

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, December 12, 2022

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

Dallas Emery mentioned the discussion from the Budget Committee meeting regarding the revaluation and how he believes it will make the taxes increase. He wanted to clarify what he meant at that meeting. He believes that if someone lives next to a property and that property value has increased then their taxes will go up and so will the surrounding properties. M. Sawyer Jr. went over the process for taxation. Smith mentioned that properties on the lake will have a bigger tax burden. It depends on where you fall on the assessment spectrum. Discussion ensued.

Franke Burke asked why there where no meeting for over a month. Smith advised that they have had meeting, but it was done in the work session rather than in the meeting downstairs, which was open to the public. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

Simpson made a motion to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for 11/28/2022. Smith seconded. M. Eldridge abstained.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 12/10/2022 with a pay date of 12/13/22 in the amount of \$41,434.50. The General Fund is \$35,816.81. The Fire Precincts are \$173,739.60. The school payment is \$406,572.00. Water accounts payable was \$150.42 and Sewer was \$692.42. The total was \$658,405.75. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Sewer Warrant for \$12,252.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Request for Abatement for Tax Map 236, Lot 005 and the request is because the property is inhabitable and has been razed in the summer of 2022, which revised the assessment.

The assessing clerk recommends granting this abatement for \$409.06. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Request for a Clerical Abatement for Tax Map 130, Lot 012, Sublot 016 and the request is because the campsite had a registered camper and no decks for 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Map 097, Lot 031. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Map 090, Lot 034. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board drafted a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to expend the following per the Warrant Articles. A check for \$170,000.00 was issued to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for this purpose. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Warrant Article 11-Add \$20,000 to the Government Building Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article 14-Add \$35,000 to the Highway Equipment Fund.

Warrant Article 16-Add \$25,000 to the Invasive Species Fund.

Warrant Article 17-Add \$20,000 to the Bridge Replacement/Repair Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article 19-Add \$35,000 to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article 22-Add \$20,000 to the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article 23-Add \$15,000 to the Revaluation Fund.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for case # 22-08-SPR for Map 091, Lot 037. The owner has been granted a SPR approval with a subsequent condition that his equipment remain portable and if his business expands or becomes stationary that he obtains a commercial space. This will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery talked about the tweets regarding the elections and that he believes Dr. Fauci is a fraud. Smith advised that there is not much we can do. Discussion ensued.

The Town Offices will close at 12PM on December 23rd and be close December 26th for the Christmas holiday. The Transfer Station will be closed on December 23rd from 11:30AM-1:30PM.

There will be no meeting on December 26th and January 2nd due to the holidays.

The next meeting will be on December 19, 2022.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 12/19/2022