

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 16, 2020

These minutes were recorded 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.

The Selectmen's Meeting reconvened from recess at 4:15 PM.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson, Jonathan Smith (absent)

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

Public Input:

Melinda Fitting of 17 Duncan Lake Road expressed concerns regarding the Angelini Pit. She is concerned about the traffic study evaluation as well as the weight and size of the trucks that will be using the road. Also, she has concerns about drainage and the width of the road as well.

Jim Eastman of 17 Duncan Lake Road also had concerns and advised that he doesn't understand the thought process of this project as it will have no financial benefit to the Town of Ossipee. He is worried this could affect tax assessments and become an economic burden.

Gordon Pilotte asked about trucks driving down Duncan Lake Road at 5:30AM and asked if that could be addressed. He also had concerns about increased accidents in that area as well. Discussion ensued.

Melinda Fitting advised the Board that the Planning Board suggested people with concerns should bring them to the Selectmen. M. Eldridge advised that the Board will take their concerns under advisement and get back to them.

Meeting Minutes:

Chairman M. Eldridge advised that the Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2020 will be approved at the next meeting.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 11/7/2020 with a pay date of 11/10/2020 in the amount of \$42,715.00. Accounts payable for the week of 11/6/2020 is \$122,566.01. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received the new Tax Rate which is broken down as follows:

1-Municipal \$5.98
2-County \$1.19
3-Local Education \$7.91
4-State Education \$1.97
Total \$17.05

Fire Precincts

5-Center Ossipee Fire \$1.62
6-Ossipee Corner Light \$2.16
7-West Ossipee Fire \$2.12
Total \$5.90

The Board received the Auditing Contract. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Chairman M. Eldridge read a letter to Water & Sewer patrons regarding a change to the billing cycle. Starting in February bills will be sent monthly instead of quarterly to help make it easier for patrons to pay their bill.

The Board received a letter from Carroll County Office of the Commissioners regarding 2 public hearings on the proposed budget before they send it to Delegation. The public can attend in person or on Zoom. Please go to the County website for more information. These notices are posted at the Town Hall.

The Board received a Contract for Use of Facilities for Ossipee Concerned Citizens/Roland Millette for their monthly board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:00AM-4:00PM at the Freight House. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$40.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Water & Sewer Budget worksheets. Total Sewer Budget is \$205,300.00. Total Water Budget is \$201,930.00. Both were approved in the Work Session.

The Board received a request for Clerical Abatement for property owner Darren Blundell for \$9,035.00. They have multiple lots totaling 12.5 acres which still qualifies for Current Use. The Assessing Clerk recommends to grant this request. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 19, Lot 94 for property owner Monja Von Maxcy. Logger is John Wadsworth. Taxes are paid. No cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement request for \$148.80 for property owners Bonnie and Guy Eldridge for new sod installed. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement request for \$3,257.17 for property owner John Lee. Meter was read incorrectly. Should have read 5,580 not 558,000. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for the month of October. Total collected was \$19,822.00.

The Board received a letter from Maria Moulton, Library Director, regarding the need for Library Trustees. She asked the Board to appoint Lisa Buerk for a 1 year term. Simpson made a motion to appoint Lisa Buerk. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Raffle Permit Application for the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association. Drawing will be held on November 19, 2020 at 11:00AM at NHPST Academy in Concord NH. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 126, Lot 18 for property owner Frank Varney. Logger is Frank Varney. Taxes are paid. No cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, advised that the Board has voted to close Government Buildings to the public effective November 18, 2020 due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in the area. Selectmen's Meetings will be accessible through Go -To- Meetings and the link will be on the Agenda. You can also find those meetings at Governmentoversite.com. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector is open by appointment only. People can still access information via the Town website at www.ossipee.org or they can call the Selectmen's Office at 539-4181 and most requests can be fulfilled via phone or email.

Ed Comeau asked the Board to address the executive orders on how we are going to do our electronic meetings for the Planning Board Meetings. Comeau also mentioned the County's Budget meeting. He encouraged all to attend or view via Zoom. Discussion ensued.

Gordon Pilotte asked what the current pit hours are. Sawyer Jr. advised that it is in the ordinance book online.

Ed Comeau asked about the impact study. Sawyer Jr. advised that they are waiting for Jim Rymes to drop it off. Discussion ensued.

M. Eldridge advised that the next Budget Committee Meeting is November 18, 2020 at 6:30PM at the Freight House.

Non-Public Session:

None

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

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith (Absent)

To be approved 11/23/2020