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

Monday, July 17, 2023

Present: Chairman Pike, Vice Chairman Albee, Bob Murray, Chris Ruel, Bauen Corp Rep, Bonnet Page and Stone Rep., Susan Weeks, and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pike called the BOS meeting to order at approximately 4:30pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Ruel presented a permit by notification for a limited public solid waste transfer station recycling facility. The Selectmen asked if there were any changes to the permit and Chris replied that he just had to specify the bulky waste, tires, and insurance. Selectman Murray asked Chris if he was certain that we are compliant and asked if it is his recommendation that the selectmen sign this permit, and Chris replied that it was. Chairman Pike made a motion that the Chairman sign the permit for the transfer station, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Albee mentioned that a solution to part of Chris's problem with winter maintenance would be for him to assume proprietary interest in the former police truck and says that he is kind of inclined to agree with him. Selectman Murray asked Chris how he would use it and Chris replied that he would acquire a plow for it for winter plowing at the transfer station.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the BOS meeting 6.26.2023 draft minutes as corrected, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the BOS non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) personnel draft minutes as written, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Murray made a motion to approve the BOS meeting 7.3.2023 draft minutes as written, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pike opened the bids for the police station project and read them as follows:

The total bid from Bauen Corporation is \$2,147,500.00

The total bid from Bonnet Page and Stone is \$2,454,795.00

Chairman Pike let both representatives know that we would notify them of any decisions made but believes that Phil Bennett of Alba Architects told us that the USDA also has to approve the bid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Driveway Permit

Letter from the Lachners – Lang Pond Rd

Email from Caleb Pike regarding roads from storm

Response from attorney – GOFERR letter

EECBG Municipal Solar Grant Program

Email from Max Ledoux

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE

Selectman Albee noted that he has had more than what were read complaints about speed and looks forward to the next meeting with the Chief of Police. He also mentioned to the Administrative Secretary about federal grant money that is available for flooding and the admin sec mentioned that she has sent all of that information to Jim Bean and copied the selectmen on the emails.

Chairman Pike noted that if the police truck will be useful to the transfer station, keep it. Selectman Albee added that its already paid for. He also thinks that we need to give Chris Ruel an opportunity to present his case for keeping it, Selectman Albee also mentioned that he has had more complaints about speed and looks forward to the next meeting with the Chief of Police. He also mentioned to the Administrative Secretary, the federal grant money that is available for flooding and storm damage. The administrative secretary replied that she had forwarded the information to Jim Bean and copied the selectmen in the email. because we aren't going to get anything for it when we sell it.

Selectman Murray added that he had nothing really to report other than his 'sign action'. He added that yes, he did remove some illegally placed signs from someone's property. It was beyond his purview, he did it as himself not as a selectman. He added he was wrong and paid for the signs and they shook hands at the end. He added that they are coming in to see selectmen on July 24, 2023.

Chairman Pike had a phone call from Mike Carleton who is interested in selling the town a piece of property by the transfer station. He noted that Mike has made it clear that he does not intend to spend any money on surveying the property and that the town should be able to do that on paper and until the selectmen make an offer, he is not going to spend a nickel. Chairman Pike adds that he personally doesn't know how the town can make an offer without physically knowing what we are buying. He also mentioned that paper subdivisions in his opinion have not been particularly beneficial to the buyer.

Selectman Albee added he thinks our assessor needs to take a look at it for the town.

Chairman Pike asked for some input from Susan Weeks who had come in during the meeting. She thinks there may be some survey information in the planning board files.

Chairman Pike continued that he and Chris Ruel met with Fairbanks Scales representative, and he had some brochures and information for selectmen to look at and read at their leisure. The proposed location for the scales is ideal for this type of scale. It would be mounted literally flush to the ground and is called a pit scale. The signals for stop and go would be X and O. We will know the price when we get the proposal. He added that is a very simple scale.

Selectman Murray wanted to know if there would be a discussion about ta camera being installed to keep an eye on the scale. Chairman Pike is not certain that it is totally necessary. Selectman Murray also asked about winter snow and ice removal on the scale. Chairman Pike replied that simply plowing it is sufficient to clean it off.

Chairman Pike mentioned that complaints of the transfer station seem to have died down.

He also mentioned that the tree that Chris Sawyer mentioned when she was in has been taken down by our road agent.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 5:15pm Selectman Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Albee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cami Wakefield,
Administrative Secretary