

Selectmen's Work Session, Finance Meeting & Non-Public Session Monday, December 9, 2019

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectman Sandra Martin, Selectman Martha Eldridge, Selectman Susan Simpson, Angela Rizzitano, Secretary, who recorded the minutes and Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator.

Selectman Sandra Martin called the work session to order at 2:13 PM.

Discussion:

Angela Rizzitano advised the Board about a woman who wanted to donate Electrician Services Certificates to someone in need in the Town of Ossipee. The Board advised to have them donate the certificates directly to Ossipee Concerned Citizens.

The Board reviewed the letter to abutters on Depot Square Street regarding parking on the road during inclement weather when the Highway Department needs to plow. The letter will be sent out to property owners on 12/10/2019.

Non-Public Session:

Martin polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter, RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter and RSA 167:4 for a welfare matter at 2:19 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Martin answered yes, Eldridge answered yes, and Simpson answered yes. Martin made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 3:00 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The work session reconvened at 3:01 PM. Present were Selectmen Martin, Eldridge and Simpson.

Review of Red Folders, Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests:

The Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifest, Red Folder were reviewed.

Finance Meeting:

Harry Merrow, Treasurer; Karen Anthony, Finance & Benefits Administrator; Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and John Smith were also present.

Karen Anthony advised that in January the Town will have overpaid the School District by approximately \$74,000.00. There was discussion about the pending court case between Governor Wentworth School District VS. The Town of Ossipee. Anthony advised there is approximately \$1.2 million dollars in the bank after the deposits. The check to the county for \$900,000.00 will go out on Monday.

Kellie Skehan advised that the Tax Collector/Town Clerk has received about \$140,000.00 dollars in revenue and should have another \$100,000.00 by the end of the day. Also \$60,000.00 for tax payments are in the ACH. Selectman Martha Eldridge asked Kellie to report on her Warrant Article for books. Skehan advised she would get it to the Town Administrator asap.

Matt Sawyer Jr. read a list of items to be addressed by the Board per the Budget Committee's request.

Harry Merrow inquired about the Whittier Covered Bridge Project. Anthony advised that her and Matt Sawyer Jr. are working on it and will advise.

The Board discussed the budget for the Recreation Department regarding setting up a Capital Reserve or Revolving Fund. Chairman Martin advised that she would like to discuss further before a decision is made.

Finance Team was dismissed at 3:20 PM.

2nd Non-Public Session:

Martin polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter at 3:21 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Martin answered yes, Eldridge answered yes, and Simpson answered yes. Martin made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 3:23 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The work session reconvened at 3:23 PM. Present were Selectmen Martin, Eldridge and Simpson.

Discussion:

Selectman Sandra Martin asked Police Chief, Joseph Duchesne about arranging a self-defense class for young girls and adult women. Duchesne advised that he would work on arranging that and advise asap.

Michael DiGregorio and Andrew Kellar of Solar Conserves entered the meeting at 3:30PM. They presented the Board with on information regarding Solar Projects in the Ossipee area and invited The Board to move forward with a Pilot Agreement. Other towns that have a Pilot Agreement include Franklin, Milton, Hillsboro, Conway, Laconia and Farmington. NH RSA 72:74 allows for a Board of Selectman or City Council to enter into a long term tax agreement specifically for renewable energy facilities. Discussion ensued. DiGregorio and Kellar were dismissed at 3:50 PM.

The Board discussed a letter from a citizen of the town advising that she felt she did not need to pay taxes. All Taxes and Fees are due. The Board will not take further action regarding this.

Selectman Simpson inquired about over-time for Boards and Commissions Secretary, Laura Nash. Chairman Martin advised that over-time for that position is approved due to the nature of her responsibilities.

Being no further input, Martin made a motion to adjourn the work session. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Sandra P. Martin, Chairman (Absent)

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 12/16/2019