



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: February 12th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Bob Hamilton, Select Board Member, Tom Coneys, Executive Secretary, Victoria Stenersen and members of the public.

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. 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, Tom, aye.

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

Selectmen's Announcements: Karl announced the Second Session of the Town Meeting/Voting Day will be on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Rindge Memorial School Gymnasium. Bob announced the P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle will be on Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at the American Legion in Jaffrey and is sponsored by the Rindge Firefighter's Association.

Consent Agenda: Karl motioned to accept the Payroll for 02.06.2025 and 02.13.2025. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Karl motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 02.06.2025 and 02.13.2025. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0. Karl motioned to accept the minutes from 01.23.2025. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. The minutes from 01.15.2025 and 01.29.2025 were tabled.

Citizen's Forum: Karl opened the forum at 6:04 p.m. and closed the forum at 6:09 p.m.

Larry Cleveland, South Woodbound Road stated he requested the air-quality test results be posted on the website at the Town Deliberative Session on February 1st and asked why they have not been posted. Karl directed the question to Victoria. Victoria responded that Lori stated at the Deliberative Session if anyone would like to view the results, they can request them via email or come into Town Offices for a copy. Larry added that they should be posted so the public is aware that testing has been done. Craig Clark, Fitzgerald Road thanked Karl for the two terms he served as a Selectman for the Town and he appreciates what he has done. Judy Unger-Clark, Fitzgerald Road announced the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club and the Rindge Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an informational session about the CTE Center School Proposal at the Cathedral of the Pines Hilltop House on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Update on JRMA: Fire Chief, Rick Donovan updated the board on the meeting on January 23rd, 2025, to review the MOU with himself, Bob Hamilton, Deputy EMS Chief, Deb Douglas, Jaffrey Fire Chief Chamberlain, and JRMA Chief Bill Johnson. Bill gave the MOU to the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 10th, 2025. The Board of Directors is reviewing the MOU, and the Town is waiting for their comments and signatures. There is a statement included so JRMA's financials and numbers will be submitted by October 31st each year and reviewed by Rindge's Board of Selectmen, Budget Advisory Committee, and the Rindge Fire Chief. Bob stated he has one edit to the MOU, a deletion of one word, that he will show Rick after the meeting. Rick added that the MOU will be reviewed every other year on the odd year. Karl thanked the committee for their excellent work. Rick also updated the Board on the proposed contract with Peterborough's Ambulance Service. He added that through the MOU with JRMA, for any calls that Peterborough responds to for Rindge the money will come out of the trust fund and not the Town's budget. The Board discussed the Peterborough contract and Rick

requested that if they decide not to sign, they write a memo that he can send to Peterborough.

New Business:

In Appreciation/Dedication of the Annual Report: The Board agreed to the proposed dedication for the 2024 annual report.

Tax Map Maintenance Contract: This contract was budgeted for in the 2025 budget. The Board signed the contract for tax maps revisions.

Succession Planning for the Fire Department: Karl thanked Rick for his many years of service to the Town of Rindge. He discussed forming a committee for succession planning for the Fire Chief position. The Committee should consist of the Deputy Chief, a Fire Chief from a neighboring town, an ex-officio from the Select Board, a member of the Fire Marshall's office, two community members, the Police Chief, a representative from Franklin Pierce University, and the Town Administrator. The Board and Rick discussed who should be involved from Franklin Pierce University. Tom suggested Rick give the Board a memo with his recommendations for the Department. Rick agreed to do so. He explained he wore three hats (Fire Chief, Emergency Management, and Building Inspector) and it is extremely busy and tough to give the time allotted for each, adding it is more than a 40-hour week position. He stressed giving the Fire Department what it needs and the Building Department what it needs. He explained some of the tasks he does are not listed in his job description. For example, the grant writing and the E-911 distribution.

Informational Items, Communications, and Updates:

Bob gave an update on the Town-Gown Committee. At the last meeting, they discussed the special events permits for the commencement ceremony for 2025 and the senior send-off on the same day which has no bonfire involved. FPU President, Peter Eden stated he wanted to give an update on the status of the college soon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary