

Selectmen's & Electricity Aggregation Committee Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Selectman Martha B. Eldridge was absent, Selectman Jonathan H. Smith was in attendance and Selectman Susan J. Simpson 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.

Smith reconvened the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

None Presented.

Meeting Minutes:

Simpson made a motion to approve the Work-Session Minutes for 11/6/2023. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Simpson made a motion to approve the Work-Session Minutes for 11/13/2023. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 11/25/2023. Wages are in the amount of \$38,707.57. Payroll taxes are \$11,354.22. Total payroll is \$50,061.79. The General Fund is \$66,526.95. The water accounts payable are in the amount of \$1,981.24. The sewer accounts payable are \$368.50. The total accounts payable was \$68,876.69. Total Payroll and AP is \$118,938.48. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$40.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case# 23-09-SPR. Eric Clifford c/o Fire Side Lumber of 2245 Route 16 was granted a conditional site plan review. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case# 23-04-SUBD. The Neal Family Trust of Twin Cottage Lane off Blake Hill Road was granted a conditional subdivision approval for a 3-lot subdivision. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council regarding a nomination to appoint Bob Boose to fulfill the vacancy for Ossipee's representative. Simpson read the letter into record. Simpson made a motion to appoint Bob Boose as Ossipee's representative on the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council Board of Directors. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board received the DNCR, Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, extension contracts for the Forest Protection Bureau and the equipment that the fire wardens use. The equipment is as follows. 1953 Dodge M37, 1968 Case trailer, 1952 Dodge M37, and a 1982 M35 A2. These contracts are annual agreements. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board received the Deputy Fire Warden appointment forms. Smith made a motion to appoint David Doyle, William Wrigley, Chad Force, Tyler Belanger, and Taylor French as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens for the Town of Ossipee. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed. :

Smith read a letter from Jeff Earles into record. Earles was our contract assessor who completed the Revaluation of the town. He held over 300 appointments. Earles gave praise and acknowledgment to Jessi and Angie in the Selectmen's Office for an outstanding job handling phone calls and relaying information to the taxpayers. Smith thanked them and Justin Chaffee, who set up the meeting area daily, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Old Business:

None Presented.

New Business:

None Presented.

Second Public Input:

Frank Burke asked for confirmation that the next meeting would be in 2 weeks. Smith advised yes, unless something comes up in the meantime. He mentioned that the public should watch for an agenda. Discussion ensued.

Ed Comeau asked for clarification on the contract for the list of equipment mentioned previously and asked what it is for. Smith advised that it is old military equipment that is used by the fire wardens and they have been in the Town's possession for a long time. It is a Forest Protection Bureau excess property agreement, and the equipment is on loan to the town. Comeau asked who owned it. Smith advised that it is administered by the DCNR. Sawyer Jr. advised that he doesn't think the town pays anything to the DCNR for this. Discussion ensued.

The next Budget Meeting is November 29, 2023, at 6:30PM at the Freight House.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be December 11, 2023.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Smith made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded.

Adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge (Absent)

To be approved at the next Selectmen's Meeting