

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, August 28, 2023**

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Selectman Martha B. Eldridge was in attendance and Selectman Jonathan H. Smith was in attendance. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, and T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, were 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.**

**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 Huckins Street and the engineering issue. Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the engineer didn't think he could accomplish anything in a reasonable time frame, and he declined to do the work. T.J. Eldridge spoke with the property owner several times. The road will get paved, and they will continue with zoning enforcement. He advised that it should be paved in the next few weeks. Smith advised that the building in question is in bad shape. T.J. mentioned that the main concern was getting sewer and water lines accessible. He advised that the drainage is done. One of the owners on Huckins Street gave the Town a drainage easement and T.J. couldn't thank her enough. Discussion ensued.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes won't get approved because Selectman Smith wasn't at last week's meeting and Selectman Simpson isn't here this week.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 8/26/2023 in the amount of \$46,457.55. The General Fund is \$27,671.20. The water accounts payable are in the amount of \$529.84. The total was \$74,658.59. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received a Supplemental Tax Warrant for \$226.00. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 104, Lot 014, Sub lot 012 for \$82.58. This camper was registered for the season. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 104, Lot 014, Sub lot 005 for \$102.00. This camper was registered for the season. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 038, Lot 016, Sub lot 005 for \$9.00. This camper was registered for the season. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 017, Lot 001, Sub lot C19 for \$93.00. This camper was registered for the season. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received 2 Clerical Abatements for Map 104, Lot 014, Sub lot 010 for \$82.00 and \$163.00. This camper was registered for the season. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 047, Lot 001 for the Masonic Lodge. The assessor recommends denying this request as they did not return the necessary hardship paperwork timely. Smith made a motion to deny this request. M. Eldridge Seconded. Motion passed. Smith explained that they cannot grant an abatement to circumvent another law. He went on to say that if you don't qualify for an exemption, you can't get an abatement to bypass the exemption law as noted in the Bodwell report.

The Board received 27 Clerical Abatements for 110 Nichols Road. The assessing software was down for a small period of time so the timeframe for abatements lapsed. Smith made a motion to approve. M. Eldridge seconded. Motion passed. They are as follows.

029/001/337 for \$208.00	029/001/628 for \$208.00
029/001/335 for \$311.00	029/001/620 for \$208.00
029/001/654 for \$207.30	029/001/652 for \$126.00
029/001/618 for \$208.00	029/001/640 for \$208.00
029/001/359 for \$208.00	029/001/665 for \$208.00
029/001/391 for \$208.00	073/009/024 for \$48.00
029/001/332 for \$208.00	
029/001/629 for \$208.00	
029/001/059 for \$16.00	
029/001/271 for \$192.00	
029/001/350 for \$104.00	
029/001/667 for \$104.00	
029/001/418 for \$622.00 and \$226	
029/001/309 for \$162.00	
029/001/341 for \$140.00	
029/001/608 for \$208.00	
029/001/622 for \$208.00	
029/001/314 for \$208.00	
029/001/176 for \$151.00	
029/001/170 for \$208.00	

The Board received a Notice of Decision for Case #23-07-SPR for Burch's Bait & Tackle, LLC c/o Brittany & Thomas Burch. The Planning Board granted a SPR to open and operate a bait and tackle shop out of the 8x14 foot shed. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for Case #23-06-SPR for KOGO, LLC. The Planning Board granted Final Approval for a SPR to allow for a change of use for electric charging stations. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for Case #23-01-BLA for William A. & Shannon M. Huffman. They were granted a Conditional Approval for a Boundary Line Adjustment with conditions. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision for Case #23-01-SUBD for Pitchfork Holdings, LLC. The Planning Board granted a Conditional Approval for a Subdivision pending conditions. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received the Carroll County Financial Audit that ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. It is in the Selectmen's Office.

**Old Business:**

None Presented.

**New Business:**

None Presented.

**Second Public Input:**

Chief Babbín mentioned that he is in the process of getting the Police Department certified through the State of NH. There are 114 points needed to get certified and he is currently at 51%. Dallas Emery asked the certification does for Ossipee. He explained that the certification is going to bring policy, accountability and transparency to the department. The software for the program cost \$5,638.00. Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the software. M. Eldridge seconded. Motion passed. Emery asked again what the certification will do for Ossipee. Babbín advised that it brings consistency and reduces liability to the Town Insurance and makes it so everyone is on the same page. Emery questioned if those things weren't being done before and Chief Babbín said there were many things the Police Department was not doing so this certification and software will leave no exceptions. Smith advised that it brings everything into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ed Comeau asked if the certification will comply with RSA 106 : L17 for grievance processes. Babbín advised yes. Discussion ensued further about other Towns that are certified and Comeau mentioned that it seems that this is a good idea nationally. Babbín advised that this will keep everyone on the same page. Comeau said it seems like it helps protect good officers and the public. Babin agreed. Discussion ensued.

**The next meeting will take place on September 11, 2023.**

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:38 PM.

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Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson (Absent)

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Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 09/11/2023