



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Bruce Collins; Joe Egan; Dan Larson; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Hailey Boudreau; Chad Pine; Lisa Thompson; Barbara Moulton; Ada Lane; Brian Merrill; Cindy Walker; & Erik Walker. Zoom Attendee: Lori Brann.

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

Payroll and accounts payable were approved.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted affirmative by a show of hands.

Frank asked our Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton in regards to a previous discussion on the dogs on Blueberry Lane. She said that he runs a farm and asked her if she could get some pictures to prove he has a farm, that she knows is an ongoing problem and Franks wants proof for the Town. Cindy said she will ask the owner if she can take pictures but said he doesn't have to agree. Joe Egan said while they were working on the Comprehensive Plan, the State told them that you have to have \$2,000 income to show in order to declare yourself to have a farm. Dick said you have to have \$2,500 for a farm plate. Cindy stated that income doesn't count with animal welfare laws.

Frank read information from Town Clerk, Michelle Day regarding the upcoming revote. Absent a charter or voter petition providing otherwise, the selectboard has the sole discretion on whether to call an open or secret ballot town meeting to ask the voters to vote on warrant articles. The attorney said "I am not aware of anything in state law that would change the selectboard's authority to call either an open or secret ballot town meeting to revote articles that were voted on at an open town meeting."

Frank said the DEP was at the transfer station and the topic of the tires came up and they told them about another outfit that takes tires. They will spend a little more time on that.

Frank will be unable to attend the GA Workshop, and the Town was able to cancel so we won't get charged for him going.

The Shopping Guide provided a list of their advertising costs.

Dick said the Planning Board will be reviewing the schedule for the Marijuana fees tonight at their meeting.

The Budget Committee will have a meet and greet on September 20 @ 6:00 PM.

There will be a General Assistance Public Hearing during next week's Selectmen's Meeting on September 26 at 5:30 PM.

There will be a safety meeting here on October 25 at 8 AM.

Joe asked in regards to articles 6 & 7 from last week that we have a public hearing on them because it is only fair to the people that recommended the article before it is put on the ballot so they can confirm that it is what they intended. Joe said he started with the wording and Erik finished it out. He further stated that a public hearing requires 60-day notice. Cindy Walker said she thought there was a lot of confusion at the town meeting on the payroll article, the Rec Director's old pay was not listed and one person received two increases in this article. Dick said they will look into it.

Bruce Collins spoke on the charges the State has on tires and asked if it is possible for the Municipality to see if we can get a portion of that. Frank said he will be looking into a lot of things for the transfer station and information like that is helpful for him.

John motioned, Frank second to adjourn at 5:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant