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Selectmen's Meeting Final Minutes 4:30pm – Town Offices

Monday, June 26, 2023

Present: Chairman Pike, Vice Chairman Albee, Bob Murray, Adam Thompson, Chris Ruel, Chris Sawyer, and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pike called the BOS meeting to order at approximately 4:45pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

# **REVIEW AND APPOVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the 5.19.2023 work session draft minutes as written, Chairman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the 6.12/2023 draft minutes as written, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

Adam Thompson presented the attached update. Chairman Pike let Chief Thompson know that received praises for the FD and their services over the weekend for the fine job that they did and that they do.

Chief Thompson added that he received a request for a leave of absence from one of his call member firemen and he has honored that request and will be happy to hire him back at any time should he request to come back as he is a good fireman and worker.

Selectman Albee asked if there was any news on Car 1. Chief Thompson replied that the cap is supposed to be finished next week and hopefully we will see it soon.

Selectman Murray asked about the hazmat truck in the central fire station yard. Chief Thompson replied that Kenworth of New England is coming to look at it.

The Chief added that Caleb will be on vacation until July 5, 2023. He also mentioned that the Melvin generator is here and just needs to be installed and the mirror lake furnace just needs to be installed as well.

# Chris Ruel presented the attached update.

Chris presented paperwork to Chairman Pike about an accident that occurred at the transfer station. Police also filled out a report as they were called to the scene as well. Chairman Pike asked the Admin Secretary to let our insurance company know about this incident.

Chris mentioned that his computer and printer have not been working and he doesn't have all the reports that he would like to have had for this meeting. What he has is a very paired down report until they get fixed or start working correctly.

Selectman Albee asked Chris what his total C&D cost was. Selectman Murray added that maybe it was just him, but he cannot read Chris's report. He added that he is doing math which appears to be obvious to him is not obvious to Selectman Murray. Chris explained that this was his week to week "transmission sheet".

Selectman Albee noted that he thinks that we need to separate compactor and C&D on the report. Chairman Pike added that personally he would be happy with just the totals on the report and not the day by day. Selectman Albee added that Chris is not showing them any budgetary numbers.

Selectman Albee added that we are not charging enough for C&D and maybe we want to flat fee some of these people. He continued that he would rather see it the other way around and we were overcharging for our C&D, we are undercharging, which means we are all paying for their C&D as taxpayers.

Selectmen Murray added that he thinks we owe it to the town folks, anyone who is doing a project to take their C&D, if they are remodeling a bathroom and they need to take care of it, but if you have a contractor coming in who is redoing a roof or a contractor that is going to build an addition, then he doesn't think that we should be accepting C&D from contractors. He added to Chris that this is where you are losing your money with the contractors. Chris replied that he thinks we need to figure out a feasible way if we are going to accept C&D, a way that is advantageous for us to do that.

Selectman Murray added that if we are going to do C&D for everybody then we need to do it right and the way to do it right is with scaling. We are paying by the pound to get rid of it, so we need to be paid by the pound to receive it and we are not doing that. Selectman Murray added to Selectman Albee that we have been through this exercise before, what happened? Selectman Albee replied that it cost too much for the scale, it cost too much on an annualized basis to certify it and man it. Selectman Albee added that he was more inclined to let them go somewhere else with their trailers because at this rate we are carrying a 25k deficit. Selectman Murray noted that general contractors should not be coming in and using us. They should be hiring a dumpster. Selectmen Albee agreed and added they are billing the client anyway for disposal, and if it a real issue for these characters they will come in and complain to us. He added that Chris should be able to say the Board of Selectmen decided we are not taking trailer loads of C&D anymore until we figure out a scale and see how many of them show up.

Selectman Murray asked if we give them any notice or do, we just shut the gate on them.

Selectmen Albee responded that he is more concerned with employees deciding that they know this guy and he's a good guy so I'm going to let him do it, but Chris is going to have to control that.

Chris added that he will have the Admin Secretary give him a memo from the Selectmen and he will get one of Adam's digital signs and have it say no commercial C&D and chain it to the end of the entrance.

Chairman asked if there should be a motion for this.

Selectman Albee made a motion that as of July 1, 2023that we limit C& D collection to just homeowners no larger than a pickup truck and eliminate commercial hauling of C&D into the transfer station until further notice. Selectman Murray asked how the new schedule was working out. He said he was in there the other day and as he was sorting out his cans and plastic, he heard the employees talking about the schedule and it didn't sound like they were happy. Chris responded that he is revising the 40-hour version back down to the 35-hour version. He is making 3 different versions.

Chris Sawyer wanted to let selectmen know that there is a dead tree on her road that has been tagged to come down for a year that is a hazard, but now they really need to come down because they are going to fall on someone driving or walking by. She also wanted to let them know that there are either telephone or cable lines down on her road and Northline Rd. Chairman Pike asked if the Admin Secretary would call Spectrum and see if they can come out and take care of the lines on Federal Corner Rd.

Chris also wanted to suggest that selectmen install a camera on the beach at 19 Mile as she had seen some posts on Facebook regarding the ramp and the damage of that at the beach. She thinks that perhaps moving the fence 4feet and making the entrance wider might help but that pinpointing a certain group for the damage is not good. Selectman Albee added that we are not obligated to provide access to fish on the ice. Chairman Pike asked selectmen all in favor of having the Road agent move the fence post. Pike – Yes, Albee – Yes, Murray – Yes.

#### SIGNATURE FILE

Selectman Murray made a motion to sign the Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs, Chairman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to sign a Notice of Appointment for Laurel Podsen as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, Chairman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Albee made a motion to sign a Notice of Appointment for Lynne Walsh as a member of the Conservation Commission, Chairman Pike seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to sign an Intent to Cut for Map 30-3-9 & 43-3-4, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to sign a Corrective Right of Burial for K. Dennis, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Selectman Albee asked about the RFPs on the 19 Mile Crosswalk. He believes it is just painting stripes and putting up a light and he is wondering if the Road Agent can get involved in this somehow. Chairman Pike replied that there was a plan that was presented to them by Matt Young. Selectman Murray noted that it had been put out to bid so there is no reason why we can directly solicit people now. He asked that the Admin Secretary contact Matt about the name of the company that he had suggested before might be interested.

Bid recommendation for the Fire Suppression System – Selectman Murray made a motion to hire Interstate Fire Protection in the amount of \$48721.69 to install the vault fire suppression system, Selectman Albee seconded for discussion as he would like them to handle the electric, Selectman Murray replied that they can handle the electric but it would be above and beyond the bid price. He wants them to own the project 100% and not say that the electric doesn't work it must have been our electrician. Motion carried 2-1. Selectman Murray will contact Interstate Fire and let them know.

**Charter Communications** 

Alba Architects – Selectman Murray made a motion to instruct Alba Architects to retain the cost-plus fee structure with guaranteed maximum price.

Letter from Mike Carleton -- have Conservation come to the July 3, 2023, meeting.

Email from Dan Barnard - Summer Times edition - Selectman Murray will write this.

Email from Chief Shagoury regarding concerts on the beach – Selectman Murray read the email aloud and added that what was handed down to him was that say there was a concert, and it is staffed by one of our officers and that officer gets called away for a car accident or a service call of some sort. That will leave the concert unattended for that period of time, is that ok with us (the selectmen). Selectman Albee replied that we don't want to get into a situation where we don't have an officer there to handle it and we can't deputize our parks and rec director. Chairman Pike added that we haven't changed ANYTHING. Selectman Albee said he is not prepared to let the Chief off the hook for being at those concerts. He added that it can go both ways, if he thinks that he needs an officer covering the town while there is a concert then he needs to increase his force for that night. He added that the Chief is putting the onus and cost all onto the parks and rec committee and that's not his call, he's the police chief and we are asking for police coverage. He added that it's not in parks and rec budget to hire a detail for the concerts. Adding that he is down an officer and that budget line has remained flat for quite some time. Chairman Pike asked that Admin Secretary make a note to talk to the selectmen on July 3, 2023, when he is in for him monthly about the concert detail.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Hearing Notice - Ratcliffe

Email from nhlakes.org – Steve Wingate 2023 John F. Morton Award – Selectmen asked for this to be sent to Conservation Commission – Steve S.

Prinex – Property & Liability Coverage

Letter from NH Division of Historical Resources

Email from New Hampshire Local Welfare Admin Association- Selectman Albee will follow up with this.

Memo from Chief Shagoury – no shows for scheduled PT tests for new officer.

Press Release from Police - car accident on 109

Letter from Mitchell Municipal Group - Welcome Marissa Morrissette

Planning Board Rules of Procedure

# SELECTMEN'S UPDATE

Selectman Albee just following up on the police detail, his rate of travel on his police officer salary and it should not be a problem. He also had a question for Selectman Murray about a "tractor" that he heard about for the beach and would like Selectman Murray to follow up with that with the parks and rec director, because he doesn't get to go on the beach with the tractor or we will get ourselves fined. Selectman Albee added that he doesn't get to buy or get donated equipment without Selectmen accepting it.

Selectman Albee had a complaint from a citizen, and he talked to the police chief about it, but there are people wandering the community taking pictures and he guesses that it is the co-op that has contracted with a company to do a survey of

the line heights, but the problem with these people that have come here is that they do not have any identification. The car they are driving says NH Broadband on it which is technically the name of the subset for NHEC, there has been no notification to the public about NH Broadband coming to do this. The complainant told him that when he approached people on their property, they wouldn't say who they were working for and had no identification on them.

Chairman Pike knew what was going on the first day he saw them, and he asked them. He agrees that we could have been notified in our monthly bill that some people would be coming around to our properties.

Chairman Pike attended the CIP meeting and ended up being the Selectmen's representative that night as one selectman had covid and the other one forgot.

He also added that Planning Board met with the Conservation Commission and put out a suggestion and a request for suggestions that the conservation commission might make to help implement the master plan. One example is to adopt a shoreline protection ordinance.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

At approximately 7:25pm, Chairman Pike made a motion to enter a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II, (a) personnel. Selectman Murray seconded, motion Carried 3-0. Roll call vote: Pike — Yes; Albee— Yes; Murray — Yes. At approximately 7:40pm, Chairman Pike made a motion to exit the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel and re-enter the public session, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:40pm Chairman Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted, Cami Wakefield, Administrative Secretary

#### **SELECTMEN MEETING**

June 26, 2023

**2023** 

Fire Calls: 82 Gas Furnace Inspection: 28

EMS Calls: 129 Oil Burner Inspection: 4

Service Calls: 43 Wood/Pellet Stove Inspection: 4

SPD: 4 Life Safety: 22

TOTAL: 258 TOTAL: 58

2022

Fire Calls: 71 Gas Furnace Inspection: 28

EMS Calls: 122 Oil Burner Inspection: 2

Service Calls: 59 Wood/Pellet Stove Inspection: 1

SPD: 5 Life Safety: 22

TOTAL: 257 TOTAL: 53

6/2/2023- CO alarm 11 Mason Road 04:06 am. Positive readings found in the residence.

06/12/2023- Motor Vehicle Accident with ejection/ fatality area of GWH and Edge o Lake Drive 12:58 pm. Tuftonboro Ambulance transported 1 patient and Stewarts Ambulance transported the second patient.

06/14/2023- Possible structure fire/smoke investigation area of Winter Harbor Way. Found to be an outside fire.

06/19/2023- Motor vehicle accident rollover with entrapment area of 46 Union Wharf Road, Stewarts transported patient once extricated from the vehicle.

Rescue 1 had its tank heater replaced at McFarland Ford in Rochester. Which was causing a lack of power and check engine lights. The repair was completed as a recall on 05/23/2023.

Engine 4 was towed by Crowell's towing to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus from 11 Tuftonboro Neck Road (Mirror Lake Station). The truck lost all power and was blowing out gray and black smoke. Cost to tow the truck to LRFA was \$750.00 They found that the turbo needed to be replaced once replaced the vehicles had a EGR valve code. Once the EGR valve was replaced the engine ran normal for a short time and the EGR code returned when the EGR valve was taken off again it

was found that a piece of metal was stuck in the valve. Engine 4 was then towed to Power Products of Portland Maine by Crowell Towing. This is the engine company where Engine 4 had its engine repaired two years ago. The engine had a 1-year warranty on the rebuild. No estimate has been received yet on what the engine repair will cost. Also, no information if Power Products will cover any of the repair cost. Moultonborough Fire Rescue will allow us to borrow a fire engine while engine 4 is out of service. This is a huge savings to the town if we needed to rent a truck.

Bike safety day went well on 5/25/2023.

The department is working on gathering information on what other departments are charging for inspections. We are also gathering information on how air B&B are being handled in other towns.

All 7 camps have been inspected for the year for life safety. All had minor issues to take care of prior to opening.

All has been well with the addition of Captain Morgan to full time status. Captain Morgan sat on Moultonboro's assessment board on Friday 6/23/2023. This was to review candidates for the 6 new fire fighters they are looking to hire. We try to work closely with neighboring departments.

Captain Morgan has taken tax assessor out to the islands today. I went through a meeting with State EMD and FEMA along with Jim Bean in reference to damages from one of the larger storms we had come through this spring. There is no guarantee that we will receive any money but Jim Bean is working on the proper paper work. The current storm has not been considered a natural disaster yet like the storm in December of 2022, which we missed out on due to a problem with email address changes.

Ambulance contract: We are monitoring the Wolfeboro Ambulance contract very closely. Wolfeboro has put out RFP for their ambulance provider for 1/1/2024. It is my understanding that Stewarts Ambulance who is their current contract provider did not bid on the RFP. Stewarts advised this will not affect our contract with them in the future. We currently receive a transport ambulance from either there Wolfeboro base or Moultonborough Base depending where the call is located in our town. Our contract budgeted amount for 2023 was \$213,819.19. This contract ends on 12/31/2023.

I think that once we see the outcome of the Wolfeboro contract, we need to think about budgeting for 2024 as we will be looking at budgets soon.

In speaking with the Wolfeboro Fire Chief Tom Zotti, the town of Wolfeboro has received two bids back. Action Ambulance for \$900,000 a year and Brewster Ambulance for \$1,400,000.00 a year. These numbers are for two dedicated staffed ambulances 24/7 365 days a year. There current Stewart contract was providing 2 ambulances 24/7 365 days a year for approximately \$287,000 a year. It is very expensive to set up a new ambulance service in the area and meet RFP requirement. Option 3 for Wolfeboro will be for their department to purchase two ambulances and do transports. Note Stewarts ambulance has renewed their transfer contract with Huggins Hospital for 2 more years and will not be closing there Wolfeboro base, which is on Grove Street,

Date	Expense Action	Revenue Action	Notes	Cost SW
2-May-23	WM Comp #1 & CD #4	9.73 Tons/4.17 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	1081.45
2-May-23	CD #3 & CD #1	6.0 Tons/7.75 Tons	148\$.ea. P/U	
4-May-23	WM Comp #2 & CD#2	11.35 Tons/7.47 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	1235.43
5-May-23	NC Recycling	3.9 Tons	\$375 Ea. P/U	
9-May-23	WM Comp #1 & CD#1	8.64 Tons/5.14 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	977.85
9-May-23	WM Comp #2 & CD #3	9.60 Tons/5.0 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	1069.1
11-May-23	Plastic Haul	.71 Tons		
11-May-23	WM Comp #1 & CD#4	6.71 Tons/7.86 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	794.4
12-May-23	D+L Recovery	Propane & Freoon	59 Units	
16-May-23	Comp 2 & CD 1	6.78 Tons /5.78 Tons	148 \$ea. P/U	801.05
16-May-23	Comp #1 & CD 2	6.32 Tons/6.23 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	757.33
18-May-23	Comp #1 & Plastic	8.70 Tons/.61 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	983.55
18-May-23	CD #3 & CD #4	6.82 Tons /5.18 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	
22-May-23	Comp #2 & CD # 3	10.45 Tons /4.99 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	1149.89
23-May-23	Comp #1 & CD #2	6.80 Tons/ 5.26 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	802.96
25-May-23	Comp #2 & CD #4	4.89 Tons /7.50 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	621.41
25-May-23	CD #3 & CD #2	7.27 Tons /4.50 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	
25-May-23	All clean & Green	A/C Freon	22 Units	
27-May-23	NC Recycling	XXXX Tons	\$375 Ea. P/U	
30-May-23	Comp #1 & CD #4	9.12 Tons/6.79 Tons	148\$ ea. P/U	1023.47
30-May-23	Comp #2 & CD #1	4.87 Tons /5.33 Tons14	8\$ ea. P/U	
30-May-23	WM Glass	14.49 Tons	\$40 Per Ton	
	11 Solid Waste		WM (99.09 tons)	
	18 C/D Containers		WM (113.91 tons)	
	1 Plastic		WM (1.32 tons)	
	1 Glass		WM 2 (14.49)tons	
	WM -plastic recycling fee		XXx plastic/XXX tons	
	Resident Usage fees			
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