

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, February 8, 2021

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 Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Chairman Martha Eldridge made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 4:15 PM. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Completed in the Work Session-Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson, Jonathan Smith

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

Public Input:

Dallas Emery asked the Board about multiple issues, including Ivermectin treatment for Covid, Mike Lindell, Election issues, Journalism Integrity, Covid vaccine certificates and mask use. Discussion ensued. Selectman Smith advised that the questions and concerns regarding those issues were above the duty of the Selectmen.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun, asked if any of the Board members who had Covid had any experience with the new treatment, Ivermectin. M. Eldridge and Smith both advised they have not.

Steer also asked if the Board would be willing to send a letter to the Governor or Congress regarding the questions and concerns that Dallas Emery brought up. Smith advised that he believes that is above the duty of the Board of Selectman. M. Eldridge advised that they have never been asked to do that.

Meeting Minutes:

Selectman M. Eldridge advised that the Board had a Non-Public session upstairs and they made a motion to seal the Non-Public Session held pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) for a personnel matter.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on January 25, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on February 1, 2021. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on February 1, 2021. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 2/6/2021 with a pay date of 2/9/2021 in the amount of \$44,272.88. Accounts Payable for the week ending 2/6/2021 is \$35,563.38. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a letter from the Carroll County Commissioners Office regarding the 2019 Financial Audit and Management Letter. M. Eldridge read the letter. It will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a memo from Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, regarding new hire contracts for the Police Department that would be a condition of employment. M. Eldridge read the letter.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement for 32 Route 16B for 94 cents. There should not have been a charge. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement for 70 Route 25 East for \$1,083.01. Pump Station does not get charged. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$44,752.56. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Matt Sawyer Jr. regarding the reappointment of Marie McConarty and Ralph Buchanan of the Conservation Commission. The initial letter of reappointment had a typo and the Board voted to accept the nominations but had to retract after the typo was found pending corrected letters. The matter was not resolved. This memo asks the Board to re-appoint Marie McConarty and Ralph Buchanan with terms ending in 2023. Simpson made a motion to appoint. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 16, 2021 at the Town Hall at 7 PM from the Planning Board regarding case #21-1-SPR. Applicant, Ken Hoyt, Owner, Joe Gildea of 88 Main St. Tax Map 092, Lot 100 is seeking a Site Plan Review to operate a NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting certificate course in the front section of the first floor.

Smith made a motion to approve the Work Session for January 25, 2021. He realized this had already been approved so he retracted his motion.

The Board received the 2021 Town Warrant with the dates as follows. March 9, 2021 at 10AM will be to act on the Warrant Articles. March 10 at 6:30PM will be the annual Town Meeting. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Daymond Steer, Conway Daily Sun, asked Selectman Smith if he has any news regarding the Angolini Pit. Smith advised that the Effingham Planning Board is still working on that.

Steer asked if Dallas Emery can raise a Warrant Article for the Town to write a letter to the Governor regarding some of the issues previously mentioned earlier in the meeting. Smith advised that it would be above the duties of the Selectmen. Discussion ensued.

Dallas Emery has some concerns regarding Town Meeting and Katy Meserve, Moderator. He asked if she will be making rules regarding masks for Town Meeting. Emery does not believe he should have to wear a mask at Town Meeting. M. Eldridge advised that he needs to maintain 6 foot social distancing. Smith advised that it will be the same rules as the Elections held in November. Discussion ensued.

Steer asked about the County Audit. Smith advised that is in preliminary discussion right now. Steer asked if there are any concerns for Ossipee. Smith advised no.

There is no Selectmen's Meeting next week due to the holiday.

Candidate's night will be March 1, 2021 at the Ossipee Town Hall.

Ed Comeau advised that there is legislation being presented in Concord in regards to the Governor's emergency powers. Discussion ensued.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 2/22/2021