

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, June 14, 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 Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Discussion:

Finance Director Andrea Picard and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kellie Skehan gave the group some general financial updates including reviewing the upcoming school payments. The Town still has not needed to draw on the TAN and might be able to hold off further as long as the 2021 tax revenue starts arriving soon.

At 2:18 PM, Smith made a motion to enter two consecutive nonpublic sessions: session #1 under RSA 91-A:3, IIc for reputation risk including tax matters; and session #2 per RSA 91-A:3, IIa for personnel issues. Simpson seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Smith – YES, Simpson -Yes, Eldridge -Yes.

At 2:55 Smith made a motion to re-enter the public session and seal the minutes to the nonpublic sessions #1 and #2. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer left and returned with Roland Millette, Misty Ryder and Dean Robertson of Ossipee Concerned Citizens. There was a brief discussion and agreement to renew the lease mostly as is for one year and then have a longer-term lease (up to 5 years per RSA) to vote on at next town meeting. Roland said he will work on it and/or have their attorney prepare both.

The OCC representatives left and at 3:20 Sawyer gave an update on the FairPoint settlement, which is just under \$23,000 and will need to be paid next year. Sawyer recommended accepting the terms, and Smith made a motion to accept and give the Attorney the authorization to move forward. Eldridge seconded, and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer brought up the matter of the Code Enforcement Officer and the current SOP which is that he often does site visits in his own truck if the job is on the way to or from work because it is near his home. Sawyer suggested that he should be using the Town truck with the logo and recommended the CEO take the truck home at night, but only to be used for Town business. The BOS agreed.

At 3:31, Smith motioned to enter into nonpublic session #3, per RSA 91-A:3, IIa for personnel issues. Eldridge seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Smith- YES, Simpson- YES, Eldridge- YES.

At 3:50 Smith motioned to re-enter the public meeting and seal the minutes to nonpublic session #3. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Being no further input, Smith made a motion to recess the meeting until 4:15 in the gym. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman