

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, June 21, 2021

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Selectman Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

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

Chairman Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Joe Haas of Gilmanton discussed a letter to the DRA that was discussed with the previous Board. He mentioned Article 8 of the NH Constitution which states any citizen, taxpayer, or eligible voter can contest taxes. Haas asked if the school payment has been sent out yet. Smith advised that it has been sent. Haas discussed the last sentence of Article 8 regarding abatements for tax deeds. He mentioned a case in Newbury in which a Tax Official was shot because tax deeding was done and not corrected. Discussion ensued.

Mark Berry asked if the approval reached earlier in the day was for the Planning Board decision or if it was just an approval to allow the Planning Board to go forward with their decision. Smith advised that the Board of Selectmen approved the road study, the cost, and road maintenance. Discussion ensued.

Byron Martin commented that he appreciates the Board having this conversation and listening to the people regarding their concerns. He discussed concerns with truck trips on Duncan Lake Road and the cost estimates are based on 1 day of study. He asked if the Town could set a limit on trucks going down that road. Smith advised that the Town does not have the authority to set a limit on trucks going down that road and he also advised that every budget is just an estimate. Discussion ensued.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked if the Angelini project decision is now in the Planning Boards hands, and he mentioned that after looking over the study briefly it appears that the road was not going to work out. Smith advised that The Planning Board will make their decision at their meeting next week. T.J. Eldridge advised that the study showed that the road was in really good shape and the conditions they need to work on are site distance, dust, width, gravel, and vegetation, all of which was discussed when trying to figure out a cost analysis. Discussion ensued.

Nancy Pollard of Duncan Lake Road asked if the Board could discuss the other conditions that they decided on in the Work Session. Smith advised that they have reduced the speed on that road to 20 MPH, there will be increased patrols and speed enforcement signs, and there will be a Jake Break sign as well. Pollard asked about operating hours of the pit and how is that enforced. Smith advised that will be handled by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, who will also handle the complaints. Operating hours are 7AM-7PM.

Dallas Emery asked what the extra will be. Smith and M. Eldridge advised \$31,580.00. Emery asked if that is just to maintain the road. Smith advised that this included grading, dust control, roadside ditching, and roadside mowing. Emery is concerned about adding costs yearly. Discussion ensued.

The owner of Pine River Pit mentioned that he has added a stump grinder to his operation for recycling purposes which adds 15 trucks per day, and they also have a storm water protection plan in place which is required by the State of NH and it is costly. He also mentioned that the trucks for Angolini Pit drive 1 mile through Pine River Pit and he will be requiring all trucks have liability insurance and trucks will have to sign in and out as well. He is not happy that an Effingham pit has access through the Town of Ossipee.

Mark Berry asked about the complaint process if the trucks are driving in at 5AM. Smith advised that the Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Cousins, should be the one to make those complaints to and he will investigate accordingly. Berry advised that he has called the Police to complain before and questioned why they wouldn't call them going forward. He also asked if Cousins would be available at 5AM. Smith advised that this would be a Code Enforcement issue and Cousins will investigate once made aware of the problem, but he is not available at 5AM. Discussion ensued.

Margaret Martin advised that she has safety concerns for pedestrians and horses on Duncan Lake Road. She also had concerns about another Town benefiting from using this road and asked what could be done. Smith advised that the safety concerns were discussed upstairs and have been addressed. Discussion ensued.

Rob Andrea had visibility concerns and mentioned that the Town should not cut trees past the right of way. T.J. Eldridge advised that they will not be cutting past the right of way and that they will use a boom mower, along with doing ditching and gravel work. Discussion ensued.

B. Martin advised that the last time the Town did brush cutting, a tree got cut from his property and all he got was an apology. He also mentioned that he does not want a wash out on his property. Discussion ensued.

T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, mentioned that some trucks are stored out there and that may be some of the noise being heard early in the morning. Discussion ensued.

Steer asked if a copy of the Road Study could be made available to him. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that he'd email it to Steer.

Meeting Minutes:

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on June 14, 2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on June 7, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on June 14, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 6/19/2021 with a pay date of 6/22/2021 in the amount of \$87,115.45. Accounts Payable is \$1,158,261.43. This includes a school payment of \$983,875.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a letter from Cemetery Trustee, Karen Barron resigning from the position. Smith asked if there was anyone who would be willing to help with that position. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that Angela Eldridge offered to take on that role. Smith made a motion to appoint Angela Eldridge as a Cemetery Trustee. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$917.62. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$586.27. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$1,345.95. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$14.00 for Map 253, Lot 16. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 253, Lot 16 for \$14.00. This property sold before taxes went out so the Ahearn's should not have received the tax bill. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Excavate from Map 235, Lot 004. The taxes are paid. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$59.96. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot E18 for \$123.06. The assessing clerk recommends granting this abatement. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot E18 for \$122.72. The assessing clerk recommends granting this abatement. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 253, Lot 015 for \$10.00. The assessing clerk recommends granting this abatement. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$10.00 for Map 253, Lot 15. The property sold in May before taxes went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board has a Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs from the Town of Ossipee -Town Clerk's Office to the Ossipee Police Department. Smith read the warrant which states as follows. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 466:14 entitled "Warrant, Proceedings," you are hereby directed to proceed forthwith either to collect the fees due the Town of Ossipee, to be turned over to the Town Clerk, or seize an unlicensed dog for holding in an appropriate holding facility. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 466:16 entitled "Returns," you have until 7/5/2021 to return this warrant with a statement as to whether all the unlicensed dogs in Ossipee have been seized and held under the provisions of this chapter and whether complaints have been entered against all the persons who have failed to comply with the provisions. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for Tax Credit for a Veteran's Exemption for property at 9 Elm St. Ext. Smith made a motion to approve this request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an Excavation Tax Warrant for \$219.31. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an Excavation Tax Warrant for \$723.46. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an Excavation Tax Warrant for \$140.30. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the DRA asking if Form PA-28 will be used in 2022. Smith made a motion to not use Form PA-28 in 2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Today was the deadline for Tax Deeding. 120 notices went out and that is down to 26 parcels. Most people have come in and paid back taxes.

An Intent to Cut Wood or Timber was received for logger Cole Boggs but M. Eldridge advised that it will need to be signed after it has been determined if the taxes are paid and if cemeteries are on the property.

Matt Sawyer Jr. gave a Whittier Covered bridge update. He advised that Hoyle & Tanner recommended using CPM, who had the lowest bid so they have decided to go with them for this project but it will depend on if DOT can allocate more funds from the State and Federal Government. He will advise when he has more information. Discussion ensued.

Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the Federal Relief Funds have increased to \$458,959.00. He took a webinar regarding these funds. They are funds for general municipal operations, so the Town qualifies for it. He also discussed the MS434 Estimated DRA Approved Revenues forms, and the Treasury calculator tool determines that we did have a revenue loss in 2020, enough to qualify for the entire entitlement amount. He has the forms, the calculator, and the slides for review. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

None Presented

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery mentioned that he never got an answer regarding the conditions of the Federal Funds. Sawyer Jr. advised that he gave him all the information he had on the subject. Emery mentioned that he never heard from Joy Gagnon regarding the representatives at the Roundtable Meeting. He was advised that the next Roundtable Meeting is next Thursday at 6PM. Sawyer Jr. advised that those terms and conditions are up to interpretation. Smith advised that they can't give an answer that they don't have. Discussion ensued.

Haas invited the Board to attend an informational meeting with John Tobin regarding the Conval case. Discussion ensued. He also mentioned the deeding process and asked for those who are under a payment plan contract. He then advised he would get that information from the Tax Collector.

Steer asked if the Rescue Plan amount stated earlier was the full amount. Sawyer Jr. advised yes. He also asked if the Board voted to approve CPM to do the work on the Whittier Covered Bridge. Sawyer Jr. advised that the Board put him and T.J. Eldridge in charge of that, so he drafted a memo to the Board and they signed that in support. Steer mentioned that the bid was \$600,000.00 less than the funds to be received for the project. Smith advised that it was closer to \$700,000. Steer also mentioned that he was interested in attending a Roundtable meeting and asked where those are held. He was advised that those are held in a Government Building or via zoom. Smith advised that Government liaisons participate in those meetings. Discussion ensued.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, June 28, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 6/28/2021