



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

**Rindge Town Office**

**Date: May 7, 2025**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman, Bob Hamilton, Vice Chair, Tom Coneys, Selectboard Member, Larry Cleveland, and Interim Town Administrator, Roberta Oeser.

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 5:15 pm.

Bob motioned to enter non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), and (c). Second by Tom. Vote: Bob – aye, Tom – aye, Larry – aye.

The meeting returned to Public at 6:13 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob.

Bob motioned to seal the minutes of session I for reputation and session II due to the information being made public could render the proposed action ineffective. Second by Tom. Vote 3-0.

**Selectmen's Announcements:** Tom suggested that the DPW employees attend an event, the 2025 Mountain of Demonstrations, being held in a few weeks, that was about highway equipment. The information will be given to Mike. Bob announced that the Boston Post Cane was finally back on the wall in the meeting room. He is hoping to be able to award a replica this year. He also wanted to thank the Mutual Assistance Group for their work at Veterans' Park and the Rindge Memorial School monument. Larry said that KDI had donated the mulch. Bob also announced that Memorial Day would be May 26. Pat Martin and Craig Clark added that the lunch would start at 11:00 am and the Parade would start at 2:00 pm.

**Payroll:** Bob motioned to accept the Payroll for 05.01.2025 and 05.08.2025. Second by Larry. Vote 3-0.

**Accounts Payable:** Bob motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 05.01.2025 and 05.08.2025. Larry seconded the motion. Vote 2-0-1 with Tom abstaining.

**Minutes:** Bob motioned to accept the minutes from 04.16.2025. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 3-0. The minutes for 04.23.2025 were tabled as Tom had some additions.

**Citizens' Forum:** Bob read the 'rules' for the Citizens Forum. Craig Clark had a question for the Town Administrator but said he would ask later. Judy Unger Clark expressed her concerns about not all boards using live streaming. Deb Qualey said that the Rindge Women's Club has \$300 for planting for Memorial Day, but needs someone to volunteer to do the planting. Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts were suggested. Pat Martin announced that Destination Imagination

### **Old Business:**

Revised Franchise Agreement – Charter Communications: This item was tabled until the TelTech committee meets.

MOA with JRSD for use of school property: Bob asked Charlie Eicher to address this. Bob motioned to approve the MOA with JRSD. Second by Tom. Vote 3-0.

Town Administrator Job Search-language for advertisement and plan: The proposed advertisement is the same that had been previously used, with only changes to population, budget, and employees. Bob queried on where to place and for how long. Tom still thought a recruiter should be used. A job description is needed. Tom suggested using the one dated 2017. The ad should be run for 2 weeks in the following places: Nashua Register, NHMA, Keene /Sentinel, and the Ledger-

Transcript. Other places: The TA Group, OPD. (After the meeting, Claudia suggested the NHAC (county)). Tom stated that he had issues with the present situation, the contract, and the lack of a Certificate of Insurance. Bob said this was going to be discussed in the non-public session that was delayed earlier.

LCHIP update: Roberta gave an overview of the amount that the Town needed to supply had changed and looked to be less. Bob addressed some issues with the breakdown on the billing.

Health insurance issues update: Roberta reported that she and Tina Sbrega had a Zoom conference call with Theresa from Healthtrust and went over what had been learned. There were still several employees who had not called enrollment to give the needed information. Tina spoke about the plans, and Roberta would be checking into that. Rachael reported that there had not been any more complaints. Bob would like this to remain on the agenda.

#### **New Business:**

Acceptance of donation of \$2,000 from the Rindge Women's Club: After a short discussion of the need for replacing the Town scale platform and thanking the Rindge Women's Club, Bob motioned to accept the donation of \$2,000 from the Rindge Women's Club for the replacement of the scale platform under the provisions of RSA 31:95 b, II (b). Second by Tom. Vote 3-0.

Request for refund for Town portion of motor vehicle charges for KDI Landscape: Tom explained he had spoken with Shana and the State had rejected the KDI application due to a name change. Tom made a motion to issue a refund to KDI Landscape for registration for \$120.00. Second by Larry. Vote 3-0.

Luct abatement request: Bob motioned to deny the abatement request per the Town's assessor's recommendation. Second by Tom. Bob asked if the application could be reviewed by the Board. Vote 3-0.

#### **Any Other Official Business:**

#### **Three Special Permit Applications were received: Memorial Day, Independence Day – Family Festival, and a Farmers' Market**

Discussion ensued about the Farmers' Market. Concerns about parking on the West Rindge Common. Board would like more information from the applicants.

Bob motioned to approve the applications for Special Events for Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Family Festival. Second by Tom. Vote 3-0

Roberta will contact the group for the Farmers' Market to schedule them for the next meeting.

#### **Informational Items, Communications, & Updates:**

Pat Martin invited the Board members to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. She also forgot to mention during Citizens' Forum the Marily Griska had been named the Elder Adult Volunteer for Cheshire County by the NH Council on Aging.

At 7:50 p.m., Bob motioned to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) hiring. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote, Bob aye, Larry aye, Tom aye.

Additional present: Roberta Oeser

Roberta said that to continue as a contracted TA the requested Professional Insurance would cost about \$2500, probably half of what will be paid for services. For her to continue, she would need to become an employee, but that is up to the Board.

After discussion, Bob motioned to hire Roberta Oeser as the temporary Interim Town Administrator for 20 hours a week at \$50. Per hour. Vote 2-1. Roberta said in order to save time she would send the required check for the background check as other wise it would not be issued until next Thursday.

At 8:12 p.m., Bob motioned to return to the public session. Second by Larry. Vote 3-0. The minutes from the non-public

session were not sealed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roberta Oeser*

Interim Town Administrator