



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2021**

Present: Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen, Sara Gravell, Town Administrator, Lori Rautiola, Secretary, Members of the Community.

Selectmen's Announcements: There were no announcements.

Citizen's Forum: Holly Koski, read a letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen from the Rindge Crime Watch Committee which urged the Board to consider hiring Sergeant Rachel Malynowski as the next Chief of Police. The letter went on to state the Committee was sad to lose Dan Anair as Chief, however, they understood his decision. The Committee feels the Town should look within the Department when hiring. Roni Hamilton thanked Sara and Karl for putting together the employee luncheon, adding it was a nice gesture.

Consent Agenda - Approval of:

- Minutes 9/29/2021
- Payroll 10/7/21/2021, 10/14/2021
- Accounts payable 10/7/21/2021, 10/14/2021
- Special Events Permit- Trunk or Treat

Bob made a motion to approve the consent agenda without the 10/14/2021 Payroll and Accounts Payable. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Karl made a motion to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for 10/14/2021. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 2-0-1, Bob abstained.

Old Business:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Anticipated Funds: Sara noted the total of anticipated funds for the ARPA is currently \$256,000. Karl asked if Sara had a figure for the pay plan increase and Sara noted she will look at the data to determine the exact figure. It was noted a revised quote for new uniforms for the new hires would total \$6,000. Al Lefebvre asked for confirmation as to whether or not the Conservation Commissions funds were listed. Sara stated they were on the list. Bob reiterated the importance that all items need to be Covid related in order to qualify for the ARPA funding.

Bob mentioned the cost of salt will be extremely high this year due to shipping delays and the supply chain issues caused from Covid. Bob recommended attempting to put forth the expense of salt and any other increased costs in supplies directly related to Covid under the ARPA. The Board was in agreement.

Meeting with KRT Appraisal: Karl noted the Board is scheduled to meet with KRT on October 19th at 12 p.m.

New Business:

Rindge Stone & Gravel: Attorney Eli Leino and his client Jay Pittorino were present. Mr. Leino explained his client purchased the property in January and wanted to introduce the new owner to the Board and to give an update on the status of the property. He continued stating a portion of land was sold to the Conservation Commission. He explained the current hours of operation are Sept. 1 – June 20 - 9 am to 4:30 pm, June 21 – August 31 - 7:30 am- 4:30 pm, Saturdays - 8 am – 1 pm. Sara and Attorney Leino have done the research to find out if and when the ordinance was established but no records or minutes were found regarding the ordinance. The business owner would like to have a discussion on updating the hours of operation. Karl thanked the new owner for the sale of the portion of the property being sold to the Conservation Commission and for their efforts improving the property thus far. It was noted a public hearing would be needed to make any changes to the ordinance/hours of operation. There was a brief discussion on the hours of operation. Karl asked Sara to reach out to the bus company to determine the times the bus travels past the property as there were concerns for children walking and waiting for busses.

Attorney Leino asked if any permitting would be needed to make any changes. Karl noted he would need to come back before the Board for a hearing.

Waste Management Contract: Karl mentioned Monadnock Disposal had not increased the rate over the last 10 years. The contract is up for renewal in 2021 and the company was the only one willing to submit a proposal. The rates show an increase from \$80 to \$105/ton, plus an added charge for co-mingle of \$60/ton. This would be a two year contract. Karl made a motion to accept the proposed bid from Monadnock Disposal service. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bob mentioned he was having trouble finding the clear plastic trash bags required by the transfer station. There was a brief discussion on mandating the clear bags or not. Karl noted he is open for discussion but was not ready to lift the mandate at this point but possibly in the future, especially if the bags cannot be bought.

Sand Bid: Only one bid was received from C&C Trucking with a bid price of \$18/cubic yard which is up \$3/cubic yard from last year. Director Mike Cloutier has been diligent at finding the lower prices on sand and salt and recommended the Board move forward with the proposal. Bob made a motion to enter into contract for the sand bid with C&C Trucking. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Informational Items/ Communications & Updates: Bob stated there will be a Work Session for the Planning Board on October 19th. It was noted the School House Walk on Abel Road would be held on Sunday 1:30 pm.

Bob made a motion to seal the non-public session minutes for all three sessions of the non-public meeting held earlier due to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) - adversely affect outcome and/or reputation. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Executive Secretary