

**Selectmen's Work Session & Non-Public Session
Monday, August 19, 2019**

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Sandra Martin, Martha Eldridge, and Susan Simpson, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Review of Red Folders, Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests:

The Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest, Red Folder, and Water & Sewer Red Folder were reviewed.

Non-Public Session:

Martin polled the Board for a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) for a legal matter at 2:40 PM. Martin answered yes, Simpson answered yes, and Eldridge answered yes. Martin made a motion to adjourn the Non-Public Session at 2:55 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion:

Martin opened the discussion with a statement that the meeting is for discussion purposes only, they will be reviewing anything discussed with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and nothing is considered agreed upon until in writing and signed by both parties. Curtis Coleman of Coleman Concrete was present to discuss the property located at 1060 Route 16. Coleman stated that the intent of his request to meet with the Board is so they could talk in person rather than have information lost through correspondence by attorneys. Coleman presented the history on why the property was purchased noting it contains billboards for advertisements. He then advised the Board that he consulted with White Mountain Survey and was informed that properties of less than 60,000-70,000 square feet do not require permitting to fill. Coleman confirmed that the intent of the property is only to fill it in and level it off and there are no plans to develop it at present.

Coleman reviewed the concrete product that has been used to fill in the property stating it to be a recyclable product that is not only used through the town and State but also across the country. It is approved by the NH DOT and NH DES and other environmental groups and is not a contaminant. He further explained that it is cured concrete that is jackhammered into smaller particles to be used as a fill such as a driveway pack or road base. Due to the muddy spring thaw and wet spring, the product took on a wet appearance that could be misconstrued as a slurry but as attested to by Coleman, is not slurry. Martin stated that although the test results show PH to be on the highest side of the normal parameter, after two months of waiting for permission to test and heavy rainfall, she questions how accurate they are and how much has already seeped into the ground. Coleman responded that it was clean fill that was used and it was not contaminated as both test results conveyed. Coleman stated that there is 50,000 yards of the exact same product under the Spaulding Turnpike.

Martin questioned what Coleman is looking for from the Board of Selectmen? Coleman responded that he cannot use the property. White asked for clarification. Coleman responded that he has been ordered to stop adding fill to the property which is what he intended to do. Eldridge questioned if there have ever been issues with the product he is using? Coleman responded that there has not; this is the first issue. Coleman questioned if he is even able to bring in a sandy fill. Martin responded that this matter is at the discretion of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and legal and suggested he get in touch with Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve McConarty. Coleman stated that he has complied with

all requests that have been made by the Town. Martin stated that the Board has heard his concerns. Coleman was dismissed at 3:15 PM.

White informed the Board that several employees met with Nationwide Retirement last week to review the elective 457b retirement plans. Another option available is a Roth 457b plan. White questioned if the Board has any issue with offering this plan to employees. It was noted that the Town does not contribute to these plans, they are at the discretion of the employee. The Board was in favor.

A request to borrow chairs for a wedding in October was reviewed. The chairs would be going out of town to Hiram, ME. The Board was not in favor of lending the chairs out of town. White will notify the person inquiring.

White reviewed the email received from the School District Finance Administrator stating the payment schedule proposed by the Town was not approved. Discussion ensued. A statement will be prepared and stated during the Selectmen's Meeting.

Non-Public Sessions:

Present was Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Martin polled the Board for a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter at 3:30 PM. Martin answered yes, Simpson answered yes, and Eldridge answered yes. Martin made a motion to adjourn the Non-Public Session at 3:46 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Skehan was dismissed.

Present was Joe Duchesne, Police Chief. Martin polled the Board for a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter at 3:47 PM. Martin answered yes, Simpson answered yes, and Eldridge answered yes. Martin made a motion to adjourn the Non-Public Session at 3:57 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Duchesne was dismissed.

Being no further input, the work session adjourned. Adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Sandra P. Martin, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

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