



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 27, 2023**

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

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Marybeth stated the second session of non-public session minutes from 9.13.2023 are now unsealed.

**Selectmen's Announcements:**

Marybeth thanked some residents, Rob Clark, David Drouin, and Matt Mire for assisting with building the bridge between the Senior Payson Village and the Rindge Town Office/Common for the elderly to be able to walk the path again. She read a letter from Southwestern Community Services thanking the gentlemen and our DPW Director, Mike Cloutier for their dedication and efforts with the project. Karl stated he would like to congratulate all the firefighters who have completed their needed training this year, on a job well done. Bob announced the POOR Meat raffle will begin on the first Saturday in October. The raffles will be held at 1:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month from October through April.

**Consent Agenda:**

**9.13.23 Minutes and Payroll & Accounts Payable for 9.21.23 & 9.28.23:** Marybeth made a motion to approve the minutes as written and the Payroll and Accounts Payable for 9.21.2023. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Bob made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for 9.28.2023. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 2-0-1.

**Citizen's Forum:** Kim McCummings mentioned the Farmer's Market will be coming to an end in October. David Drouin asked if the Assessing Department could go back and try to collect Land use Change Taxes on properties that the Town had missed out on billing them due to no staff being present to do the actual billing. Lori mentioned she did not think the Town could bill as it has been past the allotted 18 months they have to bill. She noted the Assessing Clerk is on task with the billings to date.

**Old Business:**

Update on Rindge Crime Watch (RCW) Camera Donation: Bob noted he researched the "NDAA compliance" for the proposed camera the RCW would like to donate for the Town Common, which they would like to be placed on the Meetinghouse bell tower. He stated the federal government does not allow grant money to be used on buildings for the use of cameras that are not NDAA compliant. He was fearful if cameras were installed the Town may not be able to receive grant

funding for the building. Ron asked if the Board would accept the donation. Bob and Marybeth agreed more research is needed.

ARPA: There were no updates on the ARPA funds.

### **New Business:**

Ballot machines: Bob announced there are two new ballot machines available for purchase that have been approved by the State. Bob stated the Town may want to consider budgeting for a new one as the current one runs on outdated software, Windows XP. The prices start around \$7,000.

Consolidated Communications Phone Contract: Lori explained the contract in need of renewal for all buildings except for the Town Office since the system there was just upgraded with Crexendo at a lower rate for that building. All were in agreement to sign the contract with Consolidated Communications for another three years at \$36 per line plus taxes per month.

Special Events Permits: FPU Trick or Treat & Campus-wide Fall Festival. Marybeth made a motion to approve the special events permits. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Informational Items/Communications & Updates**: Tom Coneys gave an update on the Capital Improvement Plan Committee's (CIP) first meeting of the season. He stated he would be reaching out to Department Heads to ask for input on their respective department needs for the next several years. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17 at 6 p.m. Craig Clark also mentioned there was a discussion on possibly increasing the amount of funds used in order to save, as the cost of everything has increased substantially.

**Any Other Official Business before the Board**: Bob mentioned he had a few complaints about a project being held at the Library and stated it was not a town sponsored event.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola  
Town Administrator