

Selectmen's Work Session Tuesday, January 19, 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, Town Administrator was present, who recorded the minutes.

Chairman Eldridge called the meeting to order at 2:30

Discussion:

At 2:33, Eldridge made a motion to enter two non-public sessions, #1 under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) for reputational risk including tax matters and #2 under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) for the hiring of public employee. Simpson seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Eldridge- YES; Simpson- YES; Smith- YES

At 3:45, Eldridge made a motion to end the non-public sessions, seal the minutes to both and to re-enter the public meeting. Simpson seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Eldridge- YES; Simpson- YES; Smith- YES

TJ Eldridge entered and a brief discussion was had around the water rates. COFD Precinct Commissioner Joe Deighan had discovered a flaw in the new rates for hydrants, which would have increased rates far more than 20%. The group did some math and figured out the old grand total revenue of hydrants was \$22,554. With a 20% increase, that brought the new revenue needed to \$27,064. That came out to \$46.98 per hydrant per month. Smith made a motion to eliminate the flat fee and change the billing for hydrants to monthly at \$46.98 per hydrant. Eldridge seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

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

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith