



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2022**

Present: Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen; Sara Gravell, Town Administrator, Amanda Urmann, Secretary; and members of the public.

Public session opened at 6:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen announcements:

Bob reminds everyone that voting day is March 8th, 7AM to 7PM at the Rindge Memorial School. Bob also mentions there is still no official word yet on if there will be a POOR Meat Raffle in March.

Karl announces that March 28th is Candidates night and will hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. This will be a Zoom meeting.

Citizens' forum: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of:
 - Minutes 1/26/2022, 2/2/2022
 - Payroll 2/10/2022, 2/17/2022
 - Accounts payable 2/10/2022, 20/17/2022

Bob motioned to approve minutes from 1/26/2022 and 2/2/2022, and payroll and accounts payable from 2/10/2022 and 2/17/2022. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Karl mentions the new program for bookkeeping and financing and how they have adapted well to the new system.

2. Old Business
 - a. KRT Recommendations

KRT Recommendations brought to the meeting are to be tabled again because there is still not enough information as to why the amounts are what they are. Kevin Leen needs to be contacted about this ongoing issue so that it can be resolved. Sara is to schedule a meeting with Kevin Leen next Thursday, February 24th, at noon.

Deni Dickler asked what information was being sought to get these approved. Bob explained that nothing in their recommendation explains why they put the amounts that they did to assess the property at this value and that was what is needed, an explanation.

b. Fair Point Suit

This is a lawsuit that involves about 100 other towns in New Hampshire and some of the larger towns who could afford attorneys to fight it, went to court and lost it/Fair Point won and they got a reduction on their tax bill for pole tax and there was a settlement that was sent out to the rest of the town who were part of this lawsuit and Rindge's settlement was set at almost \$90,000. The Town is going to negotiate paying off half of the settlement this year, and the rest of the other half next year.

Bob mentions that we haven't actually lost the case, but that we were given an offer to settle, to not go to court. But with the knowledge that another town lost their case, we need to determine if it is worth it to go to court to fight it.

3. New Business

a. Hunt Grant Donations

There are 2 different checks for donations for \$5,000 that are from two different foundations that were matched. There is one from Roy A. Hunt Foundation and one from John & Linda Hunt for the playscape and another for the Meetinghouse.

4 different acceptances are needed for each \$5,000 gifted.

This is in pursuant to 31:95b:

Bob motions to accept \$5,000 from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation for the natural playground (the playscape recreation department) and the \$5,000 for the Meetinghouse maintenance. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Also in pursuant to 31:95b:

Bob motions to accept \$5,000 for the playscape playground for the recreation department and \$5,000 for the Meetinghouse maintenance from John & Linda Hunt. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob makes a request that two letters go out; one to John and Linda Hunt for their generous contribution and a second letter to the Roy A. Hunt Foundation for their generous contribution. Sara to take control of these letters.

4. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

Bob mentions the Housebill 108 again to Sara since this is her first meeting back so she can be informed about it. This is just a small database list that each town needs to hold on to that are for nonpublic meetings for when they were held, if the minutes were sealed, where, what time, if minutes were moved from sealed to unsealed, etc. and this needs to be available to the public. All committees need to be notified of this Housebill.

5. Any other official business to come before the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann
Executive Secretary