

## **Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 19, 2020**

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

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** M. Eldridge called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Martha Eldridge, Jonathan Smith, and Susan Simpson.

M. Eldridge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcement:**

The Elections are currently 3 weeks away on November 3, 2020. Voter registration and Absentee Ballot hours are as follows.

Week of 10/25/2020- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5PM-8PM

Week of 11/1/2020- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5PM-8PM

Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 8AM-2PM

Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8AM-2PM

### **Public Input:**

Lois Sweeney of Ossipee Corner commented on the gym being open for an exercise class and feels that if the gym is open for an exercise class then it should be open to everyone, although she feels that having it open does not protect the community especially with Elections coming up. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the Recreation program is back up and running so the gym will be used for Recreation activities going forward.

Gordon Pilotte of Duncan Lake Road had a complaint regarding the Angelini Pit and the pending Planning Board approval of the use of Dunkin Lake Road to get to that pit. He advised that more truck traffic will cause more dust and poor road conditions. He also had concerns over the wildlife. He asked if it were at all possible for them to use Elm Street Extension for access to this pit. Public Works Director, T.J. Eldridge, advised that the road has been bad due to lack of a grader for the past 2 months and that roads are impacted by the construction on Route 16 as well. He advised that he has asked for more funds in the budget for dust control. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Smith advised that based on the RSA, Ossipee can't vote against this project just because we don't like it. The law has to be followed. This is a formality because the Town of Ossipee is an abutter of this project. He is hoping the Town of Ossipee will be reimbursed for truck traffic and road maintenance.

The public body reiterated wildlife, health and property concerns. Smith advised that the decision is made by the Effingham Planning Board. He also advised that he does not represent the Board of Selectmen at the Planning Board meetings. The meeting will be held in the gym at the Ossipee Town Hall. Discussion ensued.

**Budget Review:**

Police Department- They are requesting \$1,275,000.00 for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Smith advised that these budgets have been previously discussed by the Board.

Selectmen's Office- 2020 adopted budget was \$804,225.00. They are requesting \$768,556.00 for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Conservation Commission- 2020 adopted budget was \$9,664.00. They are requesting \$12,164.00 for 2021. Board initially requests to level fund. Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission, advised that the increase is due to the Lake Host Program which is to keep Ossipee Lake clean and Milfoil free. They also provide brochures to boaters explaining Milfoil. After discussing and clarification, M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$12,164.00. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Planning Board- 2020 adopted budget was \$37,598.00. They are requesting \$39,698.00 for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Zoning Enforcement- 2020 adopted budget was \$18,949.00. They are requesting level funding for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Trustees of the Trust Funds- 2020 adopted budget was \$6,162.00. They are requesting level funding for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Dog Officer- Not acting on this week due to further questions.

Police Department Special Duty- 2020 adopted budget was \$25,000.00. They are requesting level funding for 2021. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session meeting held October 5, 2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 5, 2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 10/17/2020 with a pay date of 10/20/2020 in the amount of \$40,941.82. Accounts payable for the week of 10/16/2020 is \$220,935.66.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received a letter of resignation from Wayne Eldridge of the Water & Sewer Department. His last day will be November 2, 2020. Chairman M. Eldridge read the letter.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$29,502.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received Permission for Snowmobile Access from Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club to use Archers Pond Road for a 5 year approval. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received Permission for Snowmobile Access from Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club to use the trail from Ossipee Lake through Constitution Park for a 5 year approval. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Request for Administrative Abatement for Map 017, Lot 014, Sub PO1 for Andy and Alex Hall. The Selectmen requested that Mr. Hall be abated for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax liens for a total of \$838.71. The Assessing Clerk recommends to grant this request. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the GIS Internet Services Annual Maintenance Agreement from CAI Technologies. Simpson made a motion to sign this agreement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Ossipee Public Library stating that Library Trustee, Terry Wheeler has moved and the Library Trustees are requesting Carl Tyler, who is currently serving as an alternate, be appointed to finish Terry Wheeler's term that expires March 2021. Simpson made a motion to appoint Carl Tyler as a Library Trustee. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$100.18. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Ossipee Planning Board for the Angelini Pit. Meeting will be held at the Ossipee Town Hall on October 20, 2020 at 7PM.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case #18-1-GP. 2012 Foresight Realty Trust Holdings c/o Brad Leighton was granted a final approval for an Earth Excavation & Reclamation Permit for Map 239, Lot 001 to reopen the 75 Chickville Rd. gravel pit. Selectman Smith read the notice.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case #20-3-SUBD. Nancy & Edward Auletta was granted a final subdivision approval for Map 138, Lot 019. Selectman Smith read the notice.

The Board received a letter from the Ossipee Conservation Commission which expressed concerns about the impact on the Red Brook that flows from the Red Brook Swamp to the Pine River. They are also concerned about the noise and dust impact affecting the wildlife corridor that crosses Duncan Lake. They suggest reconsidering an alternate access at the end of Elm Street Extension.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax from the Assessing Department for Map 75, Lot 19 as this property no longer qualifies for current use because it does not meet the minimum acreage requirements due to abutting lot being transferred. Land Use Change Tax is \$5,590.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax from the Assessing Department for Map 75, Lot 18 as this property no longer qualifies for current use because it does not meet the minimum acreage requirements due to abutting lot being transferred. Land Use Change Tax is \$135.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax from the Assessing Department for Map 75, Lot 20 as this property no longer qualifies for current use because it does not meet the minimum acreage requirements due to abutting lot being transferred. Land Use Change Tax is \$3,310.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr., asked the Board about the voting location and if they are going to move it to the school or keep it at the Town Hall. Chairman M. Eldridge advised that they should speak with Kellie Skehan before a decision is made on that.

Matt Sawyer Jr. also advised that health insurance rates have increased approximately 6.24% for next year. He also has the final request in for the Cares Act money that the Town was allotted and due to changes with the Treasurer, the Town may be entitled to more money than expected. Some of that money would be used to update to Microsoft Office 365.

Matt Sawyer Jr., is also working on Job Description updates for the Town supervisors.

Options are being explored for Dental Insurance for Town Employees.

Non-Profits will be coming in next week. M. Eldridge advised that there will be a sign-up sheet in the gym.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Second Public Input:**

Gordon Pilotte asked if there was any way to force the Angelini Pit Access to go through Effingham. Selectman Smith advised that the Board can't force that and Selectman M. Eldridge advised that Duncan Lake Road is a class 5 road so the Town can't dictate who can and cannot use it. Discussion ensued.

**Non-Public Session:**

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 26, 2020.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further input, M. Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:51 PM.

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Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson

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Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 10/26/2020