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**Selectmen's Meeting Final Minutes  
4:00pm – Town Offices**

**Monday, October 24, 2022**

Present: Chairman Albee, Selectman Pike, Selectman Murray, Dennis Guilmette, Chief Shagoury, Chief Thompson, Steve Fusco, Steve Stettner, Melanie Ratcliffe, Steve Scapicchio, Chris Ruel, and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Albee called the BOS meeting to order at approximately 4:00pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Susan Weeks met with Selectmen to talk about Sandy Knoll Rd and showed Selectmen what she believes is the appropriate traveled way according to the very old maps that she had.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the 10.17.2022 BOS meeting draft minutes as written. Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve and remain sealed the 10.17.2022 10:35am BOS Non-Public Session draft minutes, Chairman Albee seconded, motion carried 2-0. Selectman Pike abstained.

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve and remain sealed the 10.17.2022 12:10pm BOS Non-Public Session draft minutes, Selectmen Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Dennis Guilmette presented and reviewed the budget for Library

Chief Shagoury presented the attached update. The police budget was presented and reviewed with Selectmen. Chairman Albee opened the 2 bids that were received for the police cruiser. A bid was received from Scott Strange of North Conway NH for \$3000.00 and a bid was received from Barry Moses of Asian Auto Services in Plaistow NH for \$3912.00. Selectman Murray made a motion to award the police cruiser to Barry Moses for \$3912.00, Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0. Chief Shagoury noted that (2) radars had to go back to the factory, and another has to go back for some repairs. One thing that has come up is the speed limit sign on 171, 40-35mph that someone took it upon themselves to move it, DOT did not move it. It was moved further towards Moultonborough. Chief Shagoury announced that Trunk or Treat and Trick-or-Treat is 4:30 – 6:00pm on Halloween, Drug take back day is Saturday October 29 from 10-2 at the Transfer Station. Also, there is training to be completed by end of year and he is working on that. Selectman Murray asked about Holiday pay and how that works with salaried employees. He asked Chief how many of his staff were salaried and Chief said he was the only salaried person in the department. Chairman Albee brought up to Chief Shagoury that he is only to get paid 52 weeks per year. No extra for vacation or sick time as a salaried employee.

Chief Thompson presented the attached update. The fire and emergency management budgets were presented and review with Selectmen and it was decided that the Generator would be presented as a warrant article rather than an entry in the budget.

Steve Fusco and Steve Stettner discussed with Selectmen again about their concerns about the MX171 track and in a nutshell they have basically tabulated all the days, all the hours, the decibel levels, videos, number of bikes, number of total time that the track has been live and active and are presenting all those facts and any discussion on Facebook which were not too pleasant along with a petition where he went to 32 homes in the area of the MX171 track and received 27 signatures. They also presented a power point that compiled photos of the track and a video on it from the back deck of Steve Fusco's which also had a representation of the noise level that he can hear from his back deck. Steve Stettner mentions that there have been a lot of threats against not only him but others online and a lot of malice online as well. Chairman Albee informed that it had been suggested during our meeting with attorney last week that there be a meeting with ALL parties maybe sometime after the first of the year and try to come to a mutual agreement that works for everyone.

Steve Scapicchio met with Selectmen to get his budget in order before submitting it to them. Question one is the Conservation Commission had their meeting last Monday night and they will be applying for 2 grants. One is for the bike trail behind the first station and the second is to extend the Great Meadows trail.

Chris Ruel presented the attached update and presented and reviewed the budget for Solid Waste and Disposal. Chairman Albee suggested a work session on October 28 to meet the 2 people that Chris is trying to hire. Selectman Pike is able to attend but Selectman Murray will not be present. Selectman Pike asked Chris why he was submitting for mileage when dropping off his paperwork to the Administrative Assistant when he has to drive by the town office building twice a day anyway. Chris replied "why not?" Selectman Pike went on to say that a previous board of selectmen hired Chris as a part time transfer station attendant which means that you are only allowed to work so many hours a week. Selectman Pike explained that there is nothing malicious about it he just wants to know why he did it. Chris replied that he doesn't know why it is an issue now when he was hired 2 February's ago and has been putting in for mileage since then. Selectman Pike was clear that he did not approve of it. Chris further explained that it is in the handbook document that if you are using your personal vehicle for work/town business then you put in for mileage. Selectman Murray noted that just because you can doesn't mean that you should, and also agrees that he does drive by the town office twice a day and it could be dropped off on his way by. Selectman Murray added that it looks like Chris is making a special trip from the transfer station to the town office just to drop off his paperwork for the Admin Assist. and it "appears" to be an abuse of the system. Chairman Albee added that if the alternative is providing with a vehicle, then we are better off doing what we are doing currently. He doesn't know that it qualifies as abuse, it is part of the description of his job. Selectman Murray added that it is clearly in his rights to charge mileage. Chairman Albee added that you have to rely on the reasonableness of your employees, or we would have to buy a bunch of cars and leave at the town offices with the keys so that people can drive to the town office and pick up a town vehicle to go wherever they need to go. Selectman Pike noted that that opens a whole other discussion to talk about another day.

## **SIGNATURE FILE**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Chairman Albee made a motion to re-approve Budget #4312 – Highway & Streets for the corrected amount of \$679,300 not \$681,800 due to an addition error. Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve Budget #4550 – Library for \$243,084, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albee made a motion to approve Budget #4210 – Police Department for \$496,408 (-12,600), Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albee made a motion to approve Budget #4220 – Fire for \$625,811 (-22,000), Selectman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albee made a motion to approve Budget #4290 - Emergency Management for \$19,710 (-12,400), Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albee made a motion to approve Budget #4324 – Solid Waste Disposal for \$519,838 (-8,616), Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Pike made a motion to approve Budget #4196 – Insurance for \$80,103, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from NHMA legal inquires – planning board schedule of fees  
Course Completion – Abbi Gillis  
Course Completion – Andy Shagoury  
Board of Adjustment 444 GWH  
Wetlands Permit Application Rt 109 Map 40-5-13

### **SELECTMEN’S UPDATE**

Selectman Pike attended the Conservation Commission meeting.  
Selectman Murray attended the Planning Board meeting at which they approved the Union Wharf boundary line adjustment.  
Chairman Albee attended the Budget Committee meeting which went well, and CIP has met twice since the last meeting and answered all kinds of questions about Sandy Knoll Rd.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 8:01pm Selectman Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cami Wakefield,  
Administrative Secretary