

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 15, 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 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 were present.

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 11/13/2021 with a pay date of 11/16/2021 in the amount of \$31,475.32. Accounts Payable for the week ending 11/13/2021 with a pay date of 11/16/2021 is \$140,785.42.

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on 11/08/2021. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 11/08/2021. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received the Recycling Daily Cash Log for October 2021. The total collected was \$19,206.00.

The Board received a change of address application to request a change from 155 Chickville Road to 42 Nelson Path per E-911. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter regarding a late payment of property taxes for 701 Route 16. The letter states that the property was recently inherited and asked if the Town would forgive the late charges of \$68.73 as the retitling of the property is still not complete. Smith made a motion to forgive the late charges. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith advised that the town financial audit has been completed and the tax rate has been set.

Smith advised that the unassigned funds balance is currently at 11% retained, which has met their goal. Discussion ensued.

Smith spoke about the budget policy and advised that the Selectmen offer input and insight to the Budget Committee but explained that the Budget Committee has the final say in what amount is presented at Town Meeting. He discussed cost savings by having a part-time worker in the tax office, revamping the Recycling Center, and restructuring the Police Department as well. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

None presented

New Business:

None presented

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery mentioned that at Town Meeting, people tend to go with the Board of Selectmen's suggestions, so he believes the Board has more weight over the Budget Committee. He mentioned that he was glad that Smith explained the process. Discussion ensued.

Smith advised that the Board would decide later in the week if there will be a Selectmen's Meeting on November 22, 2021 or if they will wait until November 29, 2021.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on either Monday, November 22, 2021 or November 29, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 11/22/2021 or 11/29/2021