



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2024

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, John Hicks and Frank Day.

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Barbara Moulton; Brian Merrill; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dan Larson; Rec Director, William Tracy; Deb Tait; Bruce Collins; Chad Pine; William J Flynn; Cindy Walker; Jean Blake; Terry Blake; and Joe Egan.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2023. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll (and A/P's) have been approved.

Barbara Moulton questioned the Dec 12, 2023 meeting in relation to her name being mentioned for contacting the Town Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Cindy Walker asked questions about the Auditors and Dick responded that was between Wanda and Lynn. A question about when the Lawyer is coming was answered by John that he had answered their questions and has not been asked to come.

Administrative Assistant, Alvina answered Cindy Walker regarding her last FOAA request from 12/1. It took 2 hours and 20 minutes to compile. 2 hours are free. The \$8.33 charge is for the additional 20 minutes. Bruce Collins said he has paid for documents, in response to her question about being the only person in town to be charged. Cindy stated that she doesn't feel safe and had asked the Sheriff to come (while she met with Alvina). Alvina thanked her for asking the Sheriff, because another set of eyes, is good. Cindy said this is not resolved. Alvina said Cindy got what she asked for and it has been resolved.

Fire Chief, Dicky reported 19 calls, a on the structure fire, a chimney fire, agency assist at the ACO's residence, fire alarms, flooded basements, four mutual aids, interstate fire extinguishers company inspection, service is needed for the Community Center, the generator grant should be coming Finished up on the December storm, still working on the May storm. Dicky said the crew is doing a pretty good job.

Rec Director, Willy reported, the December movie night had 37 kids and the Rec is selling tickets for a side of beef. The Friends of Rec are raising money to buy new fencing for the ballfield, and looking into some permanent dugouts. They need for volunteers for the dog sled event starting Saturday, Jan 20. Another paint night will be on February 2nd. Basketball games are weekly. A Friends of Rec meeting will be 1/10/24 at 6:30 PM.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton reported on dogs at large and that her own animals were out of the fence, she asked Gary to help out while she was out of town. The Rabies Clinic on 1/6 was well attended with 85 dogs and 12 cats and the dogs were licensed at the same time. Alvina thanked Cindy for helping someone obtain with food from the food pantry.

John reported that the William Rich property does not have access from Plantation Lane. Vehicles can be towed as it is access by permission only. The Association has signs posted.

The Board discussed the problem with the orange container at the transfer station. Frank said he talked with one of the drivers at North Conway Incinerator and the container is too short. Bruce said it is about 25 years old and that it may not be fit for the road. Dick said they will look into it and have Cliff look into getting a new one.

John suggests moving the meeting room table forward and putting up a wall to allow an office space for the planning board and the assessors. Cindy Walker questioned whether it would reduce the amount of people allowed in the meeting room. Dicky said it wouldn't because the size is based on the area from the door back. Frank questioned why this is necessary and John said the Clerk's office should be for the Clerks.

There was a discussion on holding an executive session for a personnel issue. It was agreed they can do it, as long as it is posted.

Frank reported that Community Concepts asked for a letter of support to apply for a grant for funding from USDA-Rural Development to assist families in owning their own homes through the Section 523 Self Help Homeownership program.

The Parking restriction sign has been posted the web, front door, and advertised in the shopping guide. Bruce asked who enforces it? Dick said that the Public Works can call Oxford County.

The Spectrum Franchise Agreement and Address List has been given to Zack to review as there are some issues of concern. They have 947 addresses they may service.

Frank read a letter written to Cindy Willets concerning two checks that created an error in the deposit.

Dick asked whether anyone read the Planning Board ordinance in regards to LD2003, Joe said that Ben provided the wording for it. Bruce asked about the road frontage for a lot of record. He said there is no frontage listed for a lot of record. Joe said they will ask the question in regards to spaghetti lots and since they are doing zoning now it is a good time to address it.

Vinny Carbone is hosting a Community Pot Luck at the Lions building on 1/20/24 at 4:00 PM.

In response to a question about the truck fire on Dugway, Dick reported that the insurance company was there yesterday and will get back to us in a few days.

There will be a budget committee meeting immediately following this meeting.

John motioned, Frank second to adjourn. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant