

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 27, 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.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery asked about his request for information from last week. He advised that he would like to look at the engineers' report for the Whittier Covered Bridge as well as the quotes for the cameras. T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, said that he received a letter from the engineers. It stated that the bridge work started in 2008 and the current administration inherited the project. The project was a rehabilitation for preservation project. Emery expressed that this is a statement and not the engineers' plan that he was told would be made available. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, advised that what Emery is looking for does not exist in the form he thinks it does. T.J. Eldridge went on to explain that the project was a 6-ton design for preservation and not for function. It would have had to be a more modern bridge if we wanted it to be fully functional. The engineers suggested making it a 3-ton bridge to minimize the costs to the taxpayer and to preserve the bridge. It also reduces overloading and strain. It is also posted for reduced vertical clearance. T.J. Eldridge will get Emery copies of the plans. Sawyer Jr. said all the Town of Ossipee did was move the bridge back into place. Emery reiterated that he wants to read the documents for himself. Sawyer discussed the security cameras. He got 2 quotes from Cybercom. Pope Security and Knight Security did not want the job. Emery asked if there was an RFP. Sawyer Jr. advised no. Emery mentioned that he was opposed to the cameras and the \$42,000 it cost to get them. He also asked if the public could view the live feed of the cameras. Sawyer Jr. said no. Emery asked why not. Sawyer Jr. advised that it is because it was for security purposes for vandalism. Discussion ensued.

Kathleen Knight of 172 Moultonville Road received a water bill for \$17,000 due to a leak. She is unable to pay this amount. She asked if there was anything that could be done to assist her. Her husband has some health concerns, and this bill is more than what she currently owes on her home. The leak was to a cottage that is not being used. T.J. Eldridge advised that if the bill was opened 4-5 months ago, then it would have been apparent there was a leak and we can't put \$17,000 of unaccounted water on everyone else's in the system. Sawyer Jr. advised that they could file an insurance claim. Knight asked if she could make payments without putting a lien on the house. Sawyer Jr. advised that the tax collector determines payment agreements. T.J. will look into this further with Skehan. Emery asked how this issue went unnoticed and he mentioned that it's a pressurized system and a bill is sent every month, and readings are taken. T.J. advised that some houses go months with no water and some houses use a lot of water. Emery mentioned Wolfeboro and how they know when there is a leak immediately. T.J. advised that this is for an individual house and not a water line or a water main. Knight advised that the switch was turned on during other repairs and inadvertently never turned off. Discussion ensued.

There was a discussion by an audience member regarding Valley Pride Day. She asked if Ossipee would be willing to get involved as most of the surrounding towns are. Valley Pride Day gets volunteers to pick up trash on the streets of Ossipee. Road names will be provided and they just need the town to pick up the blue trash bags after the event. T.J. Eldridge advised that the highway crew already picks up the blue trash bags but yes they will pick up the trash for Valley Pride Day. She also asked if she could coordinate to meet volunteers at Constitution Park. T.J. Eldridge advised yes. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work Session for 3/20/2023. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 3/20/2023. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 3/25/2023 with a pay date of 3/28/23 in the amount of \$43,595.18. Accounts payable are \$191,280.66. Water accounts payable was \$2,632.43. Sewer accounts payable is \$173.16. Whittier Covered Bridge was \$4,939.99. The total was \$199,026.24. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$66.00 with 8% interest after May 5, 2023. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$8.00 with 8% interest after May 5, 2023. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$132.00 with 8% interest after May 5, 2023. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$255.00 with 8% interest after May 5, 2023. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Recycling Daily Cash Log for January 2023 and the total amount collected was \$5,945.00. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received the Recycling Daily Cash Log for February 2023 and the total amount collected was \$5,625.00. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Sewer Warrant for \$2,202.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Excavate for Map 231, Lot 001. Access Road is Archer's Pond. Total acreage is 66. Taxes are paid. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 250, Lot 006. Access Road is Route 16. Taxes are paid. There are no cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received 4 Clerical Abatements. They are as follows:

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub 225 for \$66.00. The site changed hands as of October 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub 345 for \$8.00. The site changed hands as of February 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 029, Lot 001, Sub 152 for \$132.00. The site changed hands as of August 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Map 104, Lot 01400H, Sub 016 for \$255.00. The site changed hands at the end of October 2022. Simpson made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Excavate for Map 235, Lot 004. Access Road is Duncan Lake Road. Total acreage is 134.7. Templeton made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water /Sewer Abatement application for Map 090, Lot 039, 172 Moultonville Road. Templeton made a motion to deny. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water /Sewer Abatement application for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 109 for \$18.11. Templeton made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water /Sewer Abatement application for Map 092, Lot 091 for \$46.48. 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:

Katherine Alexander asked if the State of NH owns Main St. and Folsom Road. T.J. Eldridge advised that the Main St, Folsom Road and Grant Hill are Ossipee responsibility for winter maintenance. She asked how it affects the day-to-day functions and she asked about the cost. T.J. advised that the State does the winter maintenance and that Ossipee handles sidewalks and parking. He advised that they work very well together with the State and that they have a great working relationship.

M. Eldridge advised that there will not be a Selectmen's Meeting next week and that they will be having bi-weekly meetings going forward unless the Board decides one is necessary.

Dallas Emery asked if the BTLA hearing has been scheduled yet. Sawyer Jr. advised that it has not been scheduled yet but the BTLA had questions that have been answered by the assessor. Sawyer Jr. doesn't think the situation will be over until the revaluation has been completed. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

R. Christopher Templeton

To be approved 04/10/2023