



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2022**

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

Bob opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Bob made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 5:00 p.m. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 pm. Bob made a motion to seal the second session of the non-public meeting pursuant to RSA: 91-A:3 II (a).

Selectmen Announcements: The General Election will be held on November 8th at the Rindge Elementary School. Voting will be from 7am to 7pm.

Citizen's Forum: Judy Unger Clark asked what the Board could do to help the Police Department in stopping the vandalism in town, specifically the Common this time of year. Judy also noted that safety is a major concern pulling in and out of the Honey Farms, especially in the evening hours. Sharon Rasku asked if Crime Watch cameras could be installed on the Meeting House.

Consent Agenda: Approval of:

- Minutes 10/12/2022 minutes
- Payroll & Accounts payable 10/20/2022, 10/27/2022

Marybeth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business:

- a) Septic installation at the Town Office: Bob stated the lowest of the three bids to install the septic was \$17, 030 which was Director Mike Cloutier's recommendation. Karl made a motion to accept Mountainshade LLC's proposal of \$17,030 for the installation of the septic system at the Town Office. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Bob requested Lori check with Mike on the plan for restrooms while the system is being installed.
- b) ARPA: It was mentioned the septic system will be covered under ARPA. Bob gave an update from Chief Donovan on items considered under ARPA which consisted of new

carpet at the Town Office-quotes are underway. Bob would like two more quotes. A brush truck is being considered as well as new motors for the garage door openers at the Fire Department.

1. **New Business:** There was a brief discussion on COLA for 2023. Bob noted the Library is budgeting 5% and he would like to see 5% for employees as well. Karl also noted he would like to see 4-5% COLA. Bob asked the public for input from the private sector. Phil Motta stated he has seen 2% rather than layoffs. Lori mentioned what a few other NH towns were considering. The discussion was tabled.
2. **Informational Items/Communications/Updates:** Bob gave an update on the Town-Gown Committee meeting. A Candidates Night is scheduled at Franklin Pierce on November 3rd at 6 p.m. at Spagnuolo Hall. Karla Mcleod mentioned the voting sessions have gone well for the college students and a shuttle will be available to bus students to the polls. Bob also noted the Department heads met last week and discussed implementing employee policy updates and will continue to do so.

Bob made a motion to resume the non-public session at 6:37 p.m. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting reconvened. Bob made a motion to seal session 3 of the Non-public session. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Town Administrator