

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022

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.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Completed in the Work Session.

Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

None Presented

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion at the previous meeting to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 9/16/2022 and it should have been the minutes for the meeting on 9/26/2022. M. Eldridge made a motion to correct this. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes on 10/03/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes on 10/03/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes on 9/26/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 10/15/2022 with a pay date of 10/18/22 in the amount of \$44,320.16. The General Fund is \$26,330.66. Water accounts payable was \$5,008.57 and Sewer was \$87.26. Whittier Bridge accounts payable was \$24,137.32. The total was \$99,883.97. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Selectmen's Deed for 48 Stoneview Road. 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 201, Lot 003, Map 204, Lot 003 and 004, Map 207, Lot 007 and 008. Name of access road is Gilman Valley Road. Acreage of lot is 302.9. Acreage of cut is +/- 150 acres. Taxes are paid. There are no cemeteries. 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 233, Lot 002. Name of access road is Route 16. Acreage of lot is 281.6. Acreage of cut is +/-80 acres. Taxes are paid. There are no cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$24.50. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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The Board received the MS-1 to be signed, which is the year end inventory evaluation. The total valuation is \$795,837,000. Center Ossipee Fire is \$365,000,000. Ossipee Corner Light & Power Precinct is \$234,000,000. West Ossipee is \$196,000,000. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for a website link for Mountainside Mental Health, PLLC for Psychiatric evaluations for adults 18 and older. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for case #22-05-SUBD Steve Wuori, Headmaster of Cornerstone Christian Academy. Tax Map 268, Lot 008 was granted a Final Approval for Condominium Conversion Plan under Subdivision Regulations to convert the current arrangement to establish the existing private school property, the apartment building and surrounding land into two separate condominium entities with all Federal, State and Local Regulations to be followed. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr. It was in regard to a phone call he received from Norway Plains Survey. The woman told Matt that she has been there to drop off paperwork multiple times for the Planning Board and advised that her experience was always pleasant, she found Angie to be extremely helpful, and she hopes the Town values her.

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding the Conway Branch recreational rail trail request. They received multiple inquiries to utilize the corridor, so they have decided to solicit interest via an RFP. They plan to release the RFP in 2023. So, a walking trail cannot be authorized until the RFP is complete. Smith advised that there is nothing positive in the short term for the rail trail as of right now.

The Board received a letter from the Tax Assessor regarding an audit from the BTLA on some property tax exemptions. Smith advised that a few of those exemptions have been denied for administrative reasons but can be fixed with an abatement. The audit is going to the BTLA.

Smith made a motion to deny the exemption for Moultonville United Methodist Church. Tax Map 091, Lot 042. It was a Cemetery lot. This is because they have not filed since 2000. An abatement will fix this. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith made a motion to deny the exemption for Moultonville United Methodist Church. Tax Map 091, Lot 039. This is because they have not filed since 2000. An abatement will fix this. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the Budget sheets. They go to the Budget Committee on Wednesday. Smith advised that there was an increase of 8%. He also advised that while reviewing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget, they noticed that something was in there twice. Smith made a motion to submit the corrected budget of \$388,775 to the Budget Committee. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith advised that they need to do a revaluation next year so they will need to appropriate the funds for that.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Lynne Parker representing the Moultonville United Methodist Church advised they have started working on getting the signatures. Smith advised that an abatement can be filed once all the paperwork is received.

Dallas Emery asked if there is a tax on cemetery sites. Smith advised yes and something needs to be filed with the Secretary of State. Emery asked if the assessor is doing this with the church for the rectory building. Smith advised yes and he read the assessors notes. He also asked if the church will also be taxed. Emery said that he has his work cut out for him. Smith advised that it is part of a court order. Discussion ensued.

The next meeting will be on October 24, 2022.

Smith advised that the next Budget Meeting is Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:30PM at the Freight House.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:33 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 10/24/2022