

## **Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 30, 2020**

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Rizzitano, Secretary. Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr. and T.J. Eldridge was in attendance. The meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall.

**Chairman Martha Eldridge opened the Selectmen's Meeting at 3:00 PM.**

**Call to Order/Roll Call: Martha Eldridge, Jonathan Smith, Susan Simpson**

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

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to go into a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for a personnel matter. Roll call vote. Simpson advised yes. Smith advised yes. M. Eldridge advised yes.

Chairman M. Eldridge opened the meeting back up from the Non-Public Session.

**Covid-19 Discussion- Government Buildings, Recreation Department and Land Use Board:**

Selectman Smith advised that in his opinion, if the public uses common sense by washing their hands, remaining socially distant and wearing a mask if they choose to do so, then the Government buildings should be open

Selectman Simpson advised that she thinks we should remain closed. Especially after the Thanksgiving travelers and out of state people coming through. At least for a period of time.

Smith commented that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is open by appointment and getting most of the Town business, so the rest of the building should be open as well. They have plexi-glass and some people use masks. Other people choose not to wear a mask and that is their choice.

Chairman M. Eldridge disagreed with Smith last week but this week agreed that the Town should be open to the public and leave it up to individuals if they are comfortable with coming in. She advised that her statement last week was for the safety of the public.

Selectmen Smith advised that public safety is always a priority. He also said it should be up to the individuals whether they want to come in or not and that a one size all approach is not working for this nation right now.

Smith made a motion to open public business within Town property. M. Eldridge Seconded. All those in favor were Smith and M. Eldridge. All those opposed was Simpson.

T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that the Transfer Station has received many complaints about people not wearing masks when going to the Transfer Station. Smith advised that if the people who are upset are watching, they can wear a mask and social distance as the dump provides enough space to social distance.

**Meeting Minutes:**

M. Eldridge advised that the Meeting Minutes can't be approved as there are corrections needed.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 11/28/2020 with a pay date of 12/1/2020 in the amount of \$60,019.90. Accounts Payable for the week ending 11/28/2020 is \$7,473.79. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge advised that the Board received a late check voucher total for \$465.37. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$139.14 with penalties after December 29, 2020. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge advised that the payroll sheets still include cemetery workers and she was surprised they are still working. Smith advised that this be discussed with Cemetery Trustee Roy Barron. T.J. Eldridge advised that the Highway Department has been assisting the cemetery workers with leaf clean-up. The Board will reach out to Barron and find out what is going on with this.

T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, discussed the chemical toilets on Rt. 16 and at Constitution Park. Smith and M. Eldridge agreed that the one on Rt. 16 should stay until the snow starts because it gets used quite frequently. The one at Constitution Park will be removed. Smith asked about the cost for one chemical toilet. T.J. Eldridge advised it is about \$90.00 a month.

Smith asked T.J. Eldridge about the Dog Park and if it was being taken care of. T.J. Eldridge advised that it is not really being taken care of properly but he did see a lot of people there the other day so maybe they were cleaning it up. He advised that he would find out from the Dog Park Committee and let the Board know.

Ed Comeau asked if the Board sealed the non-public minutes. M. Eldridge advised that it was done but not on camera. Ed suggested that it be done on camera. M. Eldridge made a motion to seal the non-public minutes under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for a personnel matter. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

T.J. Eldridge advised that a speed limit sign was stolen from Roland Park. He ordered a new one and it will cost about \$70.00.

The next Budget Meeting will be either December 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. Matt Sawyer Jr. will confirm and advise.

M. Sawyer Jr. advised that he had a Zoning letter regarding a complaint about a cease and desist order.

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to go into a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) for reputational risk of a non-board member, including tax matters. Smith seconded. Roll call vote. Simpson advised yes. Smith advised yes. M. Eldridge advised yes.

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**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Second Public Input:**

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 7, 2020.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 3:30 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 12/07/2020