

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, November 22, 2021

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

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

Discussion:

At 2:32 PM Smith motioned to enter two nonpublic sessions, the first under RSA 91-A:3, II(d) for conflicts of interest/real estate transactions, and the second under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel issues. Eldridge seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith-Yes

Eldridge- Yes

At 3:08 PM, Smith made a motion to reenter the public session and seal the minutes to nonpublic sessions one and two. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – Yes

Eldridge - Yes

Public Works Director TJ Eldridge discussed some telephone/utility pole issues. One is the broken pole at the corner of Route 16 and Rainbow Ridge. TJ had made a bunch of calls to the utility companies, and no one claims to own it. Therefore, Matt was instructed to let the Ossipee Corner Fire and Light Precinct know and see if they own it and can fix it.

The other light/utility pole is at the intersections of Route 171 and Route 16. The DOT is asking the Town to fix it, but the Town does not believe we own it and it has been broken for many years. The Selectmen said we will not fix it, butting the financial burden on Ossipee's taxpayers.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a truck for the Sewer Department, and possible funding sources. TJ said he can get a great deal on the truck body we need currently. Smith made a motion to allow TJ to get bids and then purchase a truck and body for the Sewer Department for around \$60,000, and to use the Sewer Capital Reserves to pay for the purchase, and to reimburse the Sewer Capital Reserves Account with Sewer Fund Balance. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

At 4:00 PM, Eldridge made a motion to recess until 4:15 in the gym. Smith seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Being no further input, the work session recessed until 4:15 in the gym.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman