

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting February 6, 2024

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Chris Garcia, and Brian Monahan
In Attendance: Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief; Steve Johnson, Deputy Fire Chief

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and the payment of invoices. The minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session on January 30th were considered and approved. The Selectmen were briefed on legal proceedings that took place on the previous Friday concerning a property and its owner. The Board was in agreement to waive fees for a State service dog. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and reviewed.

Having heard several complaints on a junkyard situation, The Board discussed a continuing issue regarding a property and the Town's options on how to proceed. The Town had specifics on what the owner was to do in order to clean up the property. They also reviewed a letter from the Town's attorney sent to the owner previously. The Board will discuss this concern at a future meeting.

Petition articles that have been brought forth for the warrant were briefly discussed.

Fire Chief Whitehouse and Deputy Chief Johnson came before the Board to discuss several budget items for the Fire Department.

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:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:26PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened 6:36PM.

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

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

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

Items on the Fire Department 's budget were analyzed and were adjusted where necessary. The Chief expects that the new fire truck will be delivered this spring. Future hirings and operations at the Fire Department were cited. The Board asked that the Chief have a report ready from the Fire Station Committee for Town Meeting. The Board thanked the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief for their time.

The budget for the Recycling Center was reviewed. The Board conversed about the staffing at the Recycling Center and possible solutions in its successful operation. Any changes in schedule at the Recycling Center due to inclement weather or should it have to remain closed due to short staffing

will be posted on the Town website and FaceBook.

With the Budget Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 6PM, the Selectmen will have a brief meeting at 5:30PM to review the draft budget and warrant.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.