

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting December 28, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman-via Zoom, Brian Monahan, and Lynn Sweet  
In Attendance: Jim Andersen, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Police Chief Mike Richard

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session on December 7, 2021 and the Selectmen's Meeting on December 14, 2021 were read and approved. A letter from EMF with a proposed scope of work to update the technology at the Town Hall was looked over and briefly discussed. The SRPC Planning/Zoning Assistance contract was read, approved, and signed. Some miscellaneous correspondence was looked over and discussed.

Jim Andersen was in attendance to speak about the Recycling Center and some of the adjustments since sadly losing Craig Hastings. Mr. Andersen reported Compactor 1 is still down and Waste Management is searching for a new motor with no success as of that day. Waste Management has brought in open containers in until the compactor can be repaired. The open containers are not as large as the compactor and Waste Management will be contacted in regards to adjust the haul charges. On Wednesday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, there was a small fire in the Compactor 2 container. Upon inspection by Chief Whitehouse, it was suspected that someone had dumped live ashes that started the fire. Thankfully, no damage was caused. The Selectmen asked that the Emergency Procedures be posted and reviewed for the newer employees. There was a brief discussion on the plan to replace the loader. Money has been put aside for several years but there is still not enough to cover the full cost.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:46PM

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Brian Monahan to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Public session reconvened at 5:53PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Scott Young to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The Selectmen discussed a situation in which they were working with the owner toward the property's cleanup. Progress will be checked after December 31, 2021 for compliance in accordance with previously signed agreement between the Selectmen and the owner.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (i). Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The Board entered non-public session 6:00PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Lynn Sweet.

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:11PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Scott Young to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Chief Whitehouse came in to discuss the 2022 Fire Budget. The Selectmen looked over his budget numbers and felt the numbers were very good. The rough numbers for equipment to be purchased are TBD. The equipment includes new adapters for the hoses and ball valves. Chief Whitehouse hopes these numbers will be in by the end of January to give to the Selectmen.

Police Chief Richard was also in to discuss the Police Department's 2022 Budget. He'd like to add additional \$1,000 to repair the entryway floor at the Police Station. Chief Richard briefly discussed the issues he's having in hiring a full time officer. All shifts are being covered but officers are stretched thin at times, especially when one goes on vacation, etc. He doesn't want to hire someone just to hire someone, but wants the right fit for the Department and Town.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The Board entered non-public session 6:46PM.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Brian Monahan to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Public session reconvened 7:18PM

A decision was made regarding an employee matter.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Scott Young to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Being no further business to address it was motioned, seconded and voted in the affirmative to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.