

## **Selectmen's Meeting Monday, January 09, 2023**

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:**

Chris Elliot of Broad Bay Road asked about the status of the Chief of Police position. He was advised that the Board is using MRI to conduct the application process and they have 14 applications so far. C. Elliot asked if there could be any public input on candidates. Smith advised that the public can share information if they know of someone who is interested. They can email Smith or Sawyer Jr. P. Pustell asked who the acting Chief is. Smith advised Officer Ripley. C. Elliot asked how long the process of hiring could take. Smith advised that it could be weeks. Frank Burke mentioned the new residency policy that the Officers need to live within 15 miles of the town. Smith advised that this is a new policy that was just put into place. Dallas Emery mentioned a previously hired Police Chief from out of state that didn't last long and has filed legal action against the Town. M. Eldridge said she remembers a Town Administrator being hired and not lasting very long but not a Police Chief. Discussion ensued.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for 12/12/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 12/12/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for 12/12/2022. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 1/07/2023 with a pay date of 1/10/23 in the amount of \$48,040.96. The General Fund is \$213,467.13. Water accounts payable was \$2,198.39 and Sewer was \$1,124.11. The total was \$216,789.63. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

## **Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received 5 Clerical Abatements. Their details are below.

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 016, Lot 015, Sub Lot 002 for \$12.00 and the request is because when the Bearcamp Campground sold, this site should have gone to the new owners as well, but it was left in the previous owner's name erroneously.

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 029, Lot 001, Sub Lot 085 for \$13.00 and the request is because when the Bearcamp Campground sold, this site should have gone to the new owners as well, but it was left in the previous owner's name erroneously.

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 251, Lot 004 for \$892.00 and the request is because the property sold prior to tax bills being sent out.

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 122, Lot 010, Sub lot 014 for \$8.00 and the request is because the camper sold prior to tax bills being sent out.

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 132, Lot 010 for \$21.00 and the request is because the property sold prior to tax bills being sent out. Simpson made a motion to approve all 5 of the above abatements. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$13.00. The property sold prior to the December 2022 Tax bill. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$21.00. The property sold prior to the December 2022 Tax bill. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$892.00. The property sold prior to the July 2022 Tax bill. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$8.00. The property sold prior to the December 2022 Tax bill. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$11,298.04. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$21,289.29. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Abatement Application for Map 092, Lot 082. Asking for forgiveness due to a frozen pipe. Smith made a motion to deny. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an application for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Map 090, Lot 077. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board issued a Notice of Tax Deeded Property for Sale for 190 Chickville Road. Map 242, Lot 028. Bids may be placed from January 9, 2023, through February 6, 2023, at 3PM. This is a cash only sale. Junk must be removed by July 31, 2023. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Sealed Bids:**

**Smith opened the sealed bids. Results are as follows.**

2016 Chevy Caprice- O'Neil of 22 Stoneview Road- \$1500  
2018 Ford Taurus- O'Neil of 22 Stoneview Road- \$2500  
2002 International- O.Neil of 22 Stoneview Road- \$3500  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- Leblanc of 40 Stoneview Road- \$2000 (received 1-9-23)  
2009 F150- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$568.50  
Spreader 1- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$379.00  
Spreader 2- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$379.00  
2002 International- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$1,028.69  
2009 F150- A. Catino- \$425.00  
Poly Spreader- A. Catino- \$400.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- W. Jenness of Dore St.- \$1800.00  
2009 Ford150- W. Jenness of Dore St.- \$1000.00  
2016 Chevy Caprice- W. Jenness of Dore St.- \$800.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- G. Johnson of Depot Rd.- \$1500.00  
2018 Ford Taurus- D. Emery of Moultonville Rd.- \$600.00  
2016 Chevy Caprice- D. Emery of Moultonville Rd.- \$800.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- D. Emery of Moultonville Rd.- \$1000.00  
2009 Ford F150- D. Emery of Moultonville Rd.- \$1200.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- M. Cavic of Florida- \$2000.00 (received 12-13-22)  
2009 F150- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$1580.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$1080.00  
2018 Ford Taurus- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$1680.00  
2016 Chevy Caprice- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$3280.00  
2016 Chevy Caprice- Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$700.00  
2016 Mower- Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$50.00  
2002 International- Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$450.00  
Poly Spreader - Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$500.00  
2018 Ford Taurus - Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$200.00  
2009 Chevy Tahoe - Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$500.00  
2009 F150- Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$400.00

**Matt Sawyer Jr. read the highest bidders into record. They are as follows.**

2016 Chevy Caprice- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$3280.00  
2018 Ford Taurus- O'Neil of 22 Stoneview Road- \$2500  
2002 International- O.Neil of 22 Stoneview Road- \$3500  
2009 Chevy Tahoe- M. Cavic of Florida- \$2000.00 (received 12-13-22)  
2009 F150- Ringwood Motors of Illinois- \$1580.00  
Polycaster Spreader- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$568.50

Spreader 1- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$379.00  
Spreader 2- A. Brown of 7 Hanson Road- \$379.00  
2016 Mower- Paul A. Smith of 90 Old Route 28- \$50.00

Smith made a motion to sell to the highest bidder. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

T.J. Eldridge will contact the winning bidders.

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

The Board received a Request for an Abatement for Tax Map 126, Lot 018 for \$33.05 and the request is because the foundation noted in the extra features was removed prior to May 11, 2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Old Business:**

T.J. Eldridge reported that there was a culvert failure on Granite and White Pond Road. They had to do an emergency fix with G.W. Brooks. The highway department will haul the debris but the road will be closed for 24-48 hours while repairs are being done with a detour. Smith mentioned that there is about 900 yards of work to be done, costing about \$170,000 but the State has a \$150,000 Block Grant that can be used so we wouldn't need to do a special warrant article for repairs. T.J. Eldridge advised that there is another culvert that will also need repairs but the Highway crew can fix that one. Discussion ensued.

Maria Moulton asked for confirmation of the road the culvert work is taking place on. T.J. Eldridge advised Granite Road.

Smith mentioned that for the second year in a row, the Town of Ossipee has not had to use the TAN. This is a result of good management from T.J. Eldridge and Andrea Picard.

Smith advised that the Zoning Committee Revision Proposal will be on the ballot in March.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Second Public Input:**

Chris Elliot, on behalf of Mount Washington Valley Outdoor Spaces, asked about the trails at Constitution Park and whether the Town of Ossipee would consider posting No Hunting signs on the trails at Constitution Park. He is concerned and mentioned that hunters are in violation. Smith asked how the hunters are in violation. Smith advised that hunters cannot discharge their weapon within 300 feet. C. Elliot mentioned that he believes that they shouldn't be allowed in a recreational area. Smith advised that the Board would discuss further. T.J. also mentioned that it depends on the Right of Way. The trails are town owned and if it is not posted, then the hunters aren't doing anything wrong. Elliot said he is concerned that there could be an accident. T.J. will look into this further and advise. Discussion ensued.

Frank Burke mentioned putting a sign that says do not discharge. He also mentioned that he would have no problem with bow hunting in the area. Discussion ensued.

Maria Moulton asked what the date is to get on the Ballot for elections. She was advised that January 25, 2023, is when people can add their name to the Ballot.

Dallas Emery asked if the BTLA meeting has been rescheduled. Smith advised that it will be some time in February. Discussion ensued.

There will be no meeting on January 16, 2023, due to the holiday.

The next meeting will be on January 23, 2023.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:56 PM.

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Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

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Martha B. Eldridge

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Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 01/23/2023