



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 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 the Town Office June 7th, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

Selectmen's Announcements: Marybeth mentioned the Rec Department is looking for volunteers on June 17th from 8-12 to help with Tetreault Playscape Anyone interested should contact Dan Bemis or sign up at the Rindge Rec. Dept.

Marybeth mentioned the Fourth of July Family Fun Day Festival will take place on June 30th, 2023 from 5 – 9 p.m.

Citizen's Forum: Kim McCummings mentioned the Farmers Market will take place on Thursday's at the West Rindge Common unless the weather is not good. Judy Unger-Clark announced the NH Gives Project helping 1894 Library project had closed at 5 p.m. on 6/7/23 and the grand total of money raised for this project was \$2,350.00.

Consent Agenda: Marybeth made a motion to accept the Payroll & Accounts Payable for 6.01.23 & 6.8.23. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The 5.24.23 meeting minutes were tabled.

Old Business: There was a brief discussion on the Land Use Coordinator position. Lori gave an update on the status of the position-mentioning the discussion group had met twice as the Board wanted public input. The group came to agree that the position should be a "Planning Director" and not titled a "land use coordinator". Karl mentioned there needs to be a plan in place and that he feels this has gone on for too long and the position needs to be filled with the right qualified person before the Town gets "railroaded". Bob stated he would like to ask the residents by a town-wide survey to see what the residents want to see happen for the town. Lori noted the survey should come from the Land Use and/or Planning Department as the current employees are overtasked and strapped for time. Marybeth agreed the survey was a good idea. There was a discussion on what was in the budget for the position. Lori mentioned when she ran numbers after the budget passed in March there could be a \$5,000 surplus with a hire date of July 1st and a starting salary of around \$90,000, however, things have changed from March until now. Lori will run the numbers to see what is left in the budget.

ARPA - There was nothing new to report. Marybeth stated she will be sitting down with Rick to go over numbers. Lori noted she, Laurie May and Rick will also be going over ARPA funds next week.

Proposals for Town Office Phone System

Bob mentioned the new carpeting was moving along and Mike will be looking to get some quotes for the new septic for the Meetinghouse soon.

Bob mentioned the Town Office phones not working correctly. There will be a zoom meeting on 6.8.23 to go over some quotes for a new phone system.

Transfer Station Punch Cards: Tabled till next meeting.

New Business: Bob made a motion to accept the Intent to Cut Map 6 Lot 34-2, 34-3. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Special Event Permit- Marybeth made a motion to accept the Family Fun Festival on June 30th, from 5p.m. to 9p.m. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Any Other official Business to come before the Board: Karl mentioned one of the call members Taylor Seppala from the Fire Dept. had gone to Nova Scotia to help them. Bob wanted to thank Ed Rouke for all his hard work and a job well done to at the Transfer Station, as the Town had received a letter from one of our residents thanking him for a job well done.

Karla Macleod mentioned the Ward Trust had met this week and approved a donation to the Town in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of maintenance on the Meetinghouse-Bob stated the funds would go towards a 50% grant match for the Land & Community Heritage Investment (LCHIP) grant the Town is working on now. The application is due by June 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lambert
Executive Secretary