



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross and Ricky Emery

Attendees: William J Flynn; Assessor, Bob Konczal; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; Alice Fitzgerald; Dana Forcier, Jr; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Hailey Boudreau; Bruce Collins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dan Larson; Joe Egan; Terry Egan; Frank Day; Planning Board Chair, Sonia Frye

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved.

Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Selectmen's Meeting were approved.

Bruce Collins met to discuss Cindy Willets being removed by the Planning Board, also the email dated May 31, 2017 from Maine Municipal Legal Services. "My understanding from Erik is that the comp plan was never adopted but that the water extraction was in fact, enacted (by the voters) in 2004". Bruce said that the statement about the comp plan was not a truthful statement because it was. He also asked where we stand on term limits (Selectmen). Ricky then read an e-mail from Leah B. Rachin dated August 4, 2022 and said we are not a charter town so we cannot do term limits for Selectmen. We have spent the money twice to look into this. Ricky also discussed an e-mail dated March 6, 2020 in regards to the citizens petition for term limits. Ricky told Bruce he could have another municipal attorney weigh in on it if he wants to but we have already done this twice. Bruce stated that he came in to discuss the planning board going into executive session to remove the chairperson. The Selectmen will be meeting with the Planning Board and Comp Plan Committee soon. Bruce discussed the 2015 and 2018 Planning Board Bylaws that have been wiped from the records. Bruce spoke on the bylaws of today and said the 2007 bylaws were accepted on June 4, 2019 to be used going forward, are not signed by anyone. Bruce said the Planning Board is not transparent. Bruce read bylaws section 2.1.5 concerning the removal of planning board members. It was agreed to send information to Richard Flewelling at MMA for an answer as to who can remove the planning board chair from that position. Ricky said that they need to have the Town Clerk and

Planning Board meet to find out where the originally signed copies are. Bill Flynn said that there was a vote to remove her as chair but that Cindy Willets resigned herself. Discussion ensued on executive sessions.

Bob Konczal, Assessor updated the board on the tax commitment, that people seemed to understand. The towns records are not in bad shape. He looked at 80 properties, building permits this year and previous years. He has some abatements to be signed. Cleaned up some issues from the change over of Assessors. We are moving forward well and recommends doing the revaluation over a 2-year period. The Real Estate market and interest rates are unstable right now. When he does the reval there will be 2 people going out to look at the properties.

Terry Egan said she appreciated getting the letter with the tax bills explaining why taxes went up. She wanted confirmation that taxes didn't go up because of the comp plan. Bob said taxes were voted in based upon town meeting.

Willy Tracy, Rec Director reported that basketball season started. Shop 'til you drop with Michelle and Friends of Rec on December 10 from 9-2 with vendors and Santa, and coordinate a tree lighting and a wagon with caroling and Santa. On January 26 & 27 there are plans for a dog sled race, he was requesting permission to have dogs and participants on the premises at the community center. Alice Fitzgerald spoke on the possibility of 15-18 sled dog teams with people coming from PA to Canada. They will clean up after themselves.

Cindy, Animal Control has been busy, lots of calls about barking dogs and dogs at large, she said one thing for sure, "cats in a tree always come down."

Mike, Code Enforcement Officer reported on issuing 3 occupancy permits, 1 building permit and 1 water permit. A couple of complaints but he doesn't think they are very serious. He loves his job!

Dicky, Fire Chief has been busy with other towns. Also, a Worker's Comp Audit resulted with several issues at the Community Center and the playground that need to be addressed, and for the Public Works the workers comp doesn't want the public in the salt-sand shed. Willy said he is the Rec Director not responsible for building maintenance, he is not the Community Center Director. Public Works is responsible for the upkeep of the building.

Bruce said that he put out a FOAA for the Minutes of 2/26/19 and he never received the (see attached) documents. Alvina was instructed to ask Pam to provide them.

Dick reported on a meeting with Patrick Bryant Eastern Slope Broadband and the Superintendent of MSAD 72. They have agreed to put information out to the students.

The Board are still working on the cellphone policy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant