

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting January 11, 2022

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan and Lynn Sweet

In attendance: Greg Messenger, Matthew Messenger, Paige Holman, Megan Grondin, Jesse Copeland, Sharon Omand, Lindsay Aucella

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 December 28, 2021 meeting were read and approved. Two supplemental tax warrants were approved and signed, two notices of pay rate for employees were approved and signed, information for the town calendar in reference to meeting dates/ in car voting for the Town Meeting in March was discussed and approved. A decision was made for the Recycling Center to close at noon on Saturday, January 29th in order for the employees to attend Mr. Hasting's funeral service, a letter from EMF to improve the technology at the Town Offices was approved and signed, and miscellaneous correspondence was looked over and discussed.

After review of information available and consultation with the Town's attorney, the following action was taken by the Board. A motion was made by Lynn Sweet, "To rescind the Cease and Desist Order issued to Mr. Fisher on the property located at 14 Lake View Drive." The motion was seconded by Brian Monahan. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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 5:47PM.

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 5:50PM.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment:

Paige Holman and Megan Grondin along with several Trustees of Hill Library were in to discuss the 2022 budget. There were no huge changes in their budget with a request that \$10,000 be restored going into the Capitol Reserve Fund instead of \$5,000 that had previously been reduced due to COVID. The Library requested a Warrant Article for the Town to vote on regarding the Children's Community Garden, formerly known as the Hill Lot that the Town owns.

Appointment:

Greg Messenger and Matthew Messenger were in to discuss the Town Road budget for 2022.

The State of NH is having trouble finding plow drivers. RAD Messenger had to sand and salt the roads during the last ice storm on the Town's State maintained roads as roads were treacherous and it was an emergency situation.

The Selectmen were notified that a gate was put up by a resident on a Class VI road. The Board agreed and voted that the gate be taken down and gave Mr. Messenger permission to do so. Another resident asked about the possibility a dirt road in Town to be paved. Mr. Messenger referred to the Master Plan of the Planning Board put forth several years ago that states dirt roads or "country roads" are an asset and are to be preserved to maintain a "nature-friendly transportation system". Northwood Road from Kerivan's to Town line and Whig Hill Road from 202A to Aspen Drive are expected to be paved in 2022. The Town's salt shed's lighting needs to be repaired along with new lights in the driveway and the sign replaced as the existing sign is no longer readable. The Selectmen discussed and approved.

The Selectmen discussed the possibility of again using an FM broadcast for the Town Meeting on March 12, 2022. Selectmen Sweet noted that there may be a cost involved with the broadcast this year. The Selectmen agreed it would be worth the cost to make people feel they can attend safely. The 2022 Town Meeting for an FM broadcast was approved and voted on unanimously. It was noted that the effort put forth at last year's Town Meeting and the patience of the Town's attendees was greatly appreciated.

Activity from the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment was reported on from the Selectmen's Representative. Strafford Regional Planning Committee is putting together a quote for the Town's Master Plan as the last time a Master Plan was written was 2002.

After inspecting a property at the beginning of January, it was found to be in the same state. It was voted and approved for legal action to take place.

There will be a work session the 25th of January before the scheduled Selectmen's Meeting.

With no further business to address, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.