

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting November 30, 2021

Members present: Brian Monahan, Lynn Sweet
In attendance: Jim Andersen, Eric Almanzon

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. Minutes from the Selectmen's meetings on November 2nd and November 16th were read and approved. The County Tax Warrant was signed. Selectmen reviewed and signed miscellaneous correspondence. Selectmen also looked at a shoreline permit and plans for alterations that had been approved by the ZBA in regards to a retaining wall on resident's property.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen reviewed the design of the sign at the Hill Library and would like an acknowledgement to the Town of Strafford. Selectmen briefly spoke about the Multi-Board meeting on November 16th and were pleased with the presentations from both the Planning Board and Cell Tower Committees.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Clerk gave a thorough presentation for upgrading the Town's website noting that it was created over 10 years ago and has served the residents of the Town well, but is facing some challenges. The Town Clerk recommends upgrading website to WordPress CMS platform. There was a motion made, seconded, and voted on for the Town Clerk to proceed with upgrading the Town's website.

Jim Andersen was in attendance and asked about state of the tax bills. The Selectmen concurred they too have been questioned. The State has yet to set the tax rate and is awaiting paperwork from the School District. Eric Almanzon happened to be in the Town Office on other business having just heard of the situation.

Preliminary budgets were briefly discussed with a decision to have a work session December 7th @ 5:30 in order to further discuss and have time to possibly meet with Department Heads. There was also a brief preliminary discussion on the ARPA funds the Town has received and where those funds could be used and the limitations on said funds.

Selectmen will meet with Jen Czysz from Strafford Regional Planning Committee at their next formal meeting on December 14th.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

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