

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, February 22, 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:

Pat Jones of the Ossipee Main Street Program discussed a project being worked on with the Economic Development Council. Melissa Ames and Lois Sweeney are also working on this project. The project consists of improving tourist signage on the outside of select buildings in Town. The signs will be 18x24 and will have pictures and information on the building as well as brochures. They need permission from the building owners. They are looking into some grants so there will be no cost to the Town. They just need the approval of the Board. Smith asked when the project would be complete. Jones advised they are hoping to be finished by Old Home Week. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve this project. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Dallas Emery had a few corrections for an article that was in the Conway Daily Sun. The medication he referred to was called Ivermectin and the Judges names were Novack and Caruso. He also discussed with the Board about his questions from the previous meeting and advised that he still has not received any answers to those concerns. Discussion ensued.

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 (b) for a hiring matter.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on February 8, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 2/20/2021 with a pay date of 2/23/2021 in the amount of \$46,411.34. Accounts Payable for the week ending 2/20/2021 is \$25,153.46. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 2/13/2021 with a pay date of 2/16/2021 in the amount of \$78,525.49. Accounts Payable for the week ending 2/16/2021 is \$1,013,606.88. Accounts Payable included a school payment of \$846,046.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Property Tax Elderly Exemption for 19 Starlight Trail. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Property Tax Veteran's Exemption for 9 Old Mill Road. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Property Tax Veteran's Exemption for 1 Blueberry Road. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$108.84. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement request for property at 220 Moultonville Road for \$572.50. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$1,875.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement request for Mike & Vicky Elder for \$272.98. The reason for the request is that they left the campground in 2018 so they do not owe taxes for 2019. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement request for Bruce & Reena Russell for \$281.00. The reason for the request is the camper was not on site as of April 1, 2020. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement request for Mike & Vicky Elder for \$221.00. The reason for the request is that they left the campground in 2018 so they do not owe taxes for 2020. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement request for Nicholas & Nicole Warren for \$286.00. The reason for the request is the deed was just received for this property. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement request for Nicholas & Nicole Warren for \$1,413.00. The reason for the request is the deed was just received for this property. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$5,239.54 for Ossipee Mountain Land Co. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$626.14 for Ossipee Mountain Land Co. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Current Use Application for 11 Connor Pond Road. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Current Use Application for Off Gilman Valley Road. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for 93 Knox Mountain Road for \$286.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for 52 Knox Mountain Road for \$1,413.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax for 8 Hawthorne Road. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Property Tax Exemption for Mountain Grainery/Hobbs. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case #21-1-V from the Zoning Board for a Variance for 1230 Route 16. They were denied this request.

Old Business:

The Board advised that there were no bids made regarding the Whittier Covered Bridge. T.J. Eldridge will reach out to Hoyle & Tanner to discuss.

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery discussed the voting situation in Windham and asked if Ossipee uses the same machines for voting. He expressed concerns with these machines and Smith advised that the machines are not hardwired to the internet. Smith also advised that all the votes have been certified. M. Eldridge advised that these machines have been used for a long time and all Ballots are hand counted first. Discussion ensued.

Dallas Emery asked Smith about HB493 and if he thinks this bill will pass with the State. The Bill is to make not wearing a mask a Class B felony. Smith does not believe it will pass. Discussion ensued.

T.J. Eldridge advised that the Town Hall Gym will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week to change the basketball hoops. Emery asked if the Town would be willing to sell the old hoops. Discussion ensued.

Town Meeting location has been changed to Ossipee Central School to accommodate social distancing.


Candidates night will be held on March 1, 2021.

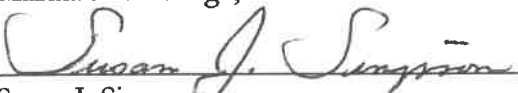
The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:52 PM.


Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman


Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 3/01/2021