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Selectmen's Meeting Final Minutes
4:30 p.m. – Town Offices

Monday, May 2, 2022

Present: Chairman Albee, Selectman Pike, Selectman Murray. Staff Secretary: Jane Lemire.
Police Chief Andrew Shagoury, State Representative Brodie Deshaies, Chris Ruel, Leo Dwyer, Gary Burnett.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albee called the Selectmen's meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Chairman Albee opened the public hearing for discussion:

Mr. Chris Ruel, Transfer Station Supervisor, attended to answer questions from the public and selectmen regarding the change in transfer station fees. The item list with fees was distributed and reviewed by the selectmen. It was pointed out that waste oil needed correction as it stated \$1 per quart and \$5 per gallon. Although the simplicity of round numbers is convenient, the fees didn't make sense (as there are four quarts per gallon). Police Chief Shagoury mentioned that when fees get too high, litter becomes a problem as some people start dumping items on the roadsides. After discussion it was recommended to eliminate the quart disposal. In addition, it was decided to eliminate 40 lb. and 100 lb. tanks under Propane Tanks. Selectman Murray stated he doesn't think residents should be charged for a first sticker. This will be discussed in the 2023 budget review.

A motion to approve the rate of five dollars for disposal of one-gallon of oil was made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Selectman Murray . All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

Chairman Albee closed the public hearing and stated further discussion of the transfer station rate structure would take place in the fall.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Board of Selectmen Meeting Draft Minutes of April 25, 2022
A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Selectman Murray and seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

- NH Broadband: Mr. Leo Dwyer, Director of NH Electric Cooperative, gave a presentation regarding broadband installation in Tuftonboro. He began by stating that there are 800 electric cooperatives in the country which supplies 42% of all electrical service in the country and serves 12% of the population. Three hundred of these are building fiber for broadband. The electric cooperatives are owned by members, self-governed, self-regulated in NH, and their board of

director's is the governing body. He stated that they bid to serve under-served areas in the state, primarily along the Connecticut river. In looking at Tuftonboro, there are 110 miles of distribution lines with 2,600 meters that they serve and 90 that they do not. NH Electric Cooperative does have intentions/plans to bring broadband to Tuftonboro but are unsure of when. In approximately six months from now, they will make their plans as to what projects will be undertaken in the next twelve months. Every under-served area wants to be next. If Carroll County is chosen, we could expect installation to begin in approximately thirty months from now. Mr. Dwyer answered questions from the group. In closing he asked for the selectmen's support in their (NH Electric Cooperative) grant applications and requested that we submit to NH Electric Cooperative a letter of support.

- **Abenaki Tower:** Mr. Gary Burnett, representative from Abenaki Tower and Trail Association, came in to meet with the selectmen. He stated that 2024 will be the 100th Anniversary of the Abenaki Tower. They are a non-profit with 100 members who meet once per year. In honor of the upcoming 100th anniversary, they are applying with the State of NH for a Historic Roadside Marker. Mr. Burnett asked the selectmen for their support by writing a letter that they can include with this application.

A motion to compose a letter in support of the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association's request to the State of NH for a Historic Roadside Marker was made by Selectman Murray and seconded by Chairman Albee. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0. A letter of support from the Town of Tuftonboro will be sent to Mr. Gary Burnett.

- **Police Department:** Police Chief Andrew Shagoury met with the selectmen to ask if the department could purchase a vehicle (black Tahoe) from Liberty Chevrolet in Massachusetts for \$44,376.65. Chairman Albee questioned what additional money would be needed after purchase to equip the vehicle, and could an itemized list be submitted prior to the purchase of a vehicle. Chief Shagoury responded that there are very few appropriate vehicles on the market and time intensive to put an itemized list together. He estimated that the cost would be approximately in the range of \$30,000-\$40,000 to equip the new vehicle.

A motion to allow the police department to purchase a new vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) in the amount of \$44,376.65 was made by Chairman Albee and seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

Selectman Pike asked Chief Shagoury if any fines have been given to anyone who has been in an accident at the Four Corners (Ledge Hill Road and Route 171) due to not stopping. Chief Shagoury responded no; as driver's haven't purposefully driven through the stop sign.

SIGNATURE FILE

- Selectman Pike made a motion to sign abatement lot 2-1-71-31 Camper at Lane's End; seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, passed unanimous 3-0.

ACTION ITEMS

- Lakes Region Computer Nextiva phone system quote: *Next agenda*;
- Tele Techniques, Inc. phone system quote: *Next agenda*;
- Camp Belknap new dining hall invite: *Next agenda*;
- Tyler Phillips update;
- Chairman Albee received answers from Ms. Dianne Drown, RD State Office;
- Tuftonboro Islander's Association Meeting, July 9, 2022: Chairman Albee will attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ZBA Notice of May 10, 2022 Hearing
- Lakes Region HHW Coordinator's Meeting on May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Meredith

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE

- Selectman Pike stated he has received multiple inquiries about the Four Corners and the accidents there. One resident recommended rumble strips be put down. Selectman Pike will not be in attendance at the next BOS meeting on Monday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m. and said it was fine to meet without him.
- Chairman Albee stated he had an online conversation with the police building developers that he will review at the next BOS meeting. Selectman Pike will read the answers and email any questions he may have.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Joseph Kowalski stated he disagreed with the BOS motion approving the purchase of a new police vehicle.
- Brodie Deshaies, State Rep stated he will be running for re-election. He mentioned that many capital improvement bills have passed.

A motion to adjourn the public session at 6:15 p.m. was made by Chairman Albee and seconded by Selectman Murray. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

A motion to enter a non-public session at 6:15 p.m. was made by Chairman Albee and seconded by Selectman Murray. A roll call vote followed: Chairman Albee – yes, Selectman Murray – yes, Selectman Pike – yes. Motion passed unanimous 3-0.

A motion to adjourn the non-public session and reconvene to public session was made by Chairman Albee and seconded by Selectman Pike. A roll call vote followed: Chairman Albee – yes, Selectman Murray – yes, Selectman Pike – yes. Motion passed unanimous 3-0.

A motion to seal the non-public session minutes was made by Chairman Albee and seconded by Selectman Murray. A roll call vote followed: Chairman Albee – yes, Selectman Murray – yes, Selectman Pike – yes. Motion passed unanimous 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Murray made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, motion passed unanimous 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Town of Tuftonboro Secretary
May 4, 2022*