

## Selectmen's Work Session

### Monday, September 11, 2023

The following meeting was held in the gym at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Susan Simpson, Martha Eldridge, and Jonathan Smith. 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 3:00 PM

#### **Discussion:**

Eldridge asked Sawyer if he had anything to discuss. Sawyer presented a drafted Fall 2023 Budget Planning Schedule for the 2024 budget. Sawyer explained that he has moved around many budgets to level out the load for each meeting to review them, as well as accommodate some time off that Jonathan and TJ would have in October. Sawyer explained that in order to accommodate these changes, the Board of Selectmen would need to meet on Columbus Day week, specifically Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sawyer also presented the Outside Agencies application and asked for permission to send it as it is. There was some discussion and a consensus was formed that it would be better to send it out now and give the agencies more time to get their paperwork. Sawyer also asked if the BOS would continue to allow repeat agencies that are requesting level funding to bypass the Selectmen and go right to the Budget Committee. Eldridge, Simpson and Smith said yes. Sawyer asked TJ to make sure the Budget Schedule as proposed would work for him. TJ said yes. Smith motioned to approve the Budget Schedule as proposed. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith brought up an edit request to the most recent meeting's minutes regarding the Masonic Lodge and specifically that he wanted "as noted in the Bodwell report". Smith also requested an update to the motion on the Police certification software which has a second but not a vote. Smith said we will need Angie to check the recording and update with a vote if one was taken.

Smith asked TJ when they are paving Huckins Road. TJ said it would be soon because the fine grading is to take place later in the week and paving usually commences shortly thereafter.

Sawyer asked to confirm if Smith had been named the Selectmen's Rep to the Budget Committee. Smith and Eldridge confirmed affirmative.

TJ said he received a recent email from FEMA and they only need a couple minor things and should be able to send out payment very soon.

Eldridge discussed a recent invitation via email from the TA in Moultonborough for potential regional meetings between municipal officials. The Board instructed Matt to reach back out and offer to go in place of the BOS and that if anything important or worthwhile comes up that Jonathan can also attend if needed.

Smith presented a Health Officer nomination renewal form for Sawyer as Health Officer and motioned to approve his renewal nomination. Eldridge seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

At 3:17 PM Eldridge motioned to recess until 4:15 PM in the gym. Smith seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

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Martha B. Eldridge, Chairman

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Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

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Jonathan H. Smith, Selectman