



Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024

Present: Marybeth Quill, Chair, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Bob Hamilton, Selectman, Members of the public.

Marybeth opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's Announcements: Marybeth announced the Primary Election will be on Tuesday, January 23. Voting will take place from 7 am to 7 pm. Bob announced the School Board is holding a public hearing on Monday 1.03.2024 at Conant High School to discuss unassigned funds in the amount of \$337,000.

Consent Agenda: Marybeth made a motion to approve the payroll and accounts payable for 1.18.2024. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Karl made a motion to approve the 12.20.2023, 12.27.2023 & 1.03.2024, and 1.10.2024 minutes. Marybeth asked Bob if he was ok with the 12.20.2023 and 12.27.2023 minutes and he stated he was not ok with the 12.20.2023 minutes and was ok with the 12.27.2023 minutes. Marybeth stated she has not read the 1.10.2024 minutes. Marybeth stated she would ask Lori for the recording for the 12.20.2023 minutes and would see if she could make any headway. The 12.20.2023 and 1.10.2024 minutes were tabled. Marybeth made a motion to approve the 12.27.2023 and 1.03.2024 minutes with edits. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Citizens Forum: Roni Hamilton asked if the Board had any applicants for the executive secretary position and Marybeth stated there were no new applicants. Roni also suggested the minutes be recorded using the recorder in the corner of the room. Roberta noted she was going to make a motion to cut the school budget. She also stated that about one million was added to this year's school budget for special education purposes, which is mandated by the State, causing a huge burden to the taxpayers. Ron Osimo complimented the Police and Fire exceptional service at the funeral for former Chief Morrill. Bob agreed. Karl thanked the Rindge Crime Watch for hosting the reception.

Old Business: ARPA Updates- Chief Donovan noted Casey has taken the SCBA project and would like him to present the quotes. Two quotes were given. Casey explained and gave a breakdown of the quotes. Scott X 3 Pro was the quote of choice. Casey stated the Department would like to replace all 24 packs at once. The cost is a bit higher than what the Board previously approved for a figure; The price came in at \$185,898. IPS is \$5,000 less and Casey would like to move forward with one of the quotes before the price increases. It was noted \$130,000 was approved by the Board previously, \$40,000 had already been set aside and the Department was requesting another \$15,898 from ARPA funds for a new total of \$185,898. The Board was in agreement to move forward with the new figure of \$185,898.

New Business: Bob proposed Dick Issacson, Bill Harper, Susan Wessells, and Frank Morrill be in the dedication for the Town report. Bob mentioned he was working on the dedication page.

Intent to Cut Map 11 Lot 33: Bob stated the company listed on the application was out of state and had questions about the application. There was a brief discussion on the access roads on the property. Bob stated that he would like to speak with Kim in Assessing before approving the application to make sure



the fire lane would be taken care of. Bob mentioned talking to the state regarding the maintenance of the fire lane.

Special Event Permit: Marybeth made a motion to accept the special event permit for FPU. Bob seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Any other Business before the Board: The warrant articles were briefly discussed. The Board was in agreement with the proposed warrant articles but decided to wait to make recommendations until the Department of Revenue reviewed it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola