

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, August 23, 2021

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Town Administrator Matt Sawyer Jr was present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was also in attendance.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

Discussion:

Smith motioned to enter into three consecutive nonpublic sessions, the first per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) for legal issues, the second per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel issues, and the third per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) for reputational risk. Eldridge seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Smith – YES, Simpson – YES, Eldridge – YES.

At 3:20 PM, Smith made a motion to re-enter the public meeting and seal the minutes from nonpublic sessions 2 and 3. Simpson seconded, and the vote passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding revenues from cemetery lot sales. The Board told Sawyer that future revenues of this category can be sent to the Cemeteries Lot Sales Trust Fund, but agreed that we wouldn't retroactively send any from 2020.

At 3:30 PM, Selectman Eldridge made a motion for Sawyer to send the Order to Pay for Cost of Abating a Public Health Nuisance at 330 Granite Rd, as had been drafted by Sawyer. Simpson seconded, and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer informed the Selectmen that the first half of the funding from ARPA/State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds had arrived. The Board said to go ahead and accept it as revenue to reduce the tax rate in 2021. Andrea said she will recognize it as grant revenue into the general fund.

The Board read a letter from Gordon Pilotte of Duncan Lake Rd and told Matt to respond, reminding the residents of Duncan Lake Road that the Selectmen have no further authority in the matter.

At 3:45 PM Simpson made a motion to enter non public session #4 per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel issues. Smith seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Smith – YES, Simpson – YES, Eldridge – YES.

At 4:00 PM, Simpson made a motion to leave the non-public session and seal the minutes. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0. The meeting then recessed until 4:15 PM in the gym.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman