

## Selectmen's Work Session Monday, October 25, 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 2:05 PM Smith made a motion to enter a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b). Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Simpson – YES

Eldridge – YES

At 2:07 PM Smith made a motion to reenter the public session and seal the minutes from nonpublic session 1. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith made a motion to hire Steve McConarty as interim, temporary Code Enforcement Officer to work part time or as needed until Rick Cousins completely returns. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented Outside Agency Funding Requests from the Ossipee Main Street and Ossipee Mountains Habitat for Humanity. Both were reviewed by the Board and it was unanimously agreed upon that they did not seem appropriate for Ossipee taxpayer funds. Sawyer was told to inform both they had been declined. Sawyer asked if all Outside Agencies receiving funding last year need to come present at the upcoming BOS meeting or only those asking for increases. The Selectmen agreed to level fund any from last year and to only invite those requesting an increase to come present on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Matt presented the MS-434 which he had recently completed for updated estimated revenues for 2021. Original estimates from the beginning of the year had been around \$2.35 million and they are now projected to be around \$2.9 million due to an increase in vehicle registration income, ARPA funds, revenue from departments, and a significant windfall in the meals and rooms tax share.

At 2:19 PM Smith motioned to enter into nonpublic session #2 under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel issues. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Simpson – YES

Eldridge – YES

At 3:12 PM Smith made a motion to reenter the public session and seal the minutes from nonpublic session 2. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Public Works Director presented a revised Transfer Station department budget request for 2022. Smith made a motion to accept and recommend the budget as presented for \$614,131 and to change the hours at the Transfer Station to be closed on Thursday and open longer on Sunday, and to give TJ authority to investigate and implement next steps such as a posting period and state notification. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer then presented 2022 department budget sheets and voting ensued as follows:

Smith motioned to accept and recommend the Selectmen's Office budget at \$841,478. Eldridge seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to accept and recommend the Conservation Commission budget at \$24,301. Eldridge seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to accept and recommend the Planning Board budget at \$44,950. Eldridge seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to accept and recommend the Trustee of Trust Funds budget at \$6,091. Eldridge seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to accept and recommend the Dog Officer budget at \$14,350. Eldridge seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

At 3:45 PM Eldridge made a motion to recess. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Being no further input, the Work Session recessed until 4:15 in the gym.

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Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

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Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman