

Work Session/Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022

These minutes were transcribed by Angela Eldridge, Secretary. Matthew Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall.

Chairman Smith started the meeting at 2:37 PM.

Announcement:

BTLA hearing regarding Masonic Temple took place prior to the Work Session/Selectmen's Meeting.

Discussion:

Smith discussed the weekly meeting concerns from an audience member at the previous meetings public input portion. Smith believes it should continue as a bi-weekly process and as needed as it is a 7 day a week job. Simpson asked if he was saying they should only meet as needed. Smith clarified and advised that they should meet bi-weekly and as needed because it is working well. Simpson suggested the Board look ahead to ensure that during months with a Monday holiday that they don't go 3 weeks without a meeting. Smith said that in those cases they could meet 2 weeks in a row. M. Eldridge agreed that 3 weeks is too long to not have a meeting. Smith also agreed. Discussion ensued. February meetings will be as follows. February 21st is a holiday so there will not be a meeting. These dates are subject to change.

February 7th, February 14th, and February 28th

Public Input:

None

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 1/22/2022 with a pay date of 1/24/2022 in the amount of \$34,295.57. Water & Sewer accounts payable is \$1,336.56. The General Fund is \$541,191.51 which includes the precincts payments. 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 1/10/2022. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 1/10/2022. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 12/20/2021. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Water & Sewer warrant was presented for signatures for \$600.00 with penalties after February 18, 2022, for all sums not paid on or before this date. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

Smith discussed a note received by a taxpayer saying the computer system wasn't working when they tried to pay the taxes on their property and interest has since occurred. The Town Clerk confirmed that the system was fully operational and other people have used it to pay their taxes with no issues. Smith made a motion to deny the request for an interest and penalty abatement. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Petition Warrant Article for the outside agency, School's Out, for \$45,000. Smith made a motion to recommend this for \$45,000. He discussed that the Board approves as part of the operating budget because they come in and ask for this every year. This year the Budget Committee decided to zero this out of the budget, so this Petition Warrant Article will put it back to the floor at Town Meeting for the people of Ossipee to decide. This will not be in the budget presentation as it has been zeroed out. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith made a motion to remove \$45,000 from the outside agency operating budget since it was zeroed out by the Budget Committee. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board is sending a letter to the abutters on Deer Cove Road. Smith read the letter. It states that a portion of Deer Cove Road could be discontinued as a Class V Road (town-owned and maintained) and making it a Class VI (town-owned but not maintained). Pursuant to RSA231:43, the Selectmen will be placing a warrant article on the 2022 Town Warrant to be voted on at Town Meeting. It would be discontinued from the intersection of South Shore Road to the dead end of Deer Cove Road. The reason is because there is no right of way allowing a plow truck to safely turn around. Smith made a motion to approve this letter. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received 13 Clerical Abatements for tax deeded properties that were reviewed and signed. These were unable to be changed to municipal-exempt due to the April 1st deadline. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 29, Lot 1, Sub lot 102, for \$18.00. The taxpayer was not on this site as of April 1, 2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 29, Lot 1, Sub lot 241, for \$183.00. The camper was sold in October 2021. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Clerical Abatement for Map 38, Lot 16, Sub lot 9, for \$113.00. This camper was removed prior to tax bills going out. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for \$183.00 for Map 029, Lot 001, Sub lot 241. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board has a letter to be sent to NH House of Representatives and EDAC in support of HB 1552 regarding the Assessing Certification Board. Smith made a motion to send the letter. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for 49 Broad Bay Road, Map 031, Lot 006 for a variance. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received the Recycling Center Daily Cash Log. The total amount collected was \$ 8,005. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for 300 Route 16B, Map 073, Lot 106 for a Final Site Plan Review. This is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Old Business:

None presented

New Business:

Simpson suggested they do the Pledge since they did not at the beginning of the meeting. They all agreed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Second Public Input:

Ed Comeau asked how many abatements were voted on and if they could specify the Map, Lot, and amount for a point of record. Smith obliged the request. They are as follows.

Map 275, Lot 028 for \$272.00	Map 272, Lot 015 for \$389.00
Map 275, Lot 027 for \$258.00	Map 248, Lot 043 for \$61.00
Map 097, Lot 005 for \$208.00	Map 227, Lot 017 Sub mh00 for \$31.00
Map 097, Lot 002 for \$176.00	Map 130, Lot 012 Sub 113 for \$90.00
Map 091, Lot 017 for \$1,069.00	Map 117, Lot 015 for \$90.00
Map 075, Lot 028 for \$329.00	Map 104, Lot 14002 Sub 00A for \$67.00
Map 024, Lot 037 for \$379.00	

M. Eldridge thanked the Highway Department for assisting in the clean-up of the Dorrs Corner property. Brief discussion ensued.

Smith made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 3:10PM. Roll call Martha Eldridge Yes, Susan Simpson Yes, and Jonathan Smith Yes

Smith made a motion to re-enter the public meeting at 3:19PM. M. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Smith made a motion to seal the Non-Public Session 1 minutes. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 2/07/2022