

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, October 18, 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.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Discussion:

At 2:01 PM Smith made a motion to enter three consecutive nonpublic sessions under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Legal Issues, RSA 91-A:3, II(a) Personnel Issues, and RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Reputational risk including tax matters respectively. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Simpson – YES

Eldridge – YES

At 3:15 PM Smith made a motion to re-enter the public session and seal the minutes to nonpublic sessions 1, 2 and 3. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

There was a brief review of an outside agency funding request from the Ossipee Area Community Center for \$13,000 in funding for movie nights to pay for pizza and the movie royalties. The Selectmen decided that was not prudent with taxpayer money and asked Sawyer to let them know.

A letter from Willy Farnum of Tamworth was briefly discussed, which was an attempt to gather regional support for the construction of a new regional recycling center. Sawyer was given authority to decline the invitation.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kellie Skehan presented her budget request for 2022. The Selectmen approved it with an edit to the "Restoration of Town Records" bringing that line up to \$20,000. Eldridge made a motion to accept and recommend it with the new total amount of \$316,400. Smith seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Skehan presented the Election Department budget request for 2022. Smith made a motion to accept and recommend it as presented, totaling \$9,919. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented the Economic Development budget to be level funded at \$5,000. Smith made a motion to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

The Registration (Supervisors of the Checklist) Department budget request was reviewed. Smith motioned to accept and recommend it as presented for a total of \$5615. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

TJ Eldridge presented the Highway Department budget request for 2022 at \$1,240,050. Smith motioned to accept and recommend it. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

TJ Eldridge presented the Government Buildings budget request for 2022 at \$238,555. Smith motioned to accept and recommend it as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

TJ Eldridge presented the new Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Dept budget request. Smith made a motion to accept and recommend the presented amount at \$254,355. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

The Transfer Station budget was briefly reviewed but tabled for further editing.

At 4:05 PM Selectman Eldridge made a motion to recess until 4:15 PM in the gym. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0 and thus recess was called.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman