

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, March 27, 2023

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present at the start were Selectmen Susan Simpson, Chris Templeton and Martha Eldridge. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was present. Selectman Templeton entered the meeting shortly after the start.

Discussion:

At 3:00 PM Eldridge motioned to go into a nonpublic session under 91-A:3, II(e). Templeton seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Templeton- YES

Simpson – YES

Eldridge – YES

Ed Comeau of www.governmentoversite.com asked about the agenda which had a nonpublic session under 91-A:3, II(c). Sawyer asked if the intention was to go into two consecutive nonpublic sessions. Eldridge clarified “yes” that session one is under “e” and session two under “c”.

At 3:47 PM Eldridge welcomed the public to join the meeting again and began to discuss a new RV Permit application. Comeau asked if the Board intended to seal the minutes to the nonpublic session. Eldridge made a motion to seal the minutes to nonpublic sessions 1 and 2. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Sawyer asked if there was a vote to come out of nonpublic session. Eldridge motioned to go back into the public meeting. Templeton seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Eldridge presented the “Temporary Recreational Vehicle Permit” which was a result of a zoning ordinance amendment that passed at Town Meeting. Sawyer said this was created at the request of the Zoning Officer to help the Town monitor and enforce staying in RVs pursuant to section 4.9 of the updated ordinance. He said that stays more than 14 days require permits to ensure there are property facilities especially for dealing with waste. Sawyer clarified that he was looking for preliminary approval by the Board but that the form and updated fee schedule with this permit and a few other minor changes would be presented at an upcoming public hearing (to be tacked on to a Selectmen's Meeting) if the Board is ok with it. The Board said they were ok with it and told Sawyer to schedule the public hearing.

TJ Eldridge said his highway guys are transitioning out of winter road maintenance and that it's tough this time of year with such soft roads. TJ said they will have to fix some areas including Roland Park, Mill Hill, Nudd Road etc, which were damaged by plowing soft roads. TJ said we are approaching Spring cleanups. TJ asked if the Board wanted Matt and TJ to hire the part time Government Buildings Maintenance Employee or if they themselves wanted to be part of it. The Board said that Matt and TJ should do it, but to bring in the final candidate for final approval by the Board of Selectmen at a meeting.

Chairman Eldridge asked the other Board Members if they have any other discussion. Neither did, so the Chairman recessed the meeting until 4:15 PM in the gym.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

R. Christopher Templeton, Selectman