



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**DECEMBER 13, 2022**

### **MINUTES**

**Selectmen in Attendance:** Dick Norcross, Ricky Emery, and John Hicks.

**Attendees:** Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Hailey Bodereau; Dana Forcier, Jr.; William Flynn; Frank Day; Bruce Collins; Dan Larsen; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Patrick Bryant; and Steve Booker. There were no Zoom Attendees.

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

**Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants** were approved.

**Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Selectmen's Meeting** Rick motioned, John second and the minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

Alvina gave Bruce Collins the documents that were requested through a FOAA request last week.

Dick told everyone that the septic was full and when they dug it up discovered that there were a lot of roots causing problems.

A pole or underground location application was signed for CMP and Consolidated on Farnsworth Road, after the Public Works had reviewed the application.

Bruce asked about the 2015 and 2018 bylaws. Have they ever been adopted? Dick said they haven't said yet. Bruce went on to say the Minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 say they adopted them and, in the by-laws, it says the quorum was changed the quorum from 4 to 3. Bruce said he has the original minutes and the ones he is looking at are the revised ones. On the December agenda they have two sets of minutes, the original ones and the revised ones. Bruce explained the omissions. Dick asked if the town accepted the by-laws at town meeting Bruce said they don't have to, that the Planning Board gets to write their own by-laws but they are supposed to abide by them. Bruce asked the Board to read all of the January meeting because he said the revised minutes expunged every word he said. The by-laws must be consistent with the ordinance. Ricky asked where does it say that the Planning Board can not change their by-

laws? Bruce said they can but they must be in accordance with the ordinance. John repeated that the only ones that can change the ordinance is the town. John's motion to contact Bernstein & Shur because Leah has advised us and he thinks it is a conflict of interest. Was not second. Ricky questioned why would we use another attorney since we already have one. Discussion ensued.

Dan Larson discussed the bid quote he provided for flooring at the Rec Building and the Board selected a floor color they like. He expects to be able to have the flooring in about a two week wait from the factory. Alvina was asked and reported that the ARPA fund has \$105,604.19. Rick motioned, John second to expend up to \$14,000 for the flooring in the Community Center, that will address the workmen's comp issue. Vote was unanimous. Rick put the total of \$12,651 on the bottom of the bid presented.

Bruce showed the Board the Planning Board by-laws which makes no mention of the 2015 and 2018 to show that it was expunged. Each Board member has a copy of everything that Bruce has provided. Bruce and John want to know how can you fix everything that has been done?

Patrick reported on the Broadband progress and wants to know how are we going to present it, open town meeting or referendum? The Board is leaning toward referendum feeling more people will have the opportunity to vote. Ricky asked Alvina to find out what we have left in the election account.

Dicky Perreault said the whole porch on the Community Center needs to be addressed to avoid the trip hazard. Dick said he talked with Public Works and Bob said they can do the work if they want them to. Ricky said let them do it. Dicky reported that he was in the building today and that it is looking good. Still needs shelves, though to get items off the floor. There was a brief discussion about work on the building. Dicky hasn't gotten anywhere on the generator yet and he is afraid if we buy it today, we won't be able to get the grant money, but when he gets this straightened out, he may look into a Community Resilience Grant.

Dan Larson asked if he could get into the building to strip it out if he has a day or so before the flooring comes. The answer was yes.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alvina Day  
Administrative Assistant