

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting January 7, 2025

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young; Fire Chief Steve Johnson

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. Payroll and bill payments were reviewed and approved. Two timber warrants were signed. The minutes of the December 17th work session were read and approved. The facility request for Town Meeting at the School was signed. The renewal for the animal shelter services was signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and briefly discussed.

A letter from NHDOT was read requesting as built plans and load rating analysis for the Barn Door Gap Bridge. Dubois and King have been contacted about supplying this to the State; instead they sent a proposal and price to supply the report. The Selectmen agreed this should have been part of the package from Dubois and King and will not be paying any additional funds for them to provide this to the NHDOT since this is a requirement that has been in place for some time and is not a new requirement.

Chief Young met with the Board to discuss his proposed budget for 2025. The Chief explained he basically froze his budget raising it a minimal 3% over last year's budget.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Chris Garcia to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye; Chris Garcia -Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:20PM.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye; Chris Garcia – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:39PM.

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

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye; Chris Garcia – Aye

Chief Johnson met with the Selectmen to discuss his 2025 proposed budget. Several items were reviewed. Chief Johnson explained his budget increase was mostly due to adding medical insurance for 2 current full time employees. The Selectmen and Chief Johnson discussed his proposed warrant articles.

The Selectmen will review budget items at their next Work Session on January 15, 2025 at 5:30PM. The Fire Station Committee will also be meeting with the Board at 6:30 that evening.

Scheduling maintenance for the Recycling Center's backhoe was quickly discussed.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.