

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting December 12, 2023

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman; Chris Garcia, Brian Monahan

In Attendance: Library Director Larissa Malloy; Trustees of the Hill Library-Jessie Copeland, Lindsay Aucella, Sharon Omand, Liza Witonis; Charlie Moreno

The business portion of the Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved the payment of bills and payroll. The minutes of the November 28th Selectmen's Meeting were considered and approved. The Selectmen received notification from the Dam Bureau that they are starting an evaluation of the dam to review what a future rehabilitation project could entail. The first step is gathering data on the dam which includes collecting soil and rock samples using geotechnical drilling methods along with surveying the site. Other miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

At this time, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to recess the meeting to hold the Public Hearing. At 5:45PM, the meeting was recessed.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:45PM.

The public hearing is being held pursuant to RSA 31:95b for the purpose of accepting and expending unanticipated revenue grant funds (highway payment) appropriated in HB 2 to be used for purposes allowed within the guidelines.

The grant received was in the amount of \$36,117.84.

With no questions being asked or needing to be answered, a motion was made by Chris Garcia to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Brian Monahan. A vote was taken:

Lynn Sweet-Aye Chris Garcia-Aye Brian Monahan-Aye

At this time, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to reconvene the Selectmen's Meeting. The meeting reconvened at 5:46PM.

At this time, Brian Monahan made a motion to accept and expend the grant funds for the purposes allowed. Chris Garcia seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Lynn Sweet-Aye Chris Garcia-Aye Brian Monahan-Aye

Representatives of the Hill Library were in attendance to present their proposed 2024 budget, which are attached to these Minutes. The main topic of concern is the building and the repairs that will need to be addressed in 2024. The Selectmen suggested that the repair money come out of the Library's trust fund for building improvements. Also discussed was that the Library start the search process for a new location in order for expansion as it is outgrowing the facility.

Charlie Moreno voiced that the results of the questionnaire for the Master Plan included the importance of a sense of community and that the expansion of the Library could be grouped in with a possible community center that has been discussed during the master plan meetings.

The Selectmen discussed items that could be added as warrant articles in March by other departments.

On the topic of continuing business, brief status updates were given to the Selectmen.

The Selectmen approved reimbursing employees at the Recycling Center for work gloves.

Work Sessions were scheduled for January 16th at 4PM and January 23rd at 1PM. These meeting are in addition to the regularly scheduled Selectmen Meetings. The Budget Hearing will take place on February 13, 2024 (snow date of February 15, 2024).

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM