to appoint Daniel Fischbein to this position. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case # 20-1-V. Map 47, Lot 033. This was granted a Variance from Article 35.1. Residential Uses to continue the use of the remodeled accessory dwelling building converted in reliance on the February 13, 2013 Building Permit and June 7, 2013 Occupancy Permit.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case # 20-3-V. Map 118, Lot 013. The owner is seeking a Variance from Article 8, Section 8.3 and Article 34, Section 34.2.1 to buy and sell heavy equipment in a rural zone. The servicing and repair of equipment is in preparation for sale and will occur in an on-site garage. Also requesting a saleroom as defined in Section 35.2.1, for the sale of the used heavy equipment which has an outdoor display and storage of the equipment. The owner is also seeking a variance to allow parking display within the road front setbacks.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case # 20-04-V. Map 033, Lot 034. The owner was granted a Variance to build a 14x13 ft. extension onto an existing den coming within 14 ft. of the property line with conditions.

New Business:

Selectman Simpson advised that she went to the Transfer Station and watched the installation of the new Baylor. Pictures were taken and can be located at www.ossipee.org.

Selectman Smith went over the money spent on Mondays. Payroll Account Payable was \$237,082.00. Water & Sewer was \$5,899.00. The checking account balance was \$635,000.00. \$800,000.00 was borrowed from the TAN last week to pay the school payment for June, which was about \$1.5 million. The next school payment in July will be about \$1.6 million.

Second Public Input:

Ed Comeau advised that Selectmen from some other Towns are looking into filing for a school abatement for things that the schools did not have expenses for this year including field trips, custodial expenses, etc. He suggests that the Town of Ossipee look into this as well.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked if Kristen Taylor has permission to proceed with the planting at the round-a-bout. The Board advised that she can take care of the planting at that location but there will be height restrictions on things that can be planted. Public Works Director, T.J. Eldridge, spoke with Mrs. Taylor and will communicate with her regarding any restrictions.

Steer also asked about the reopening plan for the Town of Ossipee. Chairman M. Eldridge asked Secretary, Angela Rizzitano what her thoughts were regarding this. Rizzitano advised that most requests from the public can be handled via phone or email for those not comfortable with coming into the office. Selectman Simpson suggested that people wear masks and continue to practice social distancing if they come into the office as safety for all is the main concern. Selectmen Smith advised that he has no issues with reopening the Town Hall. Discussion ensued.

Frank Burke asked about the Library and the School reopening. He was advised that the Library is open but only offering curbside pick-up at this time. The timeline to start letting people into the Library is still being discussed. There is currently no timeline on when the schools will reopen.

Ed Comeau commented on the round-a-bout and how quickly DOT finished that project. He also commented on how well it was engineered and suggests the Town of Ossipee send DOT a letter to thank them. The Board agreed.

Dallas Emery asked the Board to reconsider their decision to cancel the July 4th Fireworks. Selectman M. Eldridge advised that there would need to be another meeting with Fire, Police and Emergency Management before it could be reconsidered. Town Administrator advised that the concern is the logistics and it would be cost prohibitive at this point.

Steer asked about the pandemic and where we are as far as peaks or a second wave. Selectman Smith advised that he doesn't have the exact numbers but this pandemic is very real and concerning. Discussion ensued.

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to reopen the Town Hall effective immediately. Smith seconded. Simpson voted no. The motion passed 2-1.

Frank Burke made a comment regarding July 4th festivities. He is concerned by the amount of people that would attend if they had the celebration and doesn't think it is a good idea.

Non-Public Session:

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 29, 2020.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 6/29/2020