

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, June 7, 2021

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was there also.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

Discussion:

At 2:34, Smith made a motion to enter a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) for legal matters. Eldridge seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Smith- YES, Simpson- YES, Eldridge- YES

At 2:45 PM, Smith made a motion to re-enter the public session and seal the minutes to the nonpublic session. Eldridge seconded, and the vote passed 3-0.

Chief Castaldo discussed the lack of availability of new cruisers, and the group discussed options such as civilian Dodge Charger models. The Selectmen said they were ok for the Detective Sargent to have a civilian model if that's what the Chief ends up with as the best option. Chief Castaldo asked the Board if they would be open to exploring the rate for detail pay, if he does his due diligence with other Towns. The Board said they would potentially be open to it depending on the data.

At 2:55 PM, Smith made a motion to enter nonpublic session #2, also under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) for legal matters. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Smith- Yes, Simpson- YES, Eldridge- Yes.

At 3:00 PM, Smith made a motion to reenter the public session and seal the minutes to the nonpublic session #2. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

At 3:01 PM, Smith made a motion to enter nonpublic session #3 under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for reputation risk including tax matters. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Smith- YES, Simpson- Yes, Eldridge-Yes.

At 3:35 PM Smith made a motion to re-enter the public session and seal the minutes to the nonpublic session #3. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

TJ Eldridge discussed concerns with the Whittier Covered Bridge including the plans calling for sandbags to divert the flow of water which TJ found to be insufficient. He said several firms have several concerns causing them to not bid including that they see the need for better flow diversion such as using pilings. The Selectmen told TJ he is authorized to ask for addendums as he sees fit to benefit the project and actually get some bids in.

The Selectmen reviewed the documents in the red folder, signing and distributed them among themselves for review and voting at the public session in the gym at 4:15 PM. At 4:00 PM, a recess was called until 4:15 PM in the gym.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman