



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

Present: Karl Pruter (remotely), Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen; Laurie May, Finance Director, Amanda Urmann, Secretary; and members of the public.

Public session opened at 5:45 pm. Bob motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Reputation. Second by Marybeth, motion passed 3-0.

Public session re-opened at 6:17 pm.

There was a non-public session and Bob said it had been decided that the minutes would not be sealed and that they would be typed up as soon as he can get them and encouraged the public to read them.

Per RSA 91:A2 3B, Bob states that the Board, Marybeth and himself, have allowed Karl to participate remotely. All votes at this meeting, because of Karl being remote, will be by roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen announcements:

Bob mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt held by the Recreation Department will be held on Saturday April 9th. It's open to all Rindge residents, ages 1-10. The meet and greet will be at 9:30am, the Easter egg hunt will likely start around 10am. It is a "bring your own basket" event.

Bob also mentioned weight limitations have been posted for the roads. It restricts vehicles 10 tons or more but it doesn't restrict vehicles that are delivering heating materials, such as oil, etc. Bob also brought up Rindge resident, Michael DiPasquale, who passed away on March 5th. Mike was a long term member of the Recreation Committee, an active member and supporter and coach of little league baseball. Karl also mentions that Mike was also president of the RAMS and he had driven that organization for the last couple of years. Mike will be missed.

Citizens' forum:

Roni Hamilton praised and thanked the election workers and volunteers.

Charlie Eicher publicly thanked Amanda, Ron, Sharon, the Selectmen for working the election. He also thanked all of the volunteers. Bob mentioned that we were working to find more volunteers for the election in September, so anyone who wants to volunteer are welcome to do so. The hours are typically 6 hours, 7am-1pm and 1pm-7pm. Bob also thanks Charlie for running the election and mentioned how well it went. Debbie Qualey mentioned the hours and how they

maybe used to be 2-4 hour shifts rather than 6 hours and said that that may help draw more people to volunteer. Charlie and Bob said that they would welcome anyone to volunteer for however many hours and that they'd adjust as needed to fill spots for needed workers. For the September election, there will be more advanced notice of needed volunteers to encourage more.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of:

- Minutes 2/16/2022, 3/2/2022 Pubic and Non Public Sessions
- Payroll 3/10/2022, 3/17/2022
- Accounts payable 3/3/2022, 3/10/2022, 3/17/2022

Another item added to consent agenda is the signing of the Energy Assessment Audit that was approved back in December 2021. Bob

Minutes from 3/2/2022, payroll 3/17/2022 and accounts payable frm 3/17/2022 tabled. Marybeth still hadn't receied minutes from 2/16/2022, so those were tabled as well.

Bob motioned to pass minutes from 3/2/2022, both public and non public sessions, payroll from 3/10/2022, and accounts payable from 3/3/2022 and 3/10/2022 and to get the present members of the select board to sign the Eversource Energy Assessment form, mentioning it only has one signature line so that he will sign on behalf of the board. Marybeth 2nd. Roll call vote 3-0

2. Old Business

a. ARPA Funds

Items listed below to go forward with, and for Sara to let the Department Heads know on what is approved:

Police Department Lockers \$15, 682.00 (up to date cost)

Police Department Weather Tech Floor Mats \$899.50 (up to date cost)

Police Department Uniforms \$5,694.85 (up to date cost)

Pol Fire Department Canopy Replacement (\$7-10,000)

Fire Department (2) Storage Trailers (\$7,000)

Police Department Academy expenses \$1, 191.60

Fire Department (2) Dual Band Radios \$2,800

Fire Department Variable Message sign- Funds reserved and were carried forward for Variable Message Board

The other items on the ARPA list are still waiting for final figures.

Bob asked Laurie May if BS&A software would be relevant to ARPA funding. Laurie said that when she spoke to Rick and Sara about it, they said it should be because it will allow the department to go in and enter their own information for budgets into the HR module. Personnel management and the miscellaneous receivables will allow them to take of that themselves in a particular accounting package rather than doing it on spreadsheets. The price for this is a rough estimate and still needs to be reworked so that travel expensive can be removed and for the training to be remote. This is to be brought back to the next meeting once the final number is in for price.

3. New Business

a. Board Reorganization

Karl nominated Bob to be Chair this year. Marybeth 2nd. Roll call vote was 3-0

Bob nominated Marybeth to be Vice Chair. Karl 2nd. Roll call vote 3-0

b. Committee Assignments

Karl Pruter: CIP, BAC and school budget BAC

Bob Hamilton: Meeting House Oversight Committee, Town and Gown Committee and Planning

Marybeth Quill: TelTec and Rec

c. Planning Alternate

Marybeth Quill to be Planning Alternate

d. Authorization Purchase Dump/Plow Truck

Mike Cloutier, DPW Director, to be told he can go forward with the purchase of the dump/plow truck now that this warrant article has been passed. The board also needs to authorize Mike to sign on behalf of the town on the purchase and sale agreement.

Truck is to not be reaching us until next September, so Bob mentions that at that point in time, during this motion, for himself to sign the transfer of ownership on the back of the title so that we can trade the old truck in.

Karl motions to allow Mike to move forward on the purchase of the plow truck and authorize Bob to sign off on the transfer of the title for the old truck. Marybeth 2nd. Roll call vote 3-0

4. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

Sara to notify all of the legislative on the Puppy Mill warrant article that was passed. The wording to be used will be the language that was in the warrant article as presented by the petitioner.

Bob mentions that Franklin Pierce University COVID cases are down and that there is no mask requirement. The commencement will be held on May 14, 2022. Vacancies are open there if anyone is seeking a job. Some of the orientation will be held on the 15th and 19th of July. The Fall semester begins August 26th through the 28th and classes begin the 30th. Symptomatic testing is being done at this point for students who are presenting symptoms. The only exceptions to that would be for the student athlete who fall under the rules of the NCAA, who will be tested under NCAA requirements.

Bob again mentions the elections that are coming up in September and November and how we are seeking out volunteers for those elections.

Bob mentions driving in snow because the cost of sand and salt have gone up drastically, so it will likely be used sparingly, as well as overtime will probably be used sparingly.

Bob also mentions that the next meeting for Franklin Pierce Town Gown to be on May 19th in the Board of Selectmen room at the town office from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Any other official business to come before the board.

Holly Koski mentions a discussion on Life in Rindge Facebook page about the Welcome to Rindge at Franklin Pierce University signs about the cost being an issue with the college and how someone mentioned maybe making them from metal and someone might be willing to make the signs and maybe donating them one at a time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann
Executive Secretary