

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, January 10, 2022

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, 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.

Announcement:

Selectman Smith presented Police Chief Castaldo with a plaque honoring Ossipee Canine Officer Zeus. Zeus served from 2012-2021. He was thanked for his service and dedication to the Town of Ossipee.

Public Input:

Frank Burke asked the Board if they can have a Selectmen's Meeting every week. Smith advised that the Board's job is 7 days a week and that they may not have a meeting every week, but they review and sign documents. He advised that the meetings are only a fraction of what the Board does. This will be discussed further as a Board. Smith advised that there will not be a meeting next week due to the upcoming Holiday.

Chris Elliot of Broad Bay Road thanked the Board for their time and effort they put in for the Town. Elliot asked if the discussion regarding the recycling of plastic and paper was ever held in a public forum. Smith advised that it was discussed at multiple meetings. Elliot asked how residents would know this was being discussed at those meetings. Smith advised that it was on the meeting's agenda. Elliot replied that he believes that it is better to be proactive than reactive and if it were discussed in a public forum, people would have been more informed. He gave credit to the tax letter that went out this year and he also mentioned that it would have been a good time to mention the recycling facility changes in that letter as well. He thinks that it would have been a good idea to see the new hours in big letters at the transfer station instead of the small sign they had over there which you couldn't see that well. He thinks a bigger communication piece would have been more helpful. T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that flyers were handed out at the Transfer Station. Elliot advised that he did not receive one. Discussion ensued. He also thanked the Town for plowing Constitution Park.

Announcement 2:

Chairman Smith announced the 2021 Citizens of year are Krystal and Angela Eldridge. He explained that it was a unique year as there are 2 recipients. Citizen of the year is based on the value of their volunteer history on behalf of the community. Smith read the notice and thanked them on behalf of the Board.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 1/8/2022 with a pay date of 1/10/2022 in the amount of \$35,133.76. Accounts Payable for the week ending 1/8/2022 with a pay date of 1/10/2022 is \$209,885.37. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$8,494.91. 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 12/20/2021. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Water & Sewer warrant was presented for signatures for \$14,593.80 with penalties after February 14, 2022, for all sums not paid on or before this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer warrant was presented for signatures for \$32,094.09 with penalties after February 10, 2022, for all sums not paid on or before this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$206.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 022. This property sold before the tax bills went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$317.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 413. This property sold before the tax bills went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$414.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 348. This property sold before the tax bills went out. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for 455 Route 16, Map 266, Lot 012. Case # 21-07-SPR received final site plan review approval to add one additional apartment unit within an existing structure. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Yield Tax Warrant for \$1,012.76 for Map 227, Lot 030. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a notice of Intent to cut wood or timber. Name of access road is Foggs Ridge Road. Map 275, Lot 009. Taxes are paid and there is a cemetery. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for abatement for \$110.48. This was due to interest being incorrectly charged. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received 6 Administrative Abatements that were reviewed and signed. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received 8 Clerical Abatements for campers that were reviewed and signed. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Petition and Pole License from Public Service of New Hampshire, dba Eversource Energy. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Corporate Resolution notice and authorized Matt Sawyer Jr, Town Administrator, to apply and facilitate for 2022 Milfoil grants from the State of NH. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Division of Forests and Lands fire report and bill for \$1,625.00. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None presented

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery advised that he had a State Rep. question for Smith. He discussed the bill on hand counting and the probability of it being tabled and asked if it was worth going to Concord to try to fight it from being tabled. Smith advised that hand counting is unrealistic, but it is always worth showing up for Government issues. Discussion ensued.

There will be no meeting on 1-17-2021.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, January 24, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 1/24/2022