

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, February 7, 2022

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Selectman Eldridge joined at 3:04 PM.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

Discussion:

Smith made a motion to enter a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Simpson seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Simpson - YES

At 3:03, Smith made a motion to reenter the public session. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0. Selectman Eldridge entered the meeting at 3:04 PM.

Public Works Director TJ Eldridge requested permission to buy the sidewalk machine for \$8,500 from Chadwick-BaRoss. He said this is a gently used machine, only a handful of years old, and retails for around \$180,000 new. The attachments alone could be sold by the Town for a profit if something happens to the machine. Smith motioned to authorize the purchase. Simpson seconded. The vote passed 3-0.

Smith presented an amended Unassigned Fund Balance Policy, which specifies the only acceptable use of funds is to reduce taxes. Smith motioned to adopt and sign the amended policy. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer announced the resignation of the Timber Monitor. There was a brief discussion about the position. Simpson motioned to post it as an open position, at \$25/hour, 3 hours per week. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to recommend the Children's Unlimited petition warrant article of \$3,000 and to move it from the operating budget to the warrant article budget. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

At 3:30 PM, Smith motioned to give the Town Administrator the authority to make the decisions and announcements for weather related closures to town offices and facilities. Eldridge agreed as long as the Public Works Director was consulted as part of the decision-making process. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

There was a discussion regarding Youngs Rd, regarding why/how it became a town road and if it would be appropriate to discontinue it, making it a class VI road. The matter was tabled for now but there was some interest in exploring that before the 2023 town meeting.

Smith asked to clarify the duties of the Board of Selectmen Chairman position. He said that in his understanding, the Chairman is the one that actually sets the meeting, is responsible for the agenda items, and then leads the meeting. Eldridge and Simpson agreed.

The Board reviewed documents in the red folder. There was a quick review of a hand-written abatement request to waive late payment penalties on 30 Dorrs Corner Rd. The Board instructed Sawyer to notify the writer that they were not able to grant the request.

The White Horse Raffle Permit application was approved and signed by the Board. Closing documents on the sale of 97 Ossipee Mountain Rd were signed by the Board.

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