

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, July 17, 2023**

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

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

**M. Eldridge reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM.**

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

**Public Input:**

Dallas Emery asked about the Selectmen Office hours and mentioned that he did not realize there was public outcry for changing the hours. He said that he has been coming to these meetings for years and has never heard anyone say they would like extended hours. He also mentioned that people have asked him if the Board would be having meetings every week. He reiterated that he is confused about changing the hours. He also mentioned that people have asked him about the cupola again. T.J. Eldridge, Public Works Director, asked Emery if he was aware of the town roads needing repair. Emery advised that the roads are a separate issue and mentioned that T.J. said we would be receiving \$750,000 in Grant money to help with that. Emery stated that he understands about the road conditions but people asked him to find out about the cupola. T.J. advised that no one had ever reached out to him about the cupola. Discussion ensued. T.J. advised that the weathervane is down back and it will go back up when it is done but that probably won't happen this year because the roads need to be opened up first. He advised that if anyone wants to ask him questions, they can call him, but this is not the best way to spend money right now. Discussion ensued. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator said that if this is the only complaint, then that's pretty good. Emery said it was a question not a complaint, but he has plenty of those as well. Discussion ensued. T.J. said maybe they will do a survey to see if the people would like a cupola back or a town clock instead. Emery thinks it's a great idea. Discussion ensued. Emery also took a moment to welcome Smith back.

Jenny Spofford introduced herself. She is the new Library Director and is looking forward to serving the community. She will try to attend at least one Selectmen's Meeting a month to share library news. The Board welcomed her.

**Meeting Minutes:**

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Work-Session Minutes for 6/27/2023. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

M. Eldridge made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for 6/27/2023. Simpson seconded. Smith abstained.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest:**

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 7/18/2023 in the amount of \$51,332.17. The General Fund is \$68,287.69. Water accounts payable are in the amount of \$4,461.63. Recreation Revolving Fund in the amount of \$2,296.00. The total was \$126,477.69. M. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$40.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Sewer Warrant for \$15,552.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$11,212.76. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Water & Sewer Warrant for \$21,144.27. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Abatement for Map 008, Lot 015 in the amount of \$53.00. It is recommended to be approved by the assessor. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Abatement for Map 264, Lot 030 in the amount of \$278.00. It is recommended to be approved by the assessor. Simpson made a motion to approve. Smith seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request for an Abatement for Map 700, Lot 001 for Fairpoint Communications. It is recommended to be denied by the assessor because of failure to provide any documentation to support the appeal. Smith made a motion to deny. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an Excavation Tax Warrant for \$46.00 for Map 277, Lot 004. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Excavate for Map 277, Lot 004. Smith made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Ossipee Zoning Board for case # 23-08-V. Kogo LLC was granted a Variance under the Chart of Uses and for rear setbacks. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Ossipee Zoning Board for case # 23-06-V. Dorrs Corner Solar was granted a Variance under Article 34, Chart of Uses and Article 4.4, Structures and Uses. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Ossipee Zoning Board for case # 23-07-V. Calderwood was granted a Variance under the Chart of Uses to expand seasonal boat storage. It is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Selectman Smith read a letter into record, thanking Officer Lewellen for her professionalism. The letter explained that the person had stopped to assist a turtle cross the road and Officer Llewellen

made sure she was ok and safely made her way back into traffic. The Board asked Chief Babbitt to thank Officer Llewellyn on their behalf.

**Old Business:**

None Presented.

**New Business:**

None Presented.

**Second Public Input:**

None Presented.

**The next meeting will take place on July 31, 2023.**

**Adjournment:**

Being no further input, M. Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded.

Adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson

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Jonathan Smith

To be approved 07/31/2023