

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, and T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Chairman Jonathan Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Completed in the Work Session- Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson, and Jonathan Smith

Selectman Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:
None Presented

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 9/25/2021 in the amount of \$31,511.45. Accounts Payable is \$22,720.78. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$6,530.77. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting Minutes:

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on 9/13/2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 9/13/2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received 3 bids for the Stoneview property clean-up. Smith advised that they are going to review the bids to make an informed decision. T.J. advised that all the bidders have reviewed the property before placing their bid and although these are estimates we can do a written agreement for a hard bid. They are as follows.

Leitico Construction-\$25,000 for demolition and disposal of trailers and trash.

Alex Management-\$22,500 for demolition and disposal of trailers and trash.

North Country Recycling-\$64,000 for hauling and disposal of trailers and trash.

Matt Sawyer Jr. advised that the auction for Town seized property will be on December 4, 2021, from 9am-11am.

The Board received the Recycling Daily Cash Log for the month of August. The total amount collected was \$15,809.00. This will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, regarding the Assistant Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk position. She would like to offer the position to Jennifer Huckman. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Tyler Eldridge, Senior Patrolman, of the Ossipee Police Department. His last day will be October 1, 2021. Smith read the letter.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for Map 092, Lot 077 for case #21-06-SPR. The Planning Board has granted Mary and Paul Macintosh of 22 Moultonville Rd. a conditional Site Plan Review to re-open and operate the Center Ossipee Laundromat and install a car vacuum on the side of the building. This will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, regarding the closure of the Tax Collector's Electronic Payments Bank Account as the auditors find this account to be unnecessary. Payments will now post to the general operating account. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an email from Ossipee Concerned Citizens Executive Director, Misty Ryder, regarding the highway crew and the clean-up of the Gazebo trash bin. The letter states that OCC appreciates all they do and how helpful they are. This will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a letter from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding the exemption given to the Masonic Temple. Multiple taxpayers sent a petition to the BTLA stating that they believe the exemption given was unlawful. The Board must respond to the letter within 30 days if they did grant the exemption. Dallas Emery asked when the petition was filed. Smith advised it was filed on 8-30-21 and received in our office on 9-13-21. Smith read the letter from the BTLA, which alleged, certain properties are being exempt improperly, citing RSA 71B-16, and the Town needs to respond at their earliest convenience. Emery questioned if it's the Town's right to issue an exemption. Smith advised no, according to the tax assessor. Emery said he thinks the Town should have more of a say than the State. Smith advised that we are governed by the RSA's, and it must be interpreted as written and the law needs to be followed. The rules are dictated from the legislature. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

None presented

New Business:

None Presented

Second Public Input:

Dallas Emery said he understands what Chairman Smith is saying about the Masonic Temple exemption and the legislature dictating the rules but mentioned that the legislature can be wrong. Discussion ensued. Frank Burke asked who complained about the exemption for the Masonic Temple. Smith explained that multiple taxpayers filed the petition because they felt the exemption that was granted is against the law. Ed Comeau advised that the mistake was making it an exemption when the proper way to do it would have been to do a good reason abatement. Emery said that other people in that meeting were for the exemption and believes it should be up to the Town. Comeau advised that the reason an abatement should be used is because the exemption provision was too open ended and was being abused. Discussion ensued.

T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, advised that he emailed 2 of the bidders for the 46 Stoneview clean-up and was advised that they will offer a hard bid. Smith advised that the Board will still need to review each bid further.

T.J. Eldridge also mentioned that the Recycling analysis costs are showing a net loss of \$85,000.00 a year to recycle. They are trying to come up with a better plan to get better use of their money. Emery asked if putting the incinerator back in would be an option. Smith advised that it would be a very expensive process. Discussion ensued.

The next Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, October 18, 2021.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 10/18/2021