



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2023

Present: Bob Hamilton, Chairman, Marybeth Quill, Vice Chair, Karl Pruter, Selectman, Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator, members of the public

Bob opened the meeting at the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm on March 15, 2023.

Selectmen's Announcements: Karl extended a huge thanks to all of our DPW workers, power crews and everyone who worked tirelessly throughout the storm. Marybeth also thanked the employees and said some residents told her how happy they were with the cleanup of the roads by the DPW crew.

Citizen's Forum: Roni questioned if any roads were closed. Ron Osimo stated there were a couple closed, Florence Ave was one of them, but Eversource was out working on the lines.

Consent Agenda: Payroll & Accounts Payable 3.09.23 & 3.16.23. Marybeth made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business:

ARPA Funds: There was a brief discussion on the ARPA funds. Marybeth had a spreadsheet and explained the differences between what she had under BOS approval and what was on Chief Donovan's list. Bob noted the First Net project was approved. Marybeth had three amounts \$2,987.40, \$2,774.08, and \$4,515.00 that were approved for First Net. Lori stated she will check with Chief Donovan on what grant these amounts came from. There was also a discussion on PD lockers. Lori noted those were purchased in 2020 and did not come out of ARPA. Marybeth mentioned she would like to keep money aside for the Meetinghouse Septic, FD Furnace replacement, a new well for the DPW and Police Academy Expenses. There was a brief discussion on the Police Academy and what the Town was liable to pay. Lori stated Chief Malynowski gave her an update from the Academy that recruits were able to stay on campus, however, the Department's new recruit will be commuting daily. It was noted to keep \$10,000 in ARPA funds if needed for the Police Academy.

Bob mentioned Rick Donovan suggested putting a well on-site at the Meetinghouse that fed water to that building, the Town Office and the DPW building. More research to be done.

Argent Transfer to Charter/Spectrum: Bob noted Argent was transferring ownership to Charter/Spectrum. Lori and members of the Teltech Committee, as well as Karl and himself, met with John Mayer via Zoom and all were in agreement on signing the Resolution to allow the transfer. Bob also mentioned Argent delivered a check in the amount of \$600 to the Town. Bob made a motion to allow Charter/Spectrum to transfer the Argent Communications agreement and extend it for three years, furthermore to allow Lori Rautiola to sign the resolution. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

New Business: It was decided to table the discussion on nominations for Chairman and Vice Chair due to the Election being postponed. There was a brief discussion on the duties of the Selectmen. Bob mentioned typically the Board nominates the board member that has fulfilled their term the longest.

Intent to Cut- Hunt/Map 1-11-16: Marybeth questioned if the Conservation Commission has reviewed the Intent to cut. Lori noted she would check with Kim in Assessing to make sure it is sent to them prior to being submitted to the Board. Karl made a motion to approve the Intent to Cut for Map 1/11-16. Marybeth seconded the motion, adding as long as the Conservation Commission is aware of it. The motion passed 3-0.

Rec. Department bus: There was a brief discussion on the rec bus. Rec Director Dan Bemis updated Lori that the bus will not pass inspection. Dan is looking into purchasing another one. The bus is used for the transportation of summer campers and other rec activities. Bob mentioned he would like to have a second opinion on the bus before purchasing a new one. Karl and Marybeth were in agreement. Karl suggested Gauthier's in Jaffrey.

Dale Farm Road & Knight Lane: There was a discussion on Dale Farm Road and Knight Lane. Karl was concerned with the possibility of the road becoming a through way with the developments going in off the class VI portion of the Knight Lane. He noted there has been past discussion on placing barricades to separate Dale Farm from Knight Lane. Lori stated she spoke with Planning Director, Kirk Stenersen who gave a copy of the March 19, 2019 Notice of Decision letter from the PB which states: 4) "The portion of the class VI roadway that will not be upgraded will be blocked off on both ends by a means acceptable to the Board of Selectmen and the Director of Public Life & Safety." A map was also available showing placement of the barricades, 1500 feet from 202. Lori gave some background information and read minutes from past BOS meetings. All were in agreement barricades should be in place. Bob noted the reason was to not allow vehicular traffic. Lori will ask Kirk to reach out to owner of the property and request the boulders be put in place.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Town Administrator