

Minutes of the Work Session and Selectmen's Meeting

January 25, 2022

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

In attendance: Jim Andersen

The Selectmen met at 4:00 PM to discuss the 2022 budget. COLA was briefly discussed but no decision was made on any increases. Multiple departments were discussed including possible Articles to be added for a vote at Town Meeting on March 12, 2022. The Selectmen discussed consideration of the following

- Police Vehicle
- Town Hall Building
- Highway Department Vehicle
- Fire Truck will further be discussed with the Fire Chief
- Equipment and Repair at the Recycling Center
- Reflective Road Signs
- Bridge Fund decrease
- Library increase
- Town Office Equipment
- Revaluation
- Police Station Building Repairs

The line item for cemeteries was discussed. The overseers of the cemeteries will be asked to present a more detailed invoice on the maintenance that is being done.

The Selectmen will be meeting with Greg Messenger on Thursday, January 27, 2022 to further discuss his budget and requests.

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 January 11, 2022 meeting were read and approved. Two intents to cut were approved and signed, one timber tax warrant was approved and signed, and abatement request was approved and signed, a notice of pay rate for an employee was approved and signed, and miscellaneous correspondence was looked over and discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment: Jim Andersen at 5:30PM

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

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

The Board entered non-public session at 5:30PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 5:54PM.

A decision was made concerning a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet 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

Jim Andersen was in attendance to discuss some personnel changes at the Recycling Center as well as some of the issues he sees as a concern at the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center is down another 2 employees. This puts a load on the remaining employees- especially on weekends. The Selectmen discussed a possible change in the Recycling Center's hours and will discuss this further on a later date. Mr. Andersen stated that the Recycling Center has outgrown its current location and a potential new site should be considered for the future. The Selectmen agree that as the Town grows, the Recycling Center has gotten busier-especially when the summer residents arrive. The Selectmen also discussed getting the employees reflective vests in order that the employees stand out. Mr. Andersen also discussed repairs being done on the loader at the Recycling Center and the possible replacement. Compactor 1 is beginning to show signs of repair work needed. The Selectmen asked Jim to contact several welders and get prices on repair. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Anderson for coming in and appreciate the efforts the employees are making in the midst of being shorthanded.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission has contacted the Town to request a time for digitalizing records. The Selectmen approved a July or August time slot.

The Selectmen feel that clean-up efforts have been made on a property and the only issue that needs to be looked into is how many unregistered vehicles are on the property. The Selectmen asked that a letter be drafted and sent to the owner requesting the registration status of all the vehicles on the property.

The Selectmen further discussed budget numbers and decided to meet together February 1, 2022 for another Work Session. They will also be meeting with Fire Chief Whitehouse that evening to further discuss the Fire Department's budget. Chief Whitehouse was not able to fully speak with the Selectmen at his precious appointment because of an emergency call.

With no further business to address, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.