

## **Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 7, 2022**

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

**Chairman Smith started the meeting at 4:15 PM.**

Chairman Jonathan Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Dedication:**

Chairman Smith began by announcing the Dedication of the Town Report. This year's dedication goes to Richard A. Knapp. Smith read the dedication for Mr. Knapp, who was a lifelong Ossipee resident. Smith said that on behalf of the Board and the Town of Ossipee, he would like to thank the family of Mr. Knapp for being here for this dedication.

### **Public Input:**

Dallas Emery mentioned that it has been 3 weeks since the last Selectmen's Meeting. Emery asked about the letter that was sent to the BTLA and mentioned that he had an issue with the end of that letter. He believes Chairman Smith should have accountability as well as the other selectmen. He also believes that the Assessor gave wrong information. Smith replied that there was a holiday on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, there were a few people on vacation and Smith was unable to attend on the 28<sup>th</sup>, so there was no meeting. Smith said that regarding the BTLA letter that was sent, he does not take accountability for that as he voted against the exemption. He advised that the professional assessor hired by the Town of Ossipee is hired to give advice on assessments and has advised prior Boards to not grant an exemption to the properties in question. He discussed the vagueness of the good cause abatement and mentioned that the option of doing an abatement was recommended by the assessor. Discussion ensued.

Brian Keyes thanked the Board for their leadership and public service. He also thanked the Board for the dedication of Mr. Knapp.

### **Department Head Reporting:**

Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, advised that the Tax Collector received \$182,895.12 with \$48,365.87 received via the Tax Kiosk. Pending lien letters will go out on March 31, 2022. She advised that if you don't want additional fees for liens being placed then you will need to pay by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Liens will be placed on April 26<sup>th</sup>. At the beginning of the year there was 84 properties up for deeding. That number has decreased to 77 and Skehan advised that about 90 percent of these taxpayers will come in between now and the deed date. The current outstanding balance is \$1,055,511.12. Skehan advised that the Town Clerk has received \$95,830.16 for automobiles, boat registrations, dog licenses, dump stickers, and miscellaneous items. She mentioned that the Town Elections will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the polls will be open from 10am-7pm. There will be one traffic in and out of the Town Hall. To register to vote, you can visit the Supervisors of the Checklist. You will be given a pen and a ballot cover upon arrival. Town Meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6pm.

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

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 3/5/2022 with a pay date of 3/7/2022 in the amount of \$70,037.84. The General Fund is \$140,308.90. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$956.93. The Whittier Covered Bridge payment was \$18,235.17. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 2/14/2022. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session and Non-Public Session held on 2/14/2022. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$4,542.00 with penalties after April 11, 2022, on all sums not paid on or before this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$322.29 with penalties after April 11, 2022, on all sums not paid on or before this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$525.00 with penalties after April 11, 2022, on all sums not paid on or before this date. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Tax Map 040, Lot 004 for \$359.00. This property sold in July. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 266, Lot 007. The taxes have been paid and there are no cemeteries on the property. 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 for Map 244, Lot 002. The taxes have been paid and there is a cemetery on the property. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Tax Yield Warrant for Map 063, Lot 011 for \$475.90. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Tax Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 347 for \$8.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Tax Yield Warrant for Map 275, Lot 009 for \$580.55. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Tax Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 082 for \$621.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Tax Map 101, Lot 014003, Sub lot 034 for \$82.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for a 7 Clerical Abatements. They are as follows. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 660 for \$20.00. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 121 for \$191.00. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 082 for \$621.00. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 347 for \$8.00. Map 104, Lot 14003, Sub lot 034 for \$82.00. Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 647 for \$207.00. Map 040, Lot 004 for \$359.00. Smith made a motion to approve all 7 clerical abatements. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement for Map 086, Lot 008 for \$24.50 for 2022W01. The reason for the request is that the water was shut off. Smith made a motion to deny this request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer abatement for Map 086, Lot 008 for \$24.50 for 2022W02. The reason for the request is that the water was shut off. Smith made a motion to deny this request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for case #22-02-SPR. Danversport Realty Ossipee, LLC c/o Jim Rines-Horizon Engineering, LLC of 1018 Route 16. Tax Map 118, Lot 004 was granted a site plan review approval to use the property for boat sales, display, and boat storage per plans dated 2/17/2022. A waiver request from the site plan review regulations was approved allowing submission of a SPR without a storm water analysis. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for case #22-01-SPR. Mandie & Christopher "Ian" Hagan c/o Rowell's Services, LLC & 2400 Route 16, LLC for Valley Point, LLC- Agent is conditionally approved for a Site Plan Review to expand their business of Rowell's Services LLC of Electrical, Plumbing, Plumbing/Heating, and Septic service to the Mount Washington Valley area with conditions of a Fire Chief's letter of inspection, lighting added to the plans, parking added to the plans, and all local, state and federal regulations be followed. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for case #22-01-EERP. Frederick Heckel, Barbara Buesser Gravel Pit c/o Ron Evans of Evans Brothers for 22 Route 28. Tax Map 251, Lot 005 and Tax Map 124, Lot 025 is granted Renewal of the Earth Excavation and Reclamation Permit. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Chairman Smith discussed forming an Ossipee Zoning Commission Committee as an advisory board only consisting of 1 Selectman, the Building Inspector, 2 Planning Board members, 1 Zoning Board member, 1 Conservation Commission member, and 1 Economic Development Counsel member to streamline, modernize and simplify the zoning ordinance. They would meet once a month or more if needed until June. Then they would present proposed changes to the Planning Board before it goes to the voters at Town Meeting. Minutes will be taken, and it will be open to the public. Smith made a

motion to form this committee and appoint the members. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, advised that the winning bid and the backup bid for the property auctioned off at 46 Stoneview Road does not want to go forward with the sale of the property. The Town Attorney advised that a sealed bid be done for this property. Sawyer Jr. will work on it. Smith made a motion to give Sawyer Jr. authority to facilitate this process. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

T.J. Eldridge advised that as of March 8, 2022, the roads will be posted for the Spring. It will be posted on Facebook and on the website.

Town Election will be held March 8, 2022. Town Meeting will be held March 9, 2022.

**Second Public Input:**

Chris Elliot asked what the difference is between roadside commercial and commercial. Smith said the article to be voted on was for 1 particular property. Dallas Emery advised that roadside commercial requires a traffic count, but he also mentioned that this cannot be allowed as it should be considered spot zoning. Elliot also asked about boat wakes and milfoil and if the Town can regulate this. Smith advised that they could give input but cannot regulate. Discussion ensued.

Ed Comeau asked about the BTLA asking why the Board doesn't have to pay back the taxes for Masonic Temple and Agape. Sawyer Jr. advised that our legal team sent BTLA a rebuttal and they have rescinded the request for now. Discussion ensued.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:50 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 3/14/2022