

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, December 23, 2019

These minutes were recorded by Angela Rizzitano, Secretary. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Call to Order:

Selectman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
Martin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martin opened the meeting by welcoming Tony Eldridge to the staff as the new Superintendent of the Works.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Sandra Martin, Martha Eldridge and Susan Simpson.

Department Head Reporting:

Highway Department – William Eldridge, Highway Supervisor, read the highway work log. He advised that they cut some trees, put a heater in the sidewalk tractor, worked on the plow on truck 2 and plowed and sanded as needed.

Recreation Department – Craig Brady, Recreation Director, reported school vacation has begun. He advised there will be a Barn Dance at the Town Hall on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, advised that the Town Clerk's Office has received about \$22,000.00 in revenue. The Town has received \$2,190,000.00 in taxes. She advised they have about 2 million dollars outstanding in taxes to be paid.

Selectmen's Office – Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator, reported that budgets and year end meetings commenced this week. He also advised that the phone connectivity has been updated and will have future upgrades in 2020.

Zoning Enforcement/Government Buildings – Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, reported he had a busy month with permits and inspections. He also advised that Chickville Church has been closed up as well.

Water & Sewer Department – Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, reported that he will be reading meters at the end of the week. Nothing further to report.

Public Input:

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked about the Town of Ossipee's online system for taking questions from the public. Chairman Martin advised that it has been active for a few years but we don't get much input from the public using this system. Discussion ensued.

Steer also asked if there was any news on White Pond. Martin advised that it is still in the hands of legal counsel.

Steer asked about the Governor Wentworth School District VS the Town of Ossipee court proceedings. Martin advised that it is still in the hands of legal counsel.

Meeting Minutes:

Martin made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session held pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a Tax Matter, RSA 91-A:3, II (b) for a Personnel Matter and RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a Personnel Matter on 12/23/2019. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session and Non-Public Session held on 12/16/2019. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 12/16/2019. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Check Voucher total was submitted for the week ending 12/21/2019 with a pay date of 12/24/2019 in the amount of \$42,877.13. Accounts Payable for the week ending 12/24/2019 is \$64,347.00. Water & Sewer Accounts Payable is \$10,195.68. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Payroll Reimbursement Request issued to the Water & Sewer Department for the payroll week ending 12/21/2019 with a pay date of 12/24/2019 was submitted in the amount of \$4,157.50. Eldridge made a motion to sign the request. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Water & Sewer Warrant was presented for signatures for \$40.00 with penalties after January 28, 2020 for all sums not paid by this date. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Town Clerk, Kellie Skehan, presented the Board with a letter to appoint Ballot Clerks/Moderator for the Election. Chairman Martin read the letter and made a motion to appoint all 13 people. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board is requesting a Tax Anticipation Note from the Bank of New Hampshire for \$2.5 Million dollars. Martin made a motion to sign. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter to be signed for the Recreation Department to apply for a grant from Walmart to make improvements to the Bub Avery Gymnasium by replacing the basketball hoops. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Wright-Pierce Engineering regarding a proposal for engineering services for Camp David. The cost is \$7,400.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Supplemental Warrant for Blake Sancioff of 1168 Route 16 in the amount of \$5,768.00. The reason for the warrant is the property was sold in July 2019 and the taxes should have gone to the new owners. Eldridge made a motion to sign this Warrant. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Highway Weekly Report for the week ending December 20, 2019. It will be on file in the Selectmen's Office.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 1168 Route 16 for property owner Cheryl Delisle (Map 110, Lot 001). The request is in the amount of \$5,768.00. The reason for the abatement is the property was sold in July 2019 and the taxes should have gone to the new owners. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 75 Route 16B for property owner, Great Bridge LTD Partnership (Map 093, Lot 010). The request is in the amount of \$4,243.69. The reason for the abatement is the property owner believes the assessment exceeds the statutory requirement under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Simpson made a motion to approve this abatement. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Contract for Use of Facilities from Jeffery Bean for December 29, 2019 for a family Christmas party. Simpson made a motion to approve this contract. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Selectman Eldridge advised that the Board will be meeting next week to discuss and vote on all department budgets.

New Business:

None presented

Second Public Input:

Roland Millette asked about the Ossipee Concerned Citizens warrant article. Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer Jr., advised that the Selectmen will be discussing budgets at the next work session on December 30, 2019.

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked why the Recreation Department is asking for new Basketball hoops for the Bub Avery Gymnasium via the Walmart Grant. Sawyer Jr. advised that the

basketball hoops in the gym have not been updated in a long time so it is needed. The Recreation Department is applying for a Grant through Walmart to get those updated.

Non-Public Session:

None

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 30, 2019

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Sandra P. Martin, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge

Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 12/30/2019