



## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

**Rindge Town Office**

**Date: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Selectmen: Karl Pruter, Chairman, and Bob Hamilton, Vice Chair, Town Administrator Lori Rautiola, and members of the public. Select board member Tom Coneys was absent until 6:27 pm.

The public meeting opened at 5:34 pm. Karl motioned to enter a non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) hiring. Bob seconded the motion and it passed by a roll call vote, Karl, aye, Bob, aye.

The public meeting reconvened at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karl. Bob motioned to seal the minutes from the non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3 II(b) until three weeks from today as it could adversely affect the outcome. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed by a roll call vote, Karl, aye, Bob, aye.

**Selectmen's Announcements:** Bob announced the school deliberative session will be in early February 2025 and the P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle will be on the first Saturday in November and the Rindge Crime Watch will be the sponsor. Karl announced the Rindge Firefighter's Association has been working with a grant to restore the old M-2 second engine, Dodge 1936, and will be complete by next week. Karl thanked all the people who contributed to the project.

**Consent Agenda:** Bob motioned to accept the Payroll & Accounts Payable for 10.03.2024 & 10.10.2024. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0. The minutes from 09.25.2024 were tabled.

**Citizens Forum:** Karl opened the forum at 6:06 pm and closed the forum at 6:12 pm.

Roni Hamilton asked for an announcement or posting a sign that the meeting is videotaped and recorded so the public is informed, and privacy is protected. She also asked if Tom would be late to every meeting, to which Karl responded no. Roni asked where the Boston Cane was. Karl answered it was brought to the Historical Society. Bob requested the cane be moved back to the Selectmen's Room. Karl replied that he would be willing to if they communicated with the Historical Society. Pat Martin announced there is an NH Saves button-up workshop at the Rindge Recreation Department on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. There will be at least one prize and light refreshments. This workshop is taught by an expert explaining the best processes to insulate and weatherize your house and programs available through NH Saves.

### **Old Business:**

#### ARPA Updates:

**FD Tanker:** Casey Burrage explained the Fire Department was not prepared to present the quotes. One quote submitted was incomplete. The discussion was tabled.

**Health Insurance Rates:** Health Trust provided their rates and they indicated the Town can save about \$115,000 this year and the annual cost savings over 5 years are significant. Bob questioned how the employees felt about switching to a different carrier and Laurie May responded there was no negative input. She added that there is greater reach for coverage with Health Trust. Karl thanked Laurie and the committee for their hard work. Karl motioned to move forward

with Health Trust for the Town's health insurance. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

Camping Ordinance: Bob questioned if there were any changes to the camping ordinance as discussed in prior meetings. Karl answered he saw an insert today, but he did not have time to speak with the Police Chief, Rachel Malynowski. There was a brief discussion on whether the ordinance had to go to the voters. Lori stated she asked the NH Municipal Attorneys, and they confirmed it had to go before the voters. The ordinance was tabled for the following meeting.

**New Business:**

Intent to Cut – Map 1 Lot 11-08: Bob motioned to approve the intent to cut for Map 1 Lot 11-08 with a start date of November 1<sup>st</sup> pending the Conservation Commission's approval and willingness to work with the landowner. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

2025 Electricity Rates & Updates: Lori stated Bob Hayden from Standard Power claimed the rate would be about \$0.10 per kilowatt hour and a one-year contract would reduce the price by half a percent. They should have something solid by next week. Bob asked if the rate was residential, and Lori responded yes. Bob stated they would have to come in at \$0.089 per kilowatt hour to be below the lowest price on the list. Karl tabled this agenda item.

Avitar Revaluation Agreement for 2025:

Karl explained the Town Revaluation will be in 2025 and Avitar needs a document signed for the Department of Revenue. The cost for the revaluation will be \$117,804. Lori explained that the revaluation was included in the contract signed by the Board in 2024. Karl asked for the total amount in the revaluation capital reserve and Lori mentioned she would get that figure. Karl motioned to sign the Avitar revaluation agreement for 2025 at \$117,804. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

**Any Other Official Business:**

Special Events Permits: Tom Coneys arrived at the meeting. There were five special events permits, the Harvest Parade for RMS on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Candidates Forum at FPU on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, FPU Trick or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup>, Rindge's Trunk or Treat on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and Rindge Tree Lighting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Karl motioned to approve the five special events permits listed. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Victoria Stenersen*

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