

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, January 23, 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. Simpson was absent.

Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery advised that he just found out he won the bid for the truck. He has a question about a bill but he said its more of a State Representative question regarding a bill by Jason Gerhard who is a freshman representative and it is to investigate Covid Vaccine injuries. Smith doesn't know anything about this. Emery said that he is sure Gerhard is looking for support. Smith advised that it is all closed but people can sign in electronically and give support or go to the committee and give physical testimony as it is open to the public. Smith asked Emery for the Bill number. Emery will look it up and advise. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for 1/09/2023. Smith seconded.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 1/09/2023. Smith seconded.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 1/21/2023 with a pay date of 1/24/23 in the amount of \$52,104.47. The General Fund is \$60,669.26. Water accounts payable was \$4,170.39 and Sewer was \$748.39. The Recreation Revolving Fund was \$139.50. The total was \$117,832.01. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Confirmatory Release Deed for David Scripture for Map 272, Lot 115 for property on 46 Stoneview Rd. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. Ed Comeau asked the Board to confirm the name of the deed. Smith advised that it is a Confirmatory deed which is for the tax deeded property with conditions and those conditions have been satisfied. This deed frees Scripture of those previous restrictions.

The Board received a Sewer Warrant for \$5,922.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded.

There is a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Funds from the Board of Selectmen requesting to draw from the Benefits Pay Expendable Trust Fund for \$36, 803.79 to pay off two retired employees. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded.

The Board received a contract from the auditing firm for the 2023 audit. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. Smith made a correction to that statement which is that the contract is for the 2022 audit. Comeau asked who the contractor is. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that it is Plodzic & Sanderson.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$65.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot 129. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded.

The Board received a Land Use Change Tax request for the reduction of \$2800 in assessed value. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. Smith apologized and advised that the market value is actually \$28,000 and the Land Use Change Tax due is \$2800.

The Board received 6 requests for Clerical Abatements. They are as follows:

Map 122, Lot 010, Sublot 041 for \$73.00. Property was taken by the Town.
Map 116, Lot 005, Sublot MH00 for \$103.00. Property was taken by the Town.
Map 054, Lot 002, Sublot 037 for \$3.00. Property was taken by the Town.
Map 029, Lot 001, Sublot 129 for \$65.00. Property sold prior to December Tax Bill going out.
Map 250, Lot 005 for \$2,361.43.00. Property was further condominiumized and the land was adjusted to reflect 2.74 acres to be under the ownership of each condo unit.
Map 274, Lot 003 for \$421.61. Property was put into Current Use prior to the 2022 Tax Bill.
Smith made a motion to approve all 6 of these abatements. M. Eldridge Seconded.

The Board received 9 Yield Tax Levy Warrants for Timber cuts. They are as follows:

Map 017, Lot 052 for \$0 as no cuts were done.
Map 103, Lot 001 for \$0 as no cuts were done.
Map 007, Lot 053, Map 106, Lot 003, Map 107 Lot 055, Map 107 Lot 049 for \$0 as no cuts were done.
Map 103, Lot 024, Map 103, Lot 023 for \$0 as no cuts were done.
Map 017, Lot 052 for \$0 as no cuts were done.
Map 267, Lot 010 for \$706.50.
Map 251, Lot 003 for \$1126.60.
Map 250, Lot 001 & 002 for \$2098.16.
Map 132, Lot 038 for \$1636.88.
Map 266, Lot 012 for \$2311.10.
Map 070, Lot 002 for \$4968.13.
Smith made a motion to approve all of the above Yield Tax Levy Warrants. M. Eldridge Seconded.

The Board received a letter from the Ossipee Garden Club to advise that they will be maintaining 3 gardens in Center Ossipee and Ossipee Corner as well as the 2 welcome gardens in Center Ossipee. They are asking for \$500.00 to cover plants, fertilizer, soil, etc. Smith asked if this was budgeted for. Sawyer Jr. advised no. He sent an email to the Garden Club to advise that a Petition Warrant Article would need to be done. Smith advised that there is still time to complete this. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

Emery advised that the bill mentioned previously is a resolution that's going to be presented to the GOP Convention on the 28th. Smith advised that it will be closed to the public and only committee members can attend. Smith won't be there as he is not a committee member but there will be 23 representatives of Carroll County there to vote on it. Discussion ensued.

Smith advised that sign ups for the upcoming Town Elections are from Wednesday, January 25, 2023-February 3, 2023. He also advised that he will be running for Selectman for another term. There is a list online and, in the Town Hall as well.

There will be no meeting on January 30, 2023.

The next meeting will be on February 6, 2023.

Emery asked if the BTLA hearing has been rescheduled yet. Smith advised no.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson (absent)

To be approved 02/06/2023