

Selectmen's Work Session Tuesday, July 17, 2023

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

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

Discussion:

Eldridge immediately motioned to enter two nonpublic sessions, the first under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) and the second under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Simpson seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Simpson – YES

Eldridge – YES

Smith - YES

At 3:56 PM Eldridge motioned to reenter the public session and seal the minutes of the nonpublic sessions one and two. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0. Eldridge motioned to recess the meeting until 4:15 PM. Simpson seconded, and the vote passed 3-0.

Public Works Director TJ Eldridge discussed the road washouts that keep recurring with this abnormal year of rain. TJ presented a Drainage Easement that had been drafted in hopes that Carroll County would grant the easement to the Town to help dry out their fields and fix the issues with the road. Smith motioned to authorize TJ Eldridge to sign drainage easements on behalf of the Town. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed a revised “Duties of the Board of Selectmen Chair and Vice Chair Duties” document. Smith clarified that this document did not change the duties of the Chair but simply created a formal position of Vice Chair who will assume the duties of the Chair upon their absence. Eldridge motioned to approve the policy. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0. Eldridge motioned to appoint Smith as the Vice Chair. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Eldridge motioned to appoint Smith as the Selectmen's Rep to the Budget Committee. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0. Smith presented a letter of recommendation from the Conservation Commission and motioned to approve the appointment of Gordon Pilotte to the Conservation Commission to a three-year term. Eldridge seconded the vote passed 3-0.

Being no further input, the work session recessed until 4:15 in the gym.

Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Jonathan H. Smith, Selectman