

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 26, 2020

These minutes were recorded by Angela Rizzitano, Secretary. Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr. was in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Completed in the Work Session

M. Eldridge opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Dallas Emery mentioned that he saw a new Roller on Moultonville Road and asked if the Town owns or rents it. T.J. Eldridge advised that the Town has not purchased or is not renting this but is testing it out right now. He advised that a Roller was rented previously and it costs the Town \$10,000.00 for a 3 month rental. He is looking into possibly purchasing one for around the same price in which the Town would own it after 5 years.

Non-Profit Funding Request:

Jane Podsen- Ossipee Children's Fund- Last year they requested \$20,000.00. This year they are requesting \$18,000.00. They offer family services in enrichment, child care, recreation and education. They will also be helping families pay for tutoring services as well. Selectman Smith thanked them for their transparencies with the reduction. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Barbara Ross- Children Unlimited- They are requesting the same as last year which is \$3000.00. Ross advised that almost half of the families they assist are Ossipee residents. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Jeanne Robillad – TCCAP- They have asked for level funding of \$17,194.00, even though the formula used for funds came out to \$9,775.00. They advised that 1 in 3 people served are from Ossipee. They assist with food distribution, fuel assistance, child care and dental services. Smith suggests that since the formula suggest \$9,775.00, then maybe they could split it in the middle. Discussion ensued. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$13,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Doris Sirois – Freedom Food Pantry- Last year they asked for \$5,000.00. This year due to the pandemic they are asking for \$4,000.00. They received Covid Relief money from the State of NH to help stock the food pantry. They also get food donated from Hannaford via the sell by date list. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$4,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Jennifer Berkowitz- Schools Out- Started by thanking the Selectmen for their support. She is asking for level funding at \$45,000.00. She advised that the new program is in balance with the hybrid school program. The fall program will be a 10 week in person program with a Crazy 8's Math Club and lots of hands on activities for 8 students per grade. There will be 3 sessions this year. Monday and Thursdays for children in grades 4-6. Tuesdays and Fridays for grades 1-3. Remote for all on Wednesdays. Programs will include a Chess Club and a Drum Fit program partnered with Kidsbop. They are not charging tuition this year, just a registration fee. Smith asked if they looked into becoming

a 501C3 organization. Berkowitz advised that they would have to restart the program as their own entity so they are waiting until 2023 before they resubmit for funding, to look into if the 501C3 would suit them better. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$45,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Dallas Emery asked how many students are in the Schools Out program. Berkowitz advised that she believes there were 256 last year. The program has not started yet this year due to staffing issues and Covid 19, but she has 2 students currently signed up and the program can accommodate 24-30 children per day. Discussion ensued.

Mike Turner- Life Ministries- They are a 501C3 organization and asking for level funding at \$6,000.00. Their mission is to supply food to those in need. 26 % of their clients are Ossipee residents. Selectman Smith asked if they received Government assistance like Freedom Food Pantry. Turner advised that they have received more food but it was additional food provided directly to the families in need. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$6,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

David Enbelley- Central NH VNA- They are asking for level funding at \$14,000.00. They provide health care and home care services. Services has been ongoing through the pandemic. They have also helped patients with Covid and testing for Covid. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$14,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Zach Porter- Kingswood Youth Center- They are asking for level funding of \$5,000.00. They provide after school programs, summer programs, mentoring programs and evening & weekend programs. They also provide clothing and food to students in need. They also have a program called lunch and learn in which the students receive a hot lunch and help with their remote learning. Smith asked about the PPP loan that this program received and was advised that was used to help with the mortgage payment. Discussion ensued. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$5,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Matt Howe- Green Mountain Conservation Group- They are asking for \$2,400.00. Their services include protecting the natural resources of the watershed. As well as protecting the aquifer and water supply through sampling and testing wells. They also have classroom education for children that they will be doing remotely this year. Smith asked about the sampling and water quality. Howe advised that this is submitted through the Conservation Committee. Taxpayers can reach out if they need their water tested. Smith made a motion to approve for \$2,000.00. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Susan Weeks- End 68 Hours of Hunger- They are requesting \$5,000.00. The pandemic has made a huge impact as they need to find a new facility. Most of the funding money will be for food as they provide weekend meals for families in need. Smith asked if they work with food pantries. They advised that they do work with food pantries who provides food for needy students. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve \$5,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Kellie Skehan- Ossipee Historical Society- Skehan advised that the programs for this year are currently being rescheduled and planned for next year. She is asking for level funding at \$4,000.00. Smith inquired if there will be building maintenance this year. Skehan advised yes, due to wind storm damage but the insurance should cover most of those costs. Discussion ensued. M. Eldridge made a motion approve \$4,000.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Donna Sargent- Ossipee Concerned Citizens- They are asking for level funding at \$27,000.00 total. \$20,000.00 is for curbside and delivery meals and \$7,000.00 is for the day care. They are not doing in house meals at this time. They have a before and after school program that is open. The children are enjoying the playground equipment and they also receive hot meals. There was a slight problem with staffing but they currently have adequate staffing. Smith inquired about the unpaid childcare bills previously discussed last year. Sargent advised that not much of that has been collected. M. Eldridge made a motion approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Caregivers of Southern Carroll County, Starting Point and White Mountain Health have submitted packets. Chairman M. Eldridge advised that the Board will review and vote on these at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Northern Human Services has not responded and has not submitted a packet as of yet.

White Horse Recovery submitted a packet but did not respond to the email from the Town Administrator.

Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Meeting Minutes:

Chairman M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 19, 2020. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 10/26/2020 with a pay date of 10/27/2020 in the amount of \$44,415.43. Accounts payable for the week of 10/23/2020 is \$67,176.99. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a budget from the Dog Officer requesting \$19,700.00. The Board requested to meet with her but did not get a response. M. Eldridge made a motion to level fund at \$16,998.00. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Wetlands Permit by Notification from Department of Environmental Services. It will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case #20-4-SUBD. David and Patricia Eldridge was granted a Final Subdivision approval with conditions 1 & 2 being met for Map 279, Lot 014.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Case #20-5-SUBD Amendment. 760 White Mountain Highway, LLC c/o William Benedetto was granted a Final Subdivision Amendment approval with conditions being met for Map 250, Lot 005.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for Case #20-11-V. Dianne Valentine was granted a variance for front setback to remove existing home for Map 022, Lot 010.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for Case #20-10-V. Terry Virginia was granted a variance for front setback requirements and also granted a Special Exception for Case #20-8-SE for expansion of a non-conforming structure for Map 129, Lot 023.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 057, Lot 2 for property owner Winifred Mitchell. Logger is Perley Ryder. Taxes are paid. No cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map 223, Lot 7 for property owner James King. Logger is Brandon Valley. Taxes are paid. No cemeteries. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Municipal Resources, Inc. Smith read the letter. It stated that there were some concerns with the Finance Department but they are correcting those issues. It is recommended to continue to use MRI.

Old Business:

Dallas Emery asked about the Water & Sewer being recorded separately. Sawyer Jr. advised that there wasn't good reconciliation and M. Eldridge advised that it wasn't being recorded properly. Smith advised that they are fixing all errors. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

None

Second Public Input:

T.J. Eldridge has a correction for the roller. It will be a term of 7 years not 5. Dallas Emery asked if the new grader still needs to be voted in. T.J. Eldridge advised yes. Discussion ensued.

Non-Public Session:

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, M. Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Jonathan H. Smith

To be approved 11/2/2020