

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, July 12, 2021

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, 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:

Lois Sweeney presented the Board with a letter regarding a Cemetery she would like the Town to take over. M. Eldridge advised that she spoke with the Cemetery Trustees, and they have received multiple stories regarding this so they will contact Lois Sweeney directly and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Couris asked the Board about removing a hydrant that is in front of his garage. He was previously denied a variance from the ZBA. Smith advised that the Zoning Board made him meet the setbacks. It was advised that it could be professionally relocated at the expense of the property owner. Building Inspector, Rick Cousins, advised that there needs to be a hardship of the land to get approved for a variance. Discussion ensued. Smith made a motion that the hydrant could be relocated at the expense of the owner. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Department Head Reporting:

Police Department, Anthony Castaldo, Chief of Police, advised that June was a busy month with 1800 calls to dispatch with 13 arrests. Motor vehicle work is looking good. The new Officers are doing great. He is still waiting on the 2 new police cruisers. Old Home Week and the July 4th festivities went well. He is considering doing some things a little different next year. He commented on the removal of 9 dogs and 1 cat from a property on Stoneview Road. The animals in question are evidence in a crime. He has tried to get the property owner to surrender the animals, but she is being reluctant. He was interviewed by WMUR regarding the issue. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Department, T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, presented his monthly report to the Board. He worked with Matt on some Whittier Covered Bridge concerns. He is still waiting on 1 bid for the hauling and dumping fees at the Transfer Station. He is working on a cost analysis for the Recycling Facility. He has coordinated with the Transfer Station in the installation process of the new scale. He helped the Recreation Director in getting things ready for the July 4th celebration. He has worked with Water & Sewer to submit mandatory testing reports and has worked with Matt on securing Town owned properties. He will work on getting quotes for a new floor in the lobby of the Town Hall and he is coordinating with Allstate regarding a start date for paving. He will have a list of roads to be paved or reclaimed on the website in the next few weeks. They will begin the stripping of some of the roads but he advised that the cost of paint has increased by 70 percent so some roads will only have the center line freshened up this year. He has worked on a detailed report for Duncan Lake Road to go in front of the Planning Board regarding the addition of the new pit at the end of the road.

Highway Department, T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised the department has begun grading roads and will continue as needed. They have been cleaning out drain inlets and outlets. He thanked the Highway Department for their help with performing the dirt work at the Transfer Station to keep the cost of that project down. They dealt with multiple beaver issues around the Town. They installed many new street signs around the Town. They are working on removing stumps from Hodgdon Shore Road. They replaced a radiator in Truck 8. The mechanic was able to complete the job for under \$1000.00. Multiple driveway permits were issued. He reported that there were minimal washouts over the last storm thanks to the efforts of Neil and the Highway crew for being proactive.

Recreation Department, T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, presented the Board with the Recreation Department Monthly report. 12U Softball finished the season and won the Lakes Region Softball Championship. The 12U Babe Ruth Softball team competed in 2 tournaments in June. Their season ended on June 25th. Spring soccer finished their season on June 17 with 41 participants. Granite State track & Field finished their season with 5 participants. They had summer staff training on June 14th-16th. Day Camp started on June 28th. They have a full summer planned with trips. The first week they went to the ocean, bowling, Maine Wildlife Park, Aquaboggan, and the movies. The program has been well received and at capacity each week. Adult softball is at the Y-Field with games on Wednesdays and Fridays. Adult open gym is being held on Thursday evening with 10-12 participants weekly. Old Home Week was a success. The Block party was well attended, Touch-A-Truck had a great turnout with 19 vehicles on display, the Ice Cream Social had a good turnout, and the Fireworks at Constitution Park were excellent. The 10 & 12U Softball Teams walked in the Parade with their banners and trophies. The Fall Program Guide will be out the first week in August.

Water & Sewer, T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, read the monthly report. The radiator for the generator at Pine River Pump Station needed repair. They did the labor and Sanford Radiator did the rebuild. Total cost was \$1,471.00, which saved \$3,357.00. They pumped approximately 130,000 gallons of liquid out of the lagoons. There was a leak in the basement of the Fire Department. The freeze plate on the water meter had broke and needed to be replaced. They have been working on sanding and repainting the fire hydrants. All groundwater and surface water samples from Camp David came back in acceptance to EPA protocol and have been submitted to DES. They checked stations and recorded daily flows and cleaned out the pump room at the sewer pumping station. They also read meters for the month of June.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rick Cousins, advised that there were 18 building permits, 12 electrical permits, 6 plumbing permits, 2 occupancy permits, 1 driveway permit, 1 demo permit, 1 temporary occupancy permit, and 1 camper permit for the month of June. He advised that he is working with Neil and T.J. on the driveway permits. He also advised that he is exploring the Avitar software to program inspections into it.

Meeting Minutes:

Selectman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on June 28, 2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on June 28, 2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 7/13/2021 in the amount of \$35,861.18. Accounts Payable is \$1,931,969.00 including a school payment of \$1.7 million. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement application for Map 90, Lot 017, for water used to water the lawn. This was denied in the Work-Session.

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement application for Map 90, Lot 017, for water used to fill a pool. This was denied in the Work-Session.

The Board received a Selectmen's Deed for property located at 163 Dorrs Corner Road, Map 227, Lot 017. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Selectmen's Deed for property located at 110 Nichols Road, Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot E35. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith advised that the 2 Selectmen's Deeds received were for buy back properties.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$1,594.00 for Map 073, Lot 006. This property sold before taxes went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Abatement for Map 248, Lot 033 for \$122.94. The assessing clerk recommends granting this request. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 122, Lot 010, Sublot 58 for \$74.00. The camper was registered as of April 1, 2021. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 073, Lot 006 for \$1,594.00. This property sold prior to the tax bill going out, so the new owner should receive the bill. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for the month of June. Total received was \$15,879.60. This will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission requesting the Selectmen's approval in appointing Angela Eldridge to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term. Simpson made a motion to appoint Angela Eldridge to the Conservation Commission. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$38,879.22. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for Voluntary Change of Address based on a request from 911. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot B17 for 2015-2018. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 130, Lot 012, Sublot 067 for 2015-2019. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 023, Lot 007, Sublot N09 for 2018-2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a Clerical Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot A03 for 2019-2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 130, Lot 012, Sublot 114 for 2018. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot C32 for 2013 & 2014, 2016-2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 023, Lot 007, Sublot 121 for 2018-2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Administrative Abatement for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot 275 for 2018-2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None Presented

New Business:

None Presented

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery advised that he has been asking about the Government money for over a month and has finally received an answer. He advised that there seems to be Zoning restrictions and regulations and he also discussed the housing act. He mentioned that if this money is received, the Government can take over the Zoning in the Town. Emery does not think we should accept this money. Smith advised that he understands the point Emery is trying to make and advised that he will make a phone call for further clarification. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing for this matter will be held on July 26, 2021, immediately following the Selectmen's Meeting.

There will be no meeting next week. We will have Bi-Weekly meetings for the summer.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 7/26/2021