

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 20, 2024

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young; Hammond Brown, Mimi Jost, Henry Herndon & Madeline Bradley, Community Power Coalition of NH

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and the payment of bills. The minutes of the August 6, 2024 and August 12, 2024 meetings were reviewed and approved. An applicant for the Recycling Center was discussed and approved for re-hire. Miscellaneous correspondence was also reviewed.

Matters of the cyclical property reviews were discussed. The Board noted that the cyclical reviews conducted by KRT Appraisal are necessary for review to ensure the information is as accurate as possible on the property cards.

Police Chief Young briefed the Board on general matters concerning the Town and Police Department.

Members of the Green Committee and Community Power Coalition of NH met with the Board to propose a Joint Powers Agreement, requesting the Town's consideration in participating in an energy program that is intended to save property owner's money on their electric bill. Eversource would still provide the delivery and CPCNH would provide the supply of the energy. If approved, each property owner would receive a mailer explaining that the change would happen automatically and it would be up to the property owner to opt out of the program. The Board asked if biomass energy was considered. CPCNH answered not at this time. Mr. Herndon concluded the presentation with the implementation process along with an approximate time line. The Board stated they would not be able to make a commitment until after the Town's attorney looked at the proposed agreement; furthermore, an article for the warrant would need to be submitted to put this before the voters at Town Meeting. Once the Town's Attorney has had a chance to look at the proposed agreement, the Selectmen will review the agreement and discuss whether or not they'd like to proceed in participating in the program.

The Selectmen signed a proposal to replace the copier at the Town Hall with a "certified used" machine. When the current copier at the Town Hall was bought over 8 years ago, it too was "certified used" and is just beginning to show its age with parts becoming difficult to find.

Chairman Sweet gave an update from her meeting with the State concerning several culverts. Ms. Sweet, Road Agent Matt Messenger, and several members from NHDOT visited several sites. The State recognized the culverts are needing to be cleaned out along with the catch basins and will do so in the near future. The State requested that the wood chips be cleaned up in front of the community garden to lessen the debris that is flowing into the culvert and clogging it. The boulders need to be put back in place in front of the community garden to deter people from using that area to park. Silt socks or hay bales may have to be put in place to allow water to flow at a controlled rate while trapping sediment that comes from the garden. Parties involved have been contacted with the findings.

A question of ownership on a particular culvert/catch basin on another property was asked. Once ownership is determined, this culvert will need to be addressed as well.

An amendment to the Personnel Plan Section 6F was reviewed and approved.

The Selectmen received and opened 3 bids for "Fire Engine 2" that was up for auction. The truck was awarded to the highest bidder.

Terri Marsh, Tax Collector, updated the Selectmen on 2022 liens. Proposed payment agreements were approved and signed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.