

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 25, 2021

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, and Neil Eldridge, Highway Foreman, 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 10/23/2021 in the amount of \$31,976.86. Accounts Payable is \$56,581.56. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$414.64.

Meeting Minutes:

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on 10/18/2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/18/2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding an improvement project at Route 16, Route 171, and Granite Road. The proposed work includes widening the pavement along Route 16 to allow for exclusive left turn lanes. Chairman Smith read the letter. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, drafted a letter to Chris Templeton regarding an inquiry about Chickville Cemetery. Mr. Templeton sent a letter to the Town with concerns for damaged head stones and vandalism as well as questions on having a tomb put in at Chickville Cemetery. In response to Mr. Templeton, Sawyer Jr., advised that he conferred with the Cemetery Trustees, and they advised that no stones show being vandalized but they are old, and some are in disrepair. They also advise that Lord Funeral Home provides the ability to store deceased loved ones. Smith read the letter from Matt Sawyer Jr. to Mr. Templeton in its entirety. The Board approved this letter is ok to be sent.

The Board received a letter from Edwina Boose of the Friends of Constitution Park regarding clean up and grooming of the trails. In her letter she thanked the 18 volunteers, Tim Otterbach, and Justin Chaffee for their efforts. She advised that there is more work to be done and they will be having a meet and greet at Hobbs Tavern on November 15, 2021, at 6:30PM. The Board thanked Edwina Boose, Justin Chaffee, Tim Otterbach, White Horse, and all of the volunteers for their efforts.

Old Business:

None presented

New Business:

Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the revised revenues were received and that it is just under \$3 million dollars. The school payments continue to increase. Smith advised that taxpayers go to the school board budget meetings and take part in where the money is being spent. Discussion ensued.

Smith advised that the Budget Committee Meeting is at 6:30PM on October 27, 2021, at the Freight House.

Dallas Emery asked when the next school board meeting is. Smith advised that it has not been posted yet. Emery also asked if the BOS has heard about the million-dollar short fall at the county. Smith advised yes and discussion ensued.

Second Public Input:

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

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:27 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 11/08/2021