

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, February 13, 2023

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Jonathan Smith, Susan Simpson and Martha Eldridge. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was present for the beginning of the work session but left during the nonpublic sessions.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM

Discussion:

At 2:15 PM Smith motioned to enter two consecutive nonpublic session, the first under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) and the second under RSA 91-A:3, II(e). Simpson seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Smith – YES

Eldridge - YES

Simpson – YES

At 3:15 PM Smith motioned to reenter the public session at. 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 read an abatement request from the red folder, regarding map 93 lot 6. Smith motioned to deny the abatement. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith presented a Selectmen's Deed for 190 Chickville Rd which was sold during the silent auction via sealed bid to Erin Hartley of Center Ossipee. Smith motioned to approve and sign the deed. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the recent visit by the auditors. Sawyer said it seemed to go very well and that Andrea (Finance Director) had been well prepared for them, and that they seemed to be impressed with the way things are being run.

Sawyer presented Selectmen Simpson and Eldridge with 2022 complete year financials, including the expenditures and revenues reports. Sawyer directed them to page 11 which showed a general fund surplus of over 6%. Sawyer said that TJ's wise spending and frugality was largely responsible for the great expenditures report and leftover funds.

Sawyer said that the Town has received a commitment letter that LRPC is requesting the Town sign to participate in Household Hazardous Waste Day. The parties present were in agreement that the Town would participate but not host it, and that we would wait to confirm with TJ that LRPC knows that before signing anything.

Sawyer said that he had received an inquiry from a Town department to see if we can/will celebrate milestone work anniversaries here. Sawyer said he wasn't aware of any such program to compensate, reward or even recognize work anniversaries, and asked the Selectmen, especially Eldridge who had served as TA for many years, if they are aware of any such practice or program. They all said no.

Sawyer said his feeling is that if a department head wants to celebrate milestones for their staff, they are welcome to do so within their department. The Selectmen agreed.

At 3:21 PM Smith motioned to recess until 4:15 PM in the gym. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman