

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2020

The following meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gym at Ossipee Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge and Susan Simpson. (Jonathan Smith was not present.); Also present, was Matt Sawyer, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

At 4:15 Chairman Eldridge called the meeting back to order after a recess from the work session.

Discussion:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Eldridge asked Kellie to start the Department Head reports.

Kellie Skehan:

Kellie reported that just under \$75,000 in taxes came in last week, around the same as last year. On the Town Clerk side, they brought in \$28,000. Town Hall will be the place of voting this year and Kellie will be open extra hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5-8:00PM starting next week so folks can come in and get their absentee ballot. They will also be open for absentee ballots Saturday 22nd and Saturday the 29th 8:00-4:00.

TJ Eldridge:

Highway has replaced a culvert pipe. The hurricane cleanup lasted a couple days or more, with many trees down and a clogged drain and three roads closed.

The Transfer station shipped many containers and did the normal recycling sorting etc.

Equipment/Mechanic has more issues with DEF systems. Is waiting on the new grader.

LT Castaldo:

It was a very busy weekend. Will French started as full time Officer this week. There was a pot belly pig on the loose and no owner claimed it, but it definitely was a pet. They partnered with the SPCA to catch it and to try to find a home.

Matt Sawyer Jr:

Has been doing cross training on the accounting/finance software and some initial prep for budget season. We have also been getting a lot of zoning/health complaints from neighborhoods that we have been investigating.

M. Eldridge opened the floor up for public input. Roland Millette said that he was there representing OCC, and that they plan to use the funds appropriated and encumbered in 2019 as well as 2020, which totals around \$60,000.

Karen Banks from Ossipee Corner introduced herself and read a letter strongly objecting to the proposed project converting the former Kalled Law Office at 45 Old Granite Rd into a Drug Rehab/Treatment Center. That letter is attached to these minutes.

Mike Frasier from Browns Ridge Rd asked what the plan of operation was for the proposed business. Discussion ensued and Sawyer advised that he believes that this week's ZBA meeting was for a variance or special exception only. Chairman Eldridge advised that it would likely still need to go to the Planning Board where there would be extensive questions, conversation and planning. She also advised that the Boards Secretary as well as the Daily Sun can be good resources to find about upcoming meetings etc.

Banks again spoke, voicing concerns and questions regarding the ZBA meeting location and limitations of attendance and the ability to be heard etc. Discussion ensued. Ed Comeau clarified and reinforced the RSA of location posting and the right to be heard.

Eldridge found no other public input, and moved on with the agenda. There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 8/03/2020 Selectmen's meeting and work session. Simpson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Eldridge read a letter from the Commissioners of the COFD asking for the meeting minutes to a non-public session held on August 3rd. Eldridge made a motion to unseal the minutes and provide them as requested. Simpson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Eldridge made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer payroll reimbursement request of \$3,816.73 for the week ending August 8. Simpson seconded and the motion was approved.

Eldridge made a motion to accept the payroll and accounts payable for the week at \$41,037.73 and \$43,251.09 respectively and \$3,876.96 accounts payable for Water/Sewer. Simpson seconded and the motion was approved.

Eldridge made a motion to approve a Water/Sewer Warrant \$208. Simpson seconded and the motion was approved.

Eldridge made a motion to approve a Water/Sewer Warrant for \$1044.96. Simpson seconded and the motion was approved.

Eldridge made a motion to approve a Water/Sewer Warrant for \$12,042. Simpson seconded and the motion was approved.

Simpson read a Notice of Decision regarding Northern Tire and Alignment. They were granted final approval for a boundary line adjustment and subdivision.

Simpson read a Notice of Decision regarding Joe Goss. He was granted a lot merger on Route 16.

Simpson read a Notice of Decision regarding Nancy and Edward Allepo was conditionally approved for a two lot subdivision.

Simpson read a Notice of Decision regarding Huggins Hospital. They were granted conditional approval for a site plan review to enlarge the Ossipee Family Medical Practice.

Simpson read an Abatement Request for Paulo Litwinczuk on Spring Tavern Road due to a fire recommended by the Assessing Clerk. Simpson made a motion to approve, Eldridge seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Simpson made a motion to approve an Intent to Harvest Timber for Richard Humphrey with Richard Gerard as the Forester. Eldridge seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Simpson made a motion to approve an Intent to Harvest Timber for Bill Derubo with Richard Gerard as the Forester. Eldridge seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Simpson read the daily cash log for the Transfer Station for the month of July which showed a total of \$19,569.80.

Under Old Business, Chairman Eldridge opened up to public input, any opinion on mask requirements/recommendations at Town Hall. Banks expressed strong opinions against the legality, practicality and effectiveness of masks. She went on to say that she believes the masks are causing infections in people, and that she saw roofers wearing masks and she wanted to smash the foreman's face in. Frank Burke said he agreed that it should be left up to the choice of the individual.

Eldridge said she wasn't sure it was enforceable anyway, and thanked the public for their input and moved on.

Sawyer presented Eldridge with some job descriptions, which were returned to the red folder for further review.

Frank Burke asked Sawyer if there are any updates on Whittier Covered Bridge. Sawyer said he had been in contact with DOT and was expecting approval around the end of the month.

Being no further input, the meeting was adjourned.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith