



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: January 29th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Bob Hamilton, Select Board Member, Tom Coneys, 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 announced 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. Nancy stated she is looking for volunteers for the P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle on Saturday, February 1st, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Jaffrey. All proceeds for this raffle will benefit Rindge Community Projects, the Jaffrey-Rindge Education Foundation, and the Rindge Food Pantry.

Consent Agenda: Bob stated that the Payroll and Accounts Payable should be separated in the future. Bob motioned to accept the Payroll for 01.23.2025 and 01.30.2025. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Karl motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 01.23.2025 and 01.30.2025. The minutes for 01.15.2025 and 01.23.2025 were tabled. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0-1. Tom stated he abstained as there is not a purchasing system in place.

Citizen's Forum: Karl opened the forum at 6:08 p.m. and closed the forum at 6:16 p.m.

Victoria Stenersen, Executive Secretary, volunteered to sing the National Anthem at the Deliberative Session. The Board agreed to her suggestion. Karl asked if the Boy Scouts would be at the Deliberative Session for the Presentation of the Colors. Victoria responded that they would be there.

Donald Wilson spoke to the Hazardous Mitigation Plan on behalf of the property owners' association of the lakes in the region. He volunteered to be on the proposed stakeholders committee that is mentioned in the plan, to study water quality issues in Rindge lakes. Michael Golibersuch, a representative of the Contoocook Lake Preservation Association, added he would also like to join the committee and encouraged the formation of it.

Pat Martin, Farrow Road, asked if the Deliberative Session would be livestreamed. Karl answered it would not be as we do not have the equipment used at Town Offices at the school. Pat Martin requested that Tom livestream the Deliberative Session with his equipment so the public could view the presentations. Karl stated that citizens can record the Deliberative Session if they would like. Craig Clark, Fitzgerald Road, stated that RMS has invested in a sound system so there will be three wireless microphones at the Deliberative Session and the Moderator will have a headset microphone. This means that the microphones will need to be moved between the tables as opposed to previous years when there were five or six microphones.

Old Business:

Memorandum of Understanding for SAU #47: Karl stated the memorandum had been updated so the Recreation Department received the correct number of fobs for access to the school. Bob stated the agreement was too long for the original purpose of a request for six fobs and the memorandum was signed before the Board approved it. Bob then cut the memorandum down to a page and a half. Tom asked if the school district would accept the modified memorandum. Karl stated the school district has verbally agreed to the six fobs. Bob motioned to have Karl, Dan Bemis, and Lori Rautiola

sign the revised memorandum on behalf of the Board. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

New Business:

Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Fire Chief, Rick Donovan stated that the Hazardous Mitigation Plan is a planning tool that prioritizes projects to address potential hazards in town. There is no tax impact on Rindge residents to create the plan. Rick stated they are looking for the Selectmen to adopt this plan so they can move into the action phase. Rick added that adopting this plan does not mean they need to act on all the projects listed, it is up to the Board. Without this plan, the Town cannot receive federal grants for these projects. Tom stated he would like to move forward with it as the plan is required. Bob stated that he spoke with Rick about his questions about the proposed air filter system in the Town Office building, the emergency generator at the Town Offices, and including water quality issues as a hazard. They are waiting for consultant Jane Hubbard's response to his questions.

Donald Wilson stated that the cyanobacteria blooms occurring on the lakes in Rindge are a significant health hazard and there has been an increase in the occurrence and duration of the blooms on the lakes. The Lake Monomonac Association has been awarded a grant for a watershed base study of the lake through DES to identify phosphorus sources and how to fix the problems. He added grant money is available to mitigate the problem. Mike Golibersuch stated he noticed several cyanobacteria blooms on Contoocook Lake in November which is a rare occurrence. He encouraged the Board to give this some serious consideration. David DelGiudice, President of the Pool Pond Association stated they would be happy to volunteer on the committee and agreed with Mike's statement.

Bob stated that they need to receive feedback from Jane Hubbard on the issues he presented to correct some of the inadequate information on the charts in the plan. He stated the Rindge Memorial School needs a generator to become an emergency shelter. Tom requested a list from Bob of his proposed changes. Karl motioned to accept the Hazard Mitigation plan for the next five years, pending edits, using Jane Hubbard as the Town's consultant and to accept the grant to pay for it. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Rick stated he would send the revised plan to them before the next meeting. Bob asked when the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) is due. Rick responded it will be due later this year.

Presentation of Town Warrant for Deliberative Session (Board Assignments): Bob stated that the BAC voted 0-5, opposing Article 27, Salt Reduction Plan (by Petition). Tom stated that there is no dollar amount attached to this article and the BAC has not voted in the past on any warrant article that does not have a stated dollar amount. Roberta added there are budgetary possibilities which is why they voted on that article. Karl stated he would present Articles 10, 13, 16, 18, and 22. Tom agreed to present Articles 11, 15, 17, 20, and 23. Bob agreed to present Articles 12, 14, 19, 21, and 24.

Any Other Official Business:

Approval of Willow Lane: Karl stated there is a request to approve the name of Willow Lane located off Thomas Road. Rick Donovan recommended Willow Lane from the three names suggested. Tom questioned the need to name the road. Karl stated that there are multiple buildings off the road which makes it necessary for emergency services and mailing. Bob motioned to name the driveway on Tax Map 6 Lot 14-1 as Willow Lane as recommended by the Director of Public Life and Safety. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Contract with Peterborough Ambulance Service: Tom stated he is concerned that there is still no contract with the Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance. Bob stated that a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted between JRMA, and the Town of Rindge based on the non-contract that the Town of Jaffrey has with JRMA. Tom asked if they were going to wait on this, which the Board agreed to.

Employment Agreement – DPW Director: Bob stated this agreement was discussed and approved in September. The dates need to be revised to the 19th day of March 2025 in the last sentence of the first paragraph under duties on the employment agreement. Bob motioned to sign the employment agreement for our current DPW Director with the edits presented. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 2-1.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Stenersen

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Executive Secretary