



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2022**

Present: Bob Hamilton, Chairman, Marybeth Quill, Vice Chair, and Karl Pruter, Selectman, Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator, Laurie May, Finance Director, Amanda Urmann, Executive Secretary

Bob opened the meeting at the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

Selectmen Announcements:

The Fire Fighters Breakfast will be held on October 16th at the Fire Station from 7am to 11am. The General Election will be held on November 8th at the Rindge Elementary School. Voting will be from 7am to 7pm.

Citizen's Forum:

Karla McLeod informed that the Supervisors of the Checklist will be at Franklin Pierce tomorrow afternoon (October 13th) registering students.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of:

- Minutes 9/28/2022
- Payroll 10/6/2022, 10/13/2022
- Accounts payable 10/6/2022, 10/13/2022
- Special Events Permit – Trunk or Treat
- Additional Item*: Special Events Permit – Rindge Memorial School Harvest Parade

The Rindge Memorial School Harvest Parade will be occurring on October 28th from 1:15pm to 2:30pm, ranging from the school to the Town Common.

Karl motioned to accept the amended agenda. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business:

- a) ARPA Funds: Bids are still being sought out for the septic system for the Town Office. The design was approved already, so it has to be bid as designed. DPW Director, Michael Cloutier had mentioned that a new well were needed at the transfer station properties. This should be an additional project for ARPA funding.

The new/replacement of the carpeting in the Town Office are still in the process of being accepted under ARPA. The Board will need to approve the process of moving forward on getting bids for them. This item will be discussed at the next meeting. Security was also a topic of discussion. Monadnock security will be coming to give a quote for the security of the building and it was noted that since the Town Office would be getting a quote for this, the Library and Recreation Department will also receive a quote. Tasers for the Police Department were also mentioned and the cost is roughly \$24,600 for eight tasers and it is a 5 year contract. There are other CIP items eligible for ARPA funding. Karl mentioned there was about \$265,000 to be requested.

b) Fairpoint v. Town of Rindge Case:

Lori Rautiola stated the Board had asked her to negotiate with Town Council on the August, 2022 recommended offer from Faripoint Communications. Lori reported she spoke with Attorney Kinyon and that Fairpoint agreed to the counter offer of two payments in the amount of \$49,000 for a total of \$98,000. There was discussion whether the Town should pay this in one payment of \$98,000 or two payments. Finance Director Laurie May mentioned that there was \$45,000 put away in the overlay portion of the budget for this for 2 years, so she thought that it would be best to pay this in 2 intervals. Laurie May mentioned that she would contact the DRA and see what they recommend on paying this out of the overlay.

Karl made a motion to authorize Gary Kinyon to accept the settlement case and agree to the two year payment plan, the first payment of \$49,000 due by the end of 2022, and the second payment of \$49,000 to be made by the end of 2023. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

c) BTLA Settlement Recommendation – Walmart Real Estate Bus. Trust

A settlement offer was made with Kevin Leen from KRT Appraisal. This adjusted appraisal was recommended at \$7,249,200. (The original appraisal was \$8,249,200.)

Karl motioned to approve the settlement for Walmart Real Estate Business Trust as negotiated by KRT. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

1. New Business

a) Health Insurance – Renewal Package

Finance Director Laurie May spoke on behalf of this agenda item and explained how the renewal for health insurance this year is only a 5.89% increase. In comparison to previous years this is low. Last year was around 8% and the year before was possibly 11%. Laurie also mentioned that going to a July renewal would possibly help the rate as well but ran out of time this year to make any changes. Karl motioned to renew the health insurance with NH Local Trust and to allow Lori Rautiola to sign on behalf of the Town. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

b) August Expenditures

There was no questions on the August expenditure report. 66% of the year has passed and so far everything looks good at about 50% of expenditures spent.

c) Winter Sand Bid

There was only one sand bid that was submitted. DPW Michael Cloutier recommended accepting the bid from C&C Trucking in Jaffrey for \$19 per cubic yard.

Karl motioned to accept the bid from C&C Trucking for sand at \$19 per cubic yard. Marybeth seconded this motion and it passed 3-0.

2. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

NHRS (New Hampshire Retirement System) Employer contribution rates will decrease by 3.75%-8%. This will start in July 2023. The retirement system contribution systems will decrease anywhere between 3.75% and 8%.

This is Amanda Urmann's final meeting, as she will be leaving the Town to go elsewhere. The Executive Secretary position will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other official business before the board: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann
Executive Secretary