

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 20, 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.

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

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

Announcement:

M. Eldridge read a letter from Jonathan Smith in which he expressed gratitude for being able to serve the Ossipee community as well as expressing how proud he was to be able to assist in getting the Whittier Bridge back over the water, helping the Town to become fiscally conservative, and assisting with updating the Zoning Ordinances with the Zoning Revision Committee.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery asked who was voted in as Chairman. M. Eldridge advised that she was. He welcomed Templeton. He asked about the camera system at the Whittier Bridge. He mentioned that an RFP was put out and they received 2 quotes. He said on 1 quote, no one mentioned who it was or how much it was and the other quote it was just advised that it was \$42,000. He requested to see all quotes. He also requested to see the engineers report. He also suggested that the bridge be open for motorcycle use in the summer months. He thanked T.J. Eldridge for plowing the cemetery.

Cynthia Miller of the First Free Will Baptist Church expressed concerns because their exemption was taken away. She advised that a letter was received stating that the A9 was late, but she presented proof with a date stamp from the Selectmen's Office showing that it was received on time. She received another letter stating they needed more documents, which also were provided timely. She advised that she was notified that she loss the exemption and that the Church needs to pay \$2000 by Friday. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that this is due to a court order by the BTLA and that it could possibly be challenged in the Supreme Court. He also advised that the BOS did not want this to happen. He will reach out to the attorney and get some guidance. M. Eldridge reiterated that the Board is upset by this as well. Miller said she thinks the Board should fix it and not make the Church pay this. Miller also advised that she already filled out an abatement form. M. Eldridge mentioned that they will advise once they hear anything regarding this matter.

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session for 3/06/2023. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session for 3/14/2023. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 3/06/2023. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 3/18/2023 with a pay date of 3/21/23 in the amount of \$49,972.22. General Fund is \$45,200. Fire precincts is \$142,822.11. The GWRSD payment is \$607,888.00. Water accounts payable was \$628.98. Sewer accounts payable is \$253.19. Recreation Revolving Fund. The total was \$846,871.99. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$80. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$415.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$20.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter asking for a waiver on interest and penalty charges for a taxpayer. The letter stated that their bank sent the check. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$168.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received 6 abatements. They are as follows:

Map 076, Lot 002 for \$3,282.00 because the property was assessed as more complete than what was actually completed. Assessor recommends granting this abatement. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 660 for \$20.00 because the site changed owners at the end of 2021. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 323 for \$207.00 because the camper was registered for the tax year of 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 023, Lot 007, Sub lot H15 for \$168.00 because the camper was sold in April of 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 337 for \$415.00 because the site has a new owner for the 2022 tax season. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 102 for \$201.00 because the camper was registered for 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a property tax exemption application for 32 Dore St. They also received 3 veterans tax exemption applications for 45 Logan Way, 165 Walker Hill Rd., and 50 Patch Pond Rd. Templeton made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Ambulance Service Agreement. It was reviewed and accepted. Templeton made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None Presented

New Business:

None Presented

Second Public Input:

Frank Burke asked if there will be a meeting next week. M. Eldridge said yes.

Dallas Emery asked about the trees being cut on Route 16. He asked if the Town gets anything for that. T.J. Eldridge advised that he gave the job to Madison Lumber and that there were only 6 trees cut but they will send us a check. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the cut is for Eversource, and T.J. mentioned that it is in the State right of way. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

R. Christopher Templeton

To be approved 03/27/2023