

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 1, 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 why the School Budget is \$2,000 more than last year plus they have a \$60,000 Warrant Article for the football field, and they have not played any football on it due to Covid. Chairman M. Eldridge advised that the Warrant Article will be voted on next week at the Town Meeting. She also mentioned that the schools have spent extra money on changes that needed to be made due to the pandemic. Discussion ensued.

M. Eldridge announced Citizen of the Year, Ann Adjutant. She congratulated her on behalf of the Board. Adjutant has worked for OCC for 27 years and is a big part of our community. Adjutant was proud to accept this award.

Meeting Minutes:

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on February 22, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken

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Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 2/27/2021 with a pay date of 3/1/2021 in the amount of \$102,649.02. Accounts Payable for the week ending 2/27/2021 is \$21,622.10. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Check Voucher was submitted 3/1/2021 in the amount of \$12,821.11. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Department Head Reporting:

Police Department – Anthony Castaldo, Police Chief, advised that they had a busy month as they are still dealing with personnel issues. He has hired Patrol Officer, Kerry Blackwood who is out on her own and Sgt. Steve Kessler who starts March 2, 2021. Kessler has 25 years' experience in the field. There were 1,091 dispatched calls, 16 Arrests, 11 motor vehicle accidents, 31 welfare checks, and 38 citizen assists. They also had a computer upgrade with a more secure email system in place.

Highway Department – T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that they hauled 2000 tons of grit, pushed back banks, made water turnouts in problem areas, fixed some potholes, Scott has been busy maintaining vehicles and town equipment, and he built a roof over the air conditioner at the Police Department to prevent damage from falling snow. They are approaching about half of the salt budget. They washed trucks, cleaned up some trees, and helped with the installation of the new basketball hoops in the gym. He also advised that he will be posting a job opening for a truck driver in the newspaper.

Recreation Department – T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that court sports finished on February 18, 2021. Refit and pickleball are continuing to use the gym at the Town Hall. Youth basketball begins March 2, 2021 and 80 children are registered. Winter workouts for softball have begun for girls 8-12 years old. The Recreation Department and Old Home Week have started planning for the Easter egg hunt as well as summer programs and events. They are participating in an online gaming program that allows kids to play video games with other kids in the NH area. The basketball hoops were installed and inspected.

Water & Sewer Department – T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that they have been reading meters, working on snow removal, doing routine maintenance, working on the lagoons at Camp David, replacing freeze plates and worked on a water leak on Moultonville Road. The water test for nitrate met all requirements. They rebuilt the gate at Camp David. They had to shut off a hydrant at Route 16 near Pine River Road due to it being broken. Annual applications have been sent out to the septic haulers.

Selectmen's Office - Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer, Jr. advised that the basketball hoops are installed, and he thanked the Public Works Department for their help on getting those in. The Town Report is currently available, and the first copies have been distributed. He is sending a letter regarding the Whittier Covered Bridge to extend the window of time to complete the project to the DOT as we did not receive any bids for this project. Town Meeting preparation is happening every day. He is working with Town Officials on this and the meeting will be held in the Ossipee Central School this year. The audit is almost complete, and he will have the report in a few weeks. There will be a Blood Drive hosted by Chalmers Insurance and the Red Cross at the Town Hall in April. Details will be on the website.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, advised that she collected \$226,610.79 for taxes in February. She sent out reminders to those who have not paid their second half bill yet. She has seen a lot of payments via online. She advised that they now accept credit cards and that has been going well. Town Clerk has collected \$87,126.73 including auto registration. The test ballots are in and they will test on Wednesday. Due to these getting lost in transit they will be hand counting ballots. Candidates night is March 1, 2021. Voting is March 9, 2021. Town Meeting will be

held at the Ossipee Central School. Please use the back entrance. Smith asked how much outstanding taxes there are currently. She advised there is 1.2 million dollars outstanding.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received the Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for the month of January. The total amount collected was \$8,903.00.

The Board received a membership agreement from Primex for insurance. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 1 Terrace Pines Road for property owner Christine Csokmay (Map 104, Lot 014004, Sub 00Q). The request is in the amount of \$26.00. The reason for the abatement is that Ms. Csokmay is not on this campsite any longer. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 700 Route 16 for property owners Dale and Lisa Durant (Map 130 Lot 012, Sub 110). The request is in the amount of \$213.00. The reason for the abatement is that they left the campground in the fall of 2019. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 110 Nichols Rd. for property owners Mike Goulet (Map 029 Lot 001, Sub 220). The request is in the amount of \$87.00. The reason for the abatement is that the camper sold in June of 2020 and the Bill of Sale was just received. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 1 Terrace Pine Rd. for property owners David and Alicia Cuttle (Map 104 Lot 014001, Sub 005). The request is in the amount of \$191.00. The reason for the abatement is that they left the campground in the spring of 2020. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 110 Nichols Rd. for property owners Patrick and Mike Flaherty (Map 029 Lot 001, Sub 217). The request is in the amount of \$101.00. The reason for the abatement is that they left the campground in the fall of 2020. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$191.00 for Jennifer and Kip King. This property sold in April and Mr. & Mrs. King are the new owners. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$500.56. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement application for 7 Dore St, Map 092, Lot 012, in the amount of \$225.00. The Bill should have gone to Map 092, Lot 120. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$87.00. This property sold in June and has new owners. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$93.00. This property sold in June and has a new owner. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$101.00. This property sold in September and has a new owner. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery asked about where the property is located in regard to Article 7. Smith advised it is The Varney property on Route 28. Discussion ensued.

Dallas Emery asked if the Board decided on letting him have the old basketball hoops. He advised he would like them for Camp Waukeela. Smith made a motion to donate the old basketball hoops to Camp Waukeela. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 3/08/2021