



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2023

Work Session: Lori provided review of 2.5% scale increase proposed to Marybeth. Lori keyed on the following points

- 2.5% scale will not apply to Police department and Department heads.
 - Police department will make wage increases based upon 6 different rankings in department.
 - Department heads will negotiate their own individual contracts.
 - Police department proposed budget reflects unfilled Detective and Corporal Positions. These funds will not be used until positions are filled. Fire Department seek per diem increase to competitively complete with other municipalities. Current per diem will be based on rank & certifications. Fire department seeks 2 EMS and 4 fire fighters per day. Costs are less than paying one and a half full time personnel.
 - Bob proposed to deny merit raise in Lori's proposal. Proposed termination as an option.
- All agreed to avoid a default budget.

Present: Marybeth Quill, Chairman, Karl Pruter, Vice Chairman, Bob Hamilton, Selectman, Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator, Betsy Lambert, Executive Secretary. Members of the public.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob announced the Poor Meat Raffle had begun. It is the first Saturday of the month and is being held at the Jaffrey VFW it starts at 2:00p.m. Bob mentioned the Wreaths across America where going to be at the Hillside Cemetery putting wreath's on Veterans graves on December 16,2023. Karl announced the Trunk or Treat was being held Friday October 27, 2023 from 6-8 pm.

Citizen's Forum: Roberta stated the Rindge Veterans would receive wreaths on their stones with money that was donated from the P.O.O.R. organization in the amount of \$510.00 for 30 wreaths. Tom Coney's from CIP was seeking permission to get a quote to have the light fixtures at the Town Office Building switched over to LED. This will to save money on the electric bill and to upgrade the fixtures. Lori is going to check with Mike on that request. Lori believes Leif maybe able to do that.

Consent Agenda: 10.11.2023 Minutes and Payroll & Accounts Payable for 10.19.2023 & 10.26.2023: Marybeth made a motion to approve Minutes as written and the Payroll & Accounts as stated. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0

6:15 Public Hearing: Unanticipated Revenue (Ward Trust \$50,000) for meeting house renovations of the painting of the steeple. Marybeth made a motion to accept the Unanticipated Funds of the Ward Trust in the amount of \$50,000. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Old Business: ARPA – Ventilation System for the Town Office. Lori mentioned that Monadnock Cooling is working on a proposal for a system. Mike was looking into getting 3 bids for the Septic Design for the Meeting House.

New Business:

Execution of Certificate of Municipality- Department of Natural & Cultural Resources: Bob made a motion to accept the Grant application for the Moose Plates of \$20,000 and for Lori to Sign for the grant, Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Lori asked for permission to sign and designate the funds for part of the L-Chip grant to the horse shed painting and a new roof totaling \$20,000. Bob made a motion to accept the repairs on the horse shed as written, Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Winter Sand Bids: There were 2 bids for the winter sand. C&C Trucking of Jaffrey NH, Bid at \$19.00/ CY, and Productive Power excavating oh New Ipswich NH bid at \$16.00/ CY. C&C Trucking will be providing the sand for the 23-24 winter season as Mike recommended them. They met all the technical Specifications the bid required.

Community Power Discussion: There was a brief discussion on Community Power in Rindge. Karl made a motion to form a subcommittee for the Community Power for the Town of Rindge, Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Rental Space at Meetinghouse: Due to the scheduling conflict of the meetinghouse, all scheduling will be done thru the proper chain. Applications for the rental of meeting house are available at the Town Office or on the website.

Informational Items/Communications & Updates: Bob mentioned the FPU football team is 3-3.

Any Other official Business to come before the Board: Bob made a motion to accept the application for the Pizza/Politics event at FPU library on 11/1/23. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

The meet adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lambert