

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 31, 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 was absent.

M. Eldridge reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

M. Eldridge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery asked if there was any report from the Schools Out Committee as the Board of Selectmen appointed a representative and they are skipping the Budget Committee and going right to the townspeople at Town Meeting. Emery asked if the Board knows what Schools Out is asking for this year. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that Justin Chaffee, the Recreation Director, is the Selectmen's Representative and also mentioned that he has not seen a Warrant Article for them yet. T.J. advised that he would find out and get back to Dallas on this. Discussion ensued.

Dave Babson mentioned that he was in to see the Board a few months ago and complained about his neighbors' chickens being on his property and is asking if someone can do something about them as they are in the road, and it is dangerous. He also complained about barking dogs from his neighbors' house as well. Babson also questioned the ordinance regarding how long someone can live in a camper on their property. He mentioned that M. Eldridge thought the law was changed to 60 days and he does not remember voting on that at Town Meeting, but he believes it is 30 days. M. Eldridge advised that she would check on that. Sawyer Jr. advised that he believes it is 30 days, but exceptions can be made if you are building a house and can get rid of your wastewater correctly. He mentioned that the Zoning Revision Committee is dealing with ordinance issues and will be presenting a new proposed ordinance. Babson was asked if he spoke with the dog officer, and it was mentioned that he had a discussion with the Police Chief about the chickens as well. Discussion ensued on whether chickens are considered livestock. M. Eldridge mentioned that she believes this may be a civil matter. Emery asked for clarification on how many animals are allowed per acre. Sawyer Jr. doesn't know off hand. Babson doesn't believe chickens are considered livestock. Matt Sawyer Jr. also mentioned that dispatch can have the dog officer paged if that is needed. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 10/17/2022 that was not previously approved due to corrections being needed but had not been completed because of an illness. Simpson seconded.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 10/24/2022. Simpson seconded.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes for 10/24/2022. Simpson seconded.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 10/26/2022 with a pay date of 11/1/22 in the amount of \$44,256.54. The General Fund is \$18,370.30. Water accounts payable was \$80.75 and Sewer was \$80.75. The total was \$62,788.34. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Cemetery Deed for Michael and Joanne Chilson of 13 Barrington Circle. Lot 73, Plots A & B in the South section. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 018, Lot 007. It is a supplemental intent. Acreage of lot is 9. Acreage of cut is 3. The access road is Route 16. There are no cemeteries, and the taxes are paid. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. Babson asked who the property owner is. Simpson advised that Henry Gelinis is the owner.

The Board received a notice for the Carroll County Taxes in the amount of \$890,334.00 that is due on December 14, 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Babson asked about the Cemetery Deed. M. Eldridge advised that the Town owns the Cemetery, and the person bought a lot. Babson asked if that is a one-time fee. Simpson advised yes.

T.J. Eldridge advised that people are allowed to stay in a camper for 30 consecutive days and that Zoning on that is trying to get changed.

Sawyer Jr. advised that chickens do not count as livestock. Babson advised that it is a State Road and doesn't understand why its his responsibility when the Town has animal control and police. M. Eldridge asked Babson if he contacted the dog officer. He advised he spoke to the Chief and the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued.

T.J. Eldridge advised that he spoke with NHDES regarding the Dams. Big Dale Hole Dam passed. Mill Pond needs work done to it. Discussion ensued.

T.J. Eldridge advised that they will be testing the emergency action plan. Emery asked if that involves anything with the rest of the Town. T.J. advised that it would start with dispatch and the contact people on the list. Discussion ensued. Emery asked how the rest of the Town is notified and T.J. advised that not many people would be affected. Discussion ensued.

The next meeting will be on November 07, 2022.

M. Eldridge advised that the next Budget Meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 2022, and November 3, 2022, at 6:30PM at the Freight House.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, M. Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded.

Adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman (absent)

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 11/7/2022