

## Selectmen's Work Session Monday, November 7, 2022

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. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was present.

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

### **Discussion:**

Smith motioned to enter two nonpublic sessions; session 1 under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and session 2 under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Simpson seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Eldridge – YES

Simpson – YES

The nonpublic session began at 2:01 PM

At 3:23 PM Smith motioned to reenter the public session. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0. Smith motioned to seal the minutes to nonpublic sessions 1 and 2. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith motioned to recess the meeting and move down to the gym.

At around 3:30 PM, Smith reconvened the meeting in the gym. Smith led a discussion regarding the Main Street Program and recommended the Town simply take over utilities payments. Pat Jones said that would be great. Smith motioned to have the Government Buildings Department take over paying the utilities bills as of January 1. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0. Sawyer asked Pat to please bring in any invoices/bills with current vendors so that the Town can contact them and change the account info over.

Linda Hatfield presented their budget request on behalf of the Library Trustees. There was a discussion regarding the Library's poor bandwidth due to their free account with Spectrum. Sawyer explained that the easiest solution would be for them to simply call Spectrum and upgrade to a higher bandwidth, and that he didn't see a need for the Town to take over the service. The Trustees agreed to do that and said they would circle back with Sawyer if needed. Smith motioned to approve the Library as presented \$244,070. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented a 2023 Interest Expense budget request for \$10,000. Smith motioned to approve it. Eldridge seconded it and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented a 2023 Insurance budget of \$154,200. Smith motioned to approve it. Eldridge seconded it and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented a 2023 Fire Warden budget of \$21,995. Smith motioned to approve it. Eldridge seconded it and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented a 2023 Emergency Management budget request of \$6,700. There was a brief discussion regarding some changes made. Sawyer said that the EMD has not been getting a stipend so he changed the budget sheet around with consent from the EMD to provide a small annual stipend of \$2,175, consistent with the stipend for the Fire Warden. Sawyer said they moved the funds from other lines to keep the department level funded at \$6,700. Smith motioned to approve it. Eldridge seconded it and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer presented the Ambulance budget of \$449,000 explaining the increase is due to the increase in call percentage occurring in Ossipee vs the other towns in the agreement. Smith motioned to approve it. Eldridge seconded it and the vote passed 3-0.

Being no further input, Smith motioned to recess until 4:15 PM. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

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Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

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Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman

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Susan J. Simpson, Selectman