



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: February 26th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Bob Hamilton, Select Board Member, Tom Coneys, Town Administrator, Lori Rautiola and members of the public.

The meeting opened at 5:23 p.m. Karl motioned to enter a non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Tom seconded the motion, and it passed by a roll call vote, Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Tom, aye.

The meeting reconvened at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karl. Karl motioned to seal the minutes from the non-public session under RSA 91-A 3 II (c) reputation. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

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 02.20.2025 and 02.27.2025. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Karl motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 02.20.2025 and 02.27.2025. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0-1. Karl motioned to accept the minutes from 01.15.2025, 01.23.2025 & 01.29.2025. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Citizen's Forum: Karl opened the forum at 6:06 p.m. and closed the forum at 6:11 p.m.

Pat Martin, Farrow Road, announced Candidates Night is March 4th at 6:30 pm at the Rindge Recreation Center and the Women's Club will provide snacks. Roberta Oeser, Main Street, questioned if the Board had signed the abatement/appeal to BTLA that she submitted to Avitar. Lori will check with Monique from Avitar and get back to her. Judy Unger-Clark, Fitzgerald Road, announced that on March 4th, there will be a CTE information session at the Jaffrey United Church at 5:30 pm. There will be a second CTE information session at the First Church in Jaffrey on March 6th at 5:30 pm. Roberta also announced that the Planning Board meeting for March 4th was moved to March 18th due to Candidates Night and no public hearings were needed.

New Business:

Establish a Hiring Committee for the next Fire Chief: Karl stated Mike Cloutier, the DPW Director, was interested in being on the committee because he works closely with the Fire Department. This brings the committee to 10 members so they will need to establish rules about a quorum. The current committee members will include the Fire Marshall, a local Fire Chief, the Deputy Chief of Emergency Management, a Selectboard member, one or two community members, a representative from FPU, the Town Administrator, the Police Chief, and the DPW Director. Bob requested having one community member so the quorum could be five members. Karl stated he spoke with the Police Chief, DPW Director, and the Deputy Chief of Emergency Management. Bob stated that Rick should speak with the Fire Marshal and the neighboring Fire Chief. Karl stated they should appoint the Select Board member with the new board in four weeks. Karl asked Lori to record a list of community members who want to participate on the hiring committee. The board would then decide on who. Karl added that he would prefer the Jaffrey Fire Chief because they are a New Hampshire town and follow the same

regulations. Bob recommended Christine Nolan from FPU. Karl stated that one of the tasks will be to update the current job descriptions. Karl motioned to establish a hiring committee with the preceding members. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Special Events Permits – FPU Commencement Ceremony May 10th, 2025 & Shin Splints for Bryce 5k April 12th, 2025: Karl motioned to approve the special events permits for the FPU Commencement Ceremony and the Shin Splints for Bryce 5k. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Any Other Official Business:

Karl stated there have not been any updates on the JRMA Memorandum of Agreement. Hazardous Mitigation Plan needs to be approved by the Board so they can move forward. Bob stated he would like to approve all the edits.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary