



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2023

Present: Marybeth Quill, Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chairman, Bob Hamilton, Selectman, Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator, Betsy Lambert, Executive Secretary. Members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Marybeth made a motion to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (c), Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

At 6:04 p.m. the meeting reconvened. Marybeth made a motion to seal the nonpublic session as it could adversely affect the outcome for reputation. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob mentioned Dan Bemis is looking for counselors for Rec. Department programs. Karl mentioned the Paving had begun on Monday August 14th, 2023, on Kimball and Abel Road.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable 8.10.2023 & 8.17.2023, Bob made a motion to approve Payroll & Accounts Payable, Marybeth seconded the motion it passed 3-0. Bob stated on the third page, third paragraph, and fifth sentence to add the word "she" before the word was. Bob also noted in the same paragraph, last sentence remove the "was not supported" and add Karl's motion did "not receive a second." Bob asked for clarification on the last page, regarding the Police Details Ordinance, there was verbiage that was not stated at the 8.2.2023 Lori noted that needs to be changed as she typed the Ordinance out word for word according to the document she had but the only discussion was regarding the new detail rates. The sentence should read, "Rachel stated she would like to amend the current Police Detail Ordinance and change the detail rates to \$85.00 an hour and the cruiser usage to be billed at \$15.00 an hour with a four-hour minimum and no maximum. The Officer rate of pay would be \$60.00 per hour and \$90.00 per hour for any work after 8 hours. Karl made a motion to approve the new detail rates as stated, effective August 3, 2023. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0."

Karl made a motion to accept the 7.19.2023 & 8.2.2023 meeting minutes as amended. Marybeth seconded the motion it passed 2-0-1. Bob abstained.

Citizen's Forum: Kelen Geiger asked if the website could be updated quicker than it has been in the past. She also requested that the meetings be video recorded. Roni Hamilton asked if there was a new moderator and Karla responded stating, the Supervisors of the Checklist met on Saturday, August 12th, 2023 and Kirk Stenersen has accepted the offer to be Town Moderator to fill the term until March, and he has already been sworn in. Roberta Oeser made a recommendation to put a shelf up for the video computer.

Ron Osimo mentioned the Community Education Program sponsored by the Rindge Crime Watch would be on September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Mary Drew the CEO of Reality in Jaffrey, and the town Welfare Director will speak about her work in the town and give a broader context of the current state of untreated mental health and addiction issues and other needs that dovetail with this work. The program is open to all citizens of Rindge.

Craig Clark mentioned the CIP had lost a member Dick Isakson and that Tom Coneys would be speaking to Lori about moving forward for the CIP. He also mentioned the TelTech Committee might be able to help with a more efficient way to record and video the meeting.

Old Business:

ARPA Updates: The carpet invoice for the final bill from Syds Carpet was \$64,734.45 of which \$30,000 had already been paid before the job started. The bill \$5,183.75 more due to the downstairs lobby carpet that was not in the original quote. Lori explained the renovations to the Town Clerk's Office had not been done when the estimate was given for the lobby area, and that she and Mike agreed it would be the best decision to make the transition as smooth as possible to the newly constructed area. Bob stated for future decisions to bring the issue to the Board before a decision is made. Karl made a motion to pay the carpet invoice, Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Police Academy Training Overtime: Chief Malynowski was not at the meeting so the discussion was tabled.

Land Use Position Update: It was noted the position is now a planning board position and the planning board will conduct their own hiring for the position. Roberta noted she is going to put together a job title for the exact need for this position to include hours. Roberta stated she wished to table the discussion until a plan was in place. Karl asked Roberta for a timeline as to when this would be ready she said she had hoped to have it by the end of the weekend. Bob made a motion to accept a 28-hour-a-week position with 4 hours allotted for the meetings every other week, Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Roberta will also be covering the Planning Board office on Wednesday for the time being.

Police Detail Ordinance: Lori noted she noticed the 2019 Police Detail Ordinance had some different language that was not in the draft the Police Chief had submitted. The Board agreed to wait until the Chief was back from vacation to approve the changes. The rates Rachel proposed at the last meeting still remained.

New Business: An abatement Application for Phyllis Sesia was discussed. Bob made a motion to allow the abatement for Phyllis Sesia for the Veteran's Tax Credit that she did not receive for 2023. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Informational Items/Communications & Updates\Any Other official Business to come before the Board: There were two Special Event Permits. One was for FPU Orientation and move in weekend on September 26,-28th, 2023. The second was for the Football game. Bob made a motion to approve the special events permits. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Karl made a motion to waive the fee for the Rindge Memorial sign permit of \$25.00. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 2-1.

Phil Motta mentioned there was a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting on August 17th, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Lambert
Executive Secretary