



Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

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

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

Selectmen's Announcements: Candidates Night is on Tuesday March 5th at 6:30 pm at the Rindge Recreation Department on Wellington Road. Thank you to the Rindge Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring. Bob gave a couple of announcements: the POOR Meat Raffle is this Saturday, March 2nd, at 1:30 pm at the Jaffrey VFW and is co-sponsored by the Rindge Chamber of Commerce. The Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District will be holding their 2025 deliberative session next February, please attend this meeting.

Consent Agenda: Payroll & Accounts Payable for 2.22.2024, 2.29.2024 and Meeting Minutes for 2.14.2024. Marybeth made a motion to accept the consent agenda as written. Karl seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Citizens Forum:

Deb Qualey stated that the Women's Club will be providing all the snacks for Candidates Night.

Old Business:

ARPA Updates – Casey Burrage gave an update on the SCBA project and quotes: Provided four different quotes, and the preferred quote is for an X3 Pro air pack with a snap bottle change and a quick disconnect regulator for maintenance and rapid intervention purposes and includes a 30 minute bottle and a replacement face mask. The preferred quote with Fire Tech and Safety has a total cost of \$188,760, Marybeth stated that this is \$2,862 more than the last quote. To the best of Casey's knowledge this equipment will be compatible with neighboring towns and at least internally the equipment will be compatible with the department. Marybeth stated that a total of \$18,760 is to be additionally taken from ARPA for this quote. Karl stated that they still have the \$40,000 in an account for air packs that cannot be used and they have to use ARPA funds this time and they are going to request to be transferred next year to the equipment fund for the fire department in a warrant article. Lori stated this year's warrant article for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (\$45,000) is also asking the voters to allow the Selectmen as agents to expend, adding she has been told there is \$40,000 in the capital reserve fund that is specifically marked for the SCBAs. If the article passes she believes the funds can be withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Karl Pruter made a motion to accept the quote from Fire Tech and Safety of \$188,760 for 24 regulators, 24 face pieces, and 48 air packs. Marybeth seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Marybeth stated that there is about \$80,000 left in the ARPA funds. Bob states that the need to have a public session and discuss exact numbers of what is left in ARPA. Karl adds that they also need to discuss what their new priorities are.

Monadnock Disposal Service Agreement – Bob stated that Mike Cloutier, DPW Director, is recommending the MDS agreement. Bob Hamilton made a motion to approve the Monadnock Disposal Service Agreement for the transfer station. Karl seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

Abatements –

William Harper - Map 1 Lot 11 Sub Lot 10 – Bob stated that his assessment was changed it was one of the KRT changes in the middle of the year with no notification so it is going back to what his original assessment was in 2020 as recommended by Avitar Assessing.

Walmart Real Estate - Map 6 Lot 98 – Karl stated that the Town of Rindge had a settlement agreement with Walmart where they got a reduction and KRT put it back on against the court's rulings. Avitar is recommending putting the values back according to the agreement. Bob stated that the agreement through the courts was for the 5 years until the new assessment. Bob made a motion to grant the abatement for Map 1 Lot 11 Sub Lot 10, Marybeth seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0. Bob made a motion to grant the abatement for Map 6 Lot 98, Marybeth seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Transfer of Title – Ford F-150 Truck, former town police truck that is being used by the Recreation Center so the registration is being changed from police vehicle to a town owned vehicle. The title will be changed to just say Town of Rindge. Marybeth made a motion to authorize her signature for the transfer of title for the former police F-150 truck, Karl seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

Meeting House Septic Installation Quotes – Three quotes were given: Mountainshade at \$58,815, Dig Z at \$45,900, and Stenersen Excavating at \$33,700. All three quotes were based off of the same septic design. Marybeth stated that Mike recommended to go with Stenersen Excavating to replace the septic system as they are the lowest bidder. Marybeth made a motion to accept the Meeting House septic installation quote from Stenersen Excavating at \$33,700 as recommended by Michael Cloutier, Karl seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

Wreaths Across America – Bob read an email he had received which stated they are looking to have a Wreath placing Ceremony on December 14, 2024 at Hillside Cemetery, Larry Cleveland and Jason Polino will be responsible for the event and cleanup. This event took place in 2023. Bob stated that the event will be under the direction of the fire department, police department, and highway department and they will need to have a special events permit filled out and signed to move forward with the event. Consent was given by all three members of the board.

Reduction on the Bond for Kings Way – Lori stated the Board has a request before them to reduce the bond for King's way for Marks Street, adding Fieldstone Land Consultants and Mike Cloutier walked the road and it meets all specifications. DPW Director Mike Cloutier approves of the new bond amount and recommends to accept the new bond amount of \$202,890. As per subdivision regulations the Select board needs to sign off to allow the bond to be reduced on the Kings Way subdivision. Bob made a motion to reduce the road bond amount to \$202,890 for Kings Way as recommended by Fieldstone and the DPW Director, Marybeth seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

Informational Items, Communications and Updates:

Bob stated that the Town Gown meeting was business as usual and there were multiple updates on the sports teams at Franklin Pierce. On the Track and Field team there was a student that had two events back to back and won both of them and set a national record in the 200M run. The football team has won 4 games this year, baseball and softball team has been doing well and the soccer team won the national championship this year. Bob stated that he will have a discussion with Franklin Pierce about their water system. Lori stated that Rick Donovan is working on that and the state is also involved and was told it has been an on-going issue.

Marybeth made a motion at 6:35 pm to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A3: II (a) (employee review), Karl seconded the motion. The motion passed by Roll Call Vote. Marybeth aye, Karl, aye, Bob, aye.

At 6:35 the meeting reconvened. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Stenersen
Executive Secretary