



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2023**

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

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 III (b). Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Marybeth made a motion to seal the first non-public session minutes for one month and the second non-public session until Sept. 27, 2023, as it may adversely affect the outcome. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Marybeth announced the Rec Dept. and Conservation Commission were looking for volunteers to complete the Natural Playscape at Tetrault Park on Saturday, September 16 from 8a-12p. Bob announced the POOR Meat raffle will begin on the first Saturday in October.

Consent Agenda: 8.30.23 Minutes and Payroll & Accounts Payable for 9.07.23 & 9.14.23: Marybeth made a motion to approve Minutes as written and the Payroll and Accounts Payable as stated. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Appointments: Karl made a motion to appoint Fred Dodge as an Alternate member of the Conservation Commission for one year, and Anne Reed as a Trustee on the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the remainder of the term, or until 2025. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business:

ARPA: There were no updates on the ARPA funds.

There was a brief discussion on the Planning Board Director position. Bob noted the Planning Board can work with the money in their budget for the remainder of the year to hire, and he acknowledged the Planning Board previously asked the Selectmen for a full-time position.

Citizen's Forum: Roni Hamilton stated she and Bob were looking for volunteers to take on the responsibilities of the Memorial Day plantings in the spring at the Town Common and should contact Bob or Roni for more details. Judy Unger Clark announced a group called Bridging Differences will meet on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 at the Meetinghouse. She added this Group's aim is to help in making Rindge a "more welcoming community". This group was originally offered by the Library and the Congregational Church has moved it forward. Ron Osimo asked the

Board if anyone had considered deeming the Town a Purple Heart Town and Craig Clark responded the Rindge Veterans are looking into this to honor the Vets who have received this honor.

New Business:

Rindge Crime Watch (RCW) Presentation: Earl Robertson was present on behalf of the RCW. Earl explained the RCW works to promote a closer relationship between the Rindge Police Department and the Rindge citizens advocating to promote crime prevention to improve citizen safety, obtaining and disseminating crime prevention materials, and assisting the Rindge Police Department in observing and reporting crime in our community. Mr. Robertson gave a presentation on a camera system that the RCW would like to donate to the Town to be placed on the Meetinghouse bell tower. He gave an overview of the type of surveillance camera to be purchased. Bob stated if the Town were to allow the use of surveillance, the video footage would only be allowed to be viewed by a designee from the Police Department.

Earl stressed the issue of vandalism in Rindge, especially on the Town Common and it should be addressed. The RCW has vocalized the concern for the past two years and would like to attempt to deter the vandalism.

Trash/Recycling Truck: Director Mike Cloutier informed the Board the truck that is used to transport the recycled goods/trash to Jaffrey has failed inspection and the frame is rotted. It would cost more to fix it versus buying a used truck. Mike stated he thought he had a few more years and had no warnings that it was starting to rust out. Mike is seeking quotes on a used truck, however, the Town may end up having to contract the services and have them haul the trash until a replacement is found. He also noted the funds are not in the budget as it was unexpected. Craig Clark mentioned the CIP Committee put at least 50,000 aside for these purposes. Mike responded those funds need to go before the voters and a plan would need to be in place to get through until March.

Informational Items/Communications & Updates: Bob noted he received an email from Senator Kevin Avarad asking to send anything the Town would like to address to him. Bob also noted the School Board meets on Monday 9/18 and it appears the School Board may need to hold a special meeting to increase the 2023-24 budget due to lack of State aid. He encouraged the public to attend.

Any Other Official Business before the Board:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Town Administrator