



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cynthia Eaton; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Tax Collector/Treasurer, Wanda Bartlett; Recreation Director, Willy Tracy; Brian Merrill; Dan Larson; Vincent Lanovara; Barbara Mouton; Deborah Tait; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Hailey Boudreau; Tom Williams; Ada Lane; Stuart Smith; Robert Potter; Whit Lucy; Linda Pestilli; Chad L Pine; Pat Sarracco; Teresa M Egan; Bruce Collins; Laura Ameika; Joe Egan; Judi Tordo; Sooz Eland; BJ Parker; Wesley Smith; and Jessica Warren. Zoom Attendees: Lori Brann; SJS; & Hb.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Dick motioned, John second to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2023.

Payroll and A/P Warrants were approved.

Fire Chief, Dicky Perreault reported on the structure fire that was on Sunday morning. Other calls were 4 car accidents, a mutual aid for Denmark, and one medical call; They put the tracks on the UTV by building brackets; Thursday they will attend a workshop in North Conway and he received a letter from the Department of Labor regarding a change in the way they handle fines.

Cliff reported they are one truck down; they put the barriers up on Farnsworth Road; and Buddy & Cliff will be attending a trenching class in Augusta.

Willy reported 70-75 people showed up for the benefit fall-ball dinner at the Lions building; the fire department dinner at the Community Center was well attended and they left it in great shape. Movie night had 20-22 children attend. Basketball is going now; Upcoming events, December 9th Shop 'til you drop and a touch-a-truck event and December 15th there will be another paint class.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy reported the shelters are full so no cats can be taken. She received a dog that the owners wanted to surrender and a dog on Dugway was reunited to its owner.

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane reported a complaint on Haley Town Road; Mike also mentioned Tom Williams being here to discuss his concern with a neighboring property. Mike gave history on former Richard Card's property. Richard sold the property to Robin Leonard. There's a structure that was deemed unsafe, they were supposed to tear the house down because the lot isn't big enough for two houses. They are in violation. Tom Williams said he is at 1334 Pequawket Trail. He said this structure goes back to the fire and was supposed to be removed within one year,

according to the building permit that was issued on 9/22/16 for a new dwelling. Dick said that Mike should issue a seize and desist right away. John said we can try to contact them.

Vinny Lanovara read the articles as presented in the town meeting warrant and provided a copy from the Maine Moderators Manual. He read information that explains Amendments and the concept of an article's "scope." Vinny also asked about the letter that was sent out as a mass-mailing and formerly requests that the Board to ask our lawyer to find out who the other people in the group are; Bruce explained that not all warrant articles can be amended, like ordinance articles.

Deb Tait discussed Articles 6 & 7 as amended passed so the November Referendum that was defeated reverts back to town meeting. She recommends that we have another special town meeting. Vinny read again the amendment that was attached that superseded the Board of Selectmen. Deb explained what she thought the process should be, Bruce said it was his understanding that an ordinance is defined as anytime you tell somebody what they can and cannot do, it is not like a money article. Chad Pine said the four people are going to pick the best applicant to present to the Selectmen, Deb said that the committee as a group would decide. Deb said that at the time of town meeting, the articles passed, and following the town meeting, the Town Clerk should have set up a special election and had nomination papers available. The Board of Selectmen have no authority to overturn any election and the town clerk allowed it; Bruce asked a lawyer if it was legal to change a position from elected to an appointed position. It could be problematic which could mean litigation. Deb suggests having a public meeting and ask Zack. The Board agreed that we will ask the town attorney; BJ Parker suggests that minutes be taken at town meeting. Deb said they are. BJ remembers the Moderator in the middle of the whole thing making a comment about changing the scope or not being sure, but we have no proof of that. She suggests that we subpoena him and ask him in court; Terry said anything can be challenged or litigated. She said the legislative body voted on all the articles so we can't just pick out the two that we are not happy with. Terry suggests that we revisit it at a public meeting. Dick ended this discussion and said we will wait for the lawyer; Whit Lucy asked, do you know what you are going to ask the lawyer, and John said it was what Deb Tait wanted. He asked if the questions and answers will be read verbatim.

Dick said the comp plan has not asked for any money so any money spent by them will have to be paid through the Planning Board. Terry reminded the Board said under \$1,000 this list shows almost \$3,000 already but Terry said some of those things on there should not have been charged to the Comp Plan.

Frank made a motion, John second to accept the Winter Sand Policy. Voted affirmatively by show of hands.

Frank read the notice from the Planning Board regarding a site walk for Timber Creek Kennel Adventures, Map R5 Lot 6 Dec 5, @ 5:45 PM and the same night Planning Board regular meeting @ 7 PM.

Tax Collector, Wanda Bartlett said, "every time she turns around someone is putting an article on the warrant to change the position" and she asked, what part of no, don't you understand.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant