

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the Police Department. Jason Petraitis, John Tripp, and Brooke Canada present.

Mr. Petraitis said that Saturday is Veteran's Day and he'd like to take the opportunity to honor our Veterans with a moment of silence.

Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve Payroll # 10 for \$347,559.79, School # 1033 for \$122,785.53, General/Sewer# 1034 for \$808,775.00, General # 1035 for \$110,702.70, WWTPU # 1036 for \$316,427.37, and CDBG/NB21 # 1037 for \$14,327.77. So voted.

Financial:

Police Request for Holden Funds-Mrs. Canada read a letter from Chief Mark Smith requesting \$2,600.00 for replacement batteries for two-way radios, and \$3,480.00 for a replacement battery for the drone, from Holden Funds. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Canada asked the balance of the Holden Funds. It is \$10,751.05. Chief Smith said they use the drone for searches and gave an example of a runaway teenager located by the drone. An officer was on scene but couldn't see the teen, but because of infrared imaging the drone could. They've used it for accident scenes and pursuits in other towns as well. Mr. Tripp asked who the pilots are, Chief said only Daley and Martin are certified to fly the drone. All in favor of motion. So voted.

Highway Requests-

\$3000-\$4000 on a main hydraulic pump for the 95 John Deere Loader-this is important for winter. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve. So voted.

\$1,400.00 for McNeely Tree service-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve this request. So voted.

\$300 for fluid film, Mr. Tripp explained this is for undercoating of the trucks. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve. So voted.

Parks and Recreation Spending Request-Brandon Avery explained this isn't necessarily a spending request, but wants No Parking signs on the corner near the Town Forest Park and another at the common on the utility pole before the main entrance to allow space for a clear line of vision at the crosswalk. This is a dangerous area especially at night and during trick or treat. He said the cost of the signs can come out of the Parks and Rec budget. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve the no parking signs. Mr. Tripp asked how many parking spots would be taken up, Brandon said it would just be one or two by/near the shed. Mr. Tripp suggested asking Highway to paint lines as well. All in favor of motion. So voted.

New Business:

Review Bid for Tree Work-Mr. Petraitis said they need a list of trees, or at least have the trees marked. Mr. Tripp said it's hard to mark trees and that highway is looking to pay a daily rate. Mr. Petraitis said they would discuss this more next week. Jamie Gilman stated he received a letter from Lewis Tree on behalf of National Grid and asked if highway was coordinating with them. Ashley said yes, she emailed

highway the notification. Mrs. Canada mentioned they would be doing trimming/tree removal. Vaughn said if the tree is marked it should be removed. This will be discussed next week.

Public Record Access Guidelines-next meeting

Library-HVAC repairs discussion: Tom said the library lost the pump for their HVAC, it works 24/7 and manages heat and water, it is 16 years old and failed. There is a backup, which is also 16 years old. It will cost \$9,700.00 to replace the pump, the library doesn't have enough to cover this. Tom asked if there were ARPA funds available. Mr. Petraitis said he does believe there are funds available told them to put in a formal request to that committee, they will look at it and pass it back to the Board. Peg said she knows the budget is stretched, which is true for the library. They receive less than 1% of the town budget to run the building and programs. Her concern is if ARPA falls through. She asked if she should put an article on the upcoming special town meeting. Mr. Petraitis said yes, and it can be passed over if the funds are secured. Ashley described the process for article/motion. Tom said they can look into refurbishing the pump. Mr. Tripp questioned if they should replace both pumps now. Tom said it runs all year long and there is a long lead time on parts. Peg thanked the Board and said the library is trying to stay within their means.

NBEMA grant gift to Fire-Anne Adams said she received a grant for \$2,700.00 and got some things for the police and fire departments. She attended Asher training (active shooters) they decided to buy two trauma bags for active situations. It is a big bag and comes with a lot of supplies, with room to add more. Hopefully they'll never need it. Chief Joe Holway Thanked NBEMA and said this would be added to the inventory. Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept this gift from the grant. So voted. The Board thanked Anne and NBEMA.

Complete Streets extension-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to sign the complete streets amendment to extend the timeframe. So voted.

Shared Streets extension-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to sign the shared streets amendment to extend the timeframe. So voted.

Request for Resources-Rural Justice Network. Mr. Petraitis asked Corwin if everything was listed on their description of the event. Corwin said yes. Mr. Petraitis asked if there would be a drag performance, Corwin said yes. Mr. Petraitis asked if they would have a tent, Corwin said if it rains, but they plan on having a stage like every year. Mr. Petraitis told Corwin/RJN he could get approvals from the other departments but that he wouldn't vote for it unless the drag portion was hidden from plain view. Mrs. Canada moved to give initial approval of the event. There was no second, motion failed.

Public Comment:

Joane Carey asked what happened with the request for resources. Mr. Petraitis said there was no second on the motion so there was no vote.

Tonya Matthews mentioned 4th of July celebration. Mr. Petraitis said the 4th of July is on a Thursday so they will most likely celebrate the weekend after the 4th but they will have to see.

Michelle Petraitis said she heard it's not part of Parks and Rec policy to require a tent or screening and asked if the BoS can insert that for this event. Mr. Petraitis wasn't sure, and Mrs. Canada said she doubted it. Mr. Tripp said the ACLU will come into play.

Corwin/RJN said last year they asked for July 1st but moved it, and they are willing to change the date. Mr. Petraitis said he'd like Corwin to consider what was discussed.

There being no further business, at 6:31PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre