

## **Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 18, 2021**

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, and T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Gymnasium at Town Hall.

**Chairman Jonathan Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.**

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

Selectman Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input:**  
None Presented

### **Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 10/15/2021 in the amount of \$42,195.84. Accounts Payable is \$651,396.70. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$917.70. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$210.77. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on 9/27/2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 9/27/2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement request for \$40.00 for Map 086, Lot 008. The reason for the request is the property owner did not receive this invoice. They paid the water turn on charge and all previous invoices were paid in full. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement request for \$558.94 for Map 092, Lot 077. The reason for the request is that the usage should have only been 3,749 not 37,488 that was charged. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a clerical abatement for 110 Nichols Road for \$245.00. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 034. The bill of sale was just received from January, so the new owner needs to be taxed. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Yield Tax Levy Warrant for \$181.35 for Map 115, Lot 004. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a member re-appointment letter from the ZBA. They request the Board to accept and confirm Doreen French as an alternate to the ZBA. Simpson made a motion to appoint French as an alternate to the ZBA. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$245.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 034 as this property was sold before taxes went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case # 21-07-V. Larry Klingler was denied a request for a variance to allow the fence built by the power company to remain at its current height of 8 feet for non-payment of the application fees. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for case # 21-06-V. Payde Stockman withdrew his request for a variance because the ZBA deemed the application unnecessary since the intended use is a permitted use in the Village District. The applicant will need to submit a site plan review to the Planning Board. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax request for Map 263, Lot 015. This property no longer meets the minimum 10 acres required to be assessed under current use. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax request for Map 239, Lot 011. This property no longer meets the minimum 10 acres required to be assessed under current use. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Chairman Smith read a letter from Department of Environmental Services to Senator Bradley and Representative Marsh regarding the Friends of White Pond's request for a hydrogeologic study of the Ossipee Aquifer. The letter states that the project is not likely to result in significant impacts, so a study is not warranted.

The Board received a letter from the Carroll County Broadband Committee regarding Broadband infrastructure. They are asking for 2 representatives from the Town of Ossipee for the Communications District Planning Committee working toward affordable, high-speed broadband. Smith made a motion to approve Matt Sawyer Jr. and Matt Trahan to be our representatives. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith advised that the Cemetery Trustees voted to hire Chris Downing as the new Cemetery Groundskeeper. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith advised that the school payment this week was \$590,859.00.

T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that there is a local business owner in town that is interested in dumping organic material at Camp David and he is asking for a discount. Discussion ensued. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board advised that the next budget meeting will be held at the Freight House on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:30PM.

Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, discussed the Lois Sweeney family cemetery. Sweeney asked the Town to consider taking it over. It was advised that the Town explored the legalities, and it is believed that it would be a financial burden to the taxpayers and provide no benefit. Also, this would need to go on a Warrant at Town Meeting. K. Eldridge, Cemetery Trustee, advised that this is a small cemetery and there is a deeded right of way to this cemetery, but she doesn't believe anyone would want to be placed out there as it is in the woods. She advised that the Cemetery Trustees agree to offer once a year Spring maintenance but have denied the request to take it over and make it a Town cemetery. Smith asked if they needed to make a motion. Angela Eldridge, Cemetery Trustee, advised that they are just looking for the Board's support. The Board supported this decision.

**Old Business:**

None presented

**New Business:**

None Presented

**Second Public Input:**

Dallas Emery advised that he read the article about Smith in the newspaper, and he wanted to let Smith know that he supports him.

T.J. Eldridge advised that there will be construction on some roads in Town, including Leavitt Road, Chapel Road, and Valley Road. Smith asked about when the transfer station is getting paved. T.J. advised that it will be paved this year. Discussion ensued.

Krystal Eldridge of the Conservation Commission asked about the water testing budget line and questioned the milfoil budget as well. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the lines have been remapped, but the Conservation Commission can request what they want and edit those lines as they see fit. Discussion ensued. K. Eldridge asked for confirmation that the Lake Host Program will be an outside agency this year. Sawyer Jr. advised yes.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, October 25, 2021.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:32 PM.

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Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson

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Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 10/25/2021