



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 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) Bob seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote 3-0.

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting reconvened. Marybeth made a motion to seal the nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) reputation. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Citizen's Forum: Kelen Geiger asked if there was any update on the BOS meetings being video recorded? She also asked about the update for Cyanobacteria for Pearly Pond. Craig Clark responded the warning alert is in effect until Labor Day. Roni Hamilton asked if the Board was going to continue to edit the past meeting minutes during the Selectmen's meetings. Bob mentioned he would speak to this in any other business before the Board.

Consent Agenda: Marybeth made a motion to approve the 8.16.2023 as amended, and Payroll and Accounts Payable for 8.24.2023 & 8.31.2023, Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business:

ARPA Updates: Bob made a motion to allow up to \$20,000 to be transferred from ARPA funds to the PD budget for the two officers Police Academy overtime and mileage charges. The cost was justified as the officers were given the choice as to whether or not they stayed overnight at the Academy, due to the Covid Pandemic. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Land Use Position Update: Bob mentioned wanting to have an amount to propose to the Planning Board for hiring. The discussion was tabled.

Police Detail Ordinance- Rachel explained she would like to remove the DPW being charged the fees for a detail officer. The Board approved the Ordinance as amended and signed the document.

New Business:

Rec Dept. Energy Proposal Award: The Rec Dept. was awarded \$10,000 for Energy Updates. The Town received two bids, one from, TyCasBra Energy LLC from Jaffrey for \$17,123.20 and one from, Yankee Thermal Energy from Rochester NH for \$20,500. Both bids were over the \$10,000 limit for the 2023 warrant article for this project. The DPW Director and Lori will work with the Energy Committee to explore other options.

Permits: Jaffrey Woman's Club Raffle Permit: Marybeth made a motion to approve the raffle permit. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Special Events Permits: Bob made a motion to approve the Special Events permit for September 20, 2023 at Franklin Pierce University for the Executive Session with Governor Sununu. Marybeth seconded the motion it passed 3-0.

Bob made a motion to approve special events permit for the Rindge Woman's Club Annual Harvest Fair that will take place on September 30, 2023 from 9am – 2pm at the Rindge Rec Department. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Update on HB 321: Bob gave an update regarding non-public minutes. As of Oct 3rd 2023 nonpublic minutes will need to be reviewed and either re sealed for 10 years or a motion made to unseal the minutes whichever is needed. Lori suggested contacting Town Council and will research what other towns are doing.

Refund Request from Town Clerk: Bob made a motion to honor the refund recommended by the Town Clerk for a motorhome registration that was overcharged for the last two years; it was a mistake by both the Town and the State. The refund amount is \$1057.90 for 2022 and \$1400.00 for 2023. Total of refund is \$2467.90. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0

Informational Items/Communications & Updates: Bob gave an update of the Town-Gown Meeting on 9.27.2023. FPU has 301 new students and 15 new faculty members. The enrollment is down from previous years. The first FPU football game is 9.28.2023, Sunday orientation with the Police Department and the Fire Department will be kicking it off. Town Gown Committee is looking for a new community member since Charlie Eicher resigned and the planning board director has resigned. Bob mentioned the Town and FPU will be working together on a town-wide survey for the residents to find what the residents would like to see in town government. It was noted-both the Town and FPU were excited to start on the project.

Any Other Official Business to come before the Board: Bob mentioned Perpetual Care Funds for the cemeteries. There are 3 funds that the town has for the cemeteries, one is Hillside, one is the Meeting House, and the other is private. The Trustees cannot release the funds from the Perpetual Care account. Bob stated there is over \$200,000 dollars to be used for the cemeteries, and that a judge needs to rule. Superior Court to allow the Board of Selectmen to expend the funds. Bob mentioned the meeting minutes being reviewed at the BOS meeting is slowing down the process of meetings. He suggested going back to the way they usually do,

which is sending the edits back by email and not taking a vote on them. The board was in agreement to go back to the previous procedure

Kim McCummings mentioned the Farmers Market is doing great so far and there is only a few weeks left. It will end on the Thursday before Columbus Day.

The meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Lambert
Executive Secretary