



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: January 8th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Bob Hamilton, Select Board Member, Tom Coneys, Finance Director, Laurie May, and members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karl.

Selectmen's Announcements: Karl motioned to live stream and video record all town public meetings utilizing town hall streams. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 2-1. Karl announced that Petition Warrant Articles are due by January 14th, 2025, the Budget Hearing will be on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, at 6:15 pm at the Town Office, and the Town Deliberative Session will be on Saturday, February 1st at 9:00 am at the Rindge Memorial School Gymnasium. Bob announced the School Deliberative Session will be on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Rindge Memorial School. Karl announced there is no Board of Selectmen meeting on February 5th and the school budget and bond hearing is on January 16th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Conant High School.

Consent Agenda: Tom motioned to accept the Payroll for 12.26.2024, 01.02.2025, and 01.09.2025. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Tom stated he would not approve payroll until they have a purchasing system as he wants to approve and question all purchases before they are made. Bob motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 12.26.2024, 01.02.2025, and 01.09.2025. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 2-1. Karl motioned to approve the Minutes from 12.18.2024. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. The Minutes from 12.30.2024 were tabled.

Old Business:

Final Review of 2025 Warrant Articles: The town's attorney has reviewed the warrant articles and Karl stated they would review the recommendations and make any changes-at the public hearing.

Citizen's Forum: Karl opened the forum at 6:08 p.m. and closed the forum at 6:13 p.m.

Roberta Oeser stated she submitted a petition warrant article, and the planning board approved and moved to post the 9 zoning warrant articles. She brought up short-term rentals, a site plan review, a noise ordinance with conditional use permits and licensing, and limiting fireworks use on lake properties. Roberta added the Planning Board has recommendations for this licensing and permitting process. Pat Martin announced that the Energy Commission has a meeting at 4:00 pm tomorrow to collect signatures for two petition warrant articles on community property and a salt reduction program.

New Business:

Revaluation/Update Agreement: The contract total for a revaluation is \$117,804 and the funds have been set aside for this purpose. Roberta questioned the inclusion of the revaluation in the original contract.

Transfer Station – Punch Card Fee Schedule: There was a discussion about the demolition pick-up fees and whether the prices cover the cost. Tom motioned to accept the punch card fee schedule as proposed by DPW Director, Mike Cloutier apart from changing the Demo Half Pick-Up to \$40. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

The Board revisited the Revaluation agreement. Roberta added Lori texted there had not been any changes to the

Agreement or cost and it was just part of the contract the Board had already approved last year. Bob motioned to sign the revaluation agreement. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Informational Items, Communications & Updates:

Town Report Dedications/In Appreciation: Bob will check with Roberta Oeser and Karla MacLeod for suggestions for remembrance in the Town Report. Tom suggested dedicating the Town Report to the town's previous Animal Control Officer as he has been a public figure in Rindge since the 1970s and has dedicated his life to serving the town.

Karl requested to place the voting machines on the agenda for the following week. Bob stated he had watched the video with the new machine by Voting Works, adding he emailed the Town Moderator and asked for his recommendation. Karla MacLeod, Supervisor of the Checklist, added she believes the machine with the laptop can add one more thing that can go wrong.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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