

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022**

Chairman Leslie Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb, Ernie Day, and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Also, present were Jamie Mullen, Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, Justin Brooks, Jeff Nicoll and Gary Williams.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

The accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed as well as the red folder containing correspondence.

Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 1/3/2022. Melissa seconded. Les questioned Jayne Britton coming in last week as is noted in the minutes – to be removed. All in favor with correction, the motion passed.

Department Head Updates

Police Department – Chief Jamie Mullen offered thanks to assistance given by Pinardi and Santuccio of the Sheriff's Office in serving a writ-of-possession on a tax-deeded property. Warrant issues with two tasers are being handled. Jamie is looking to purchase an additional two tasers out of the regular budget. Court activity has been favorable. Employee evaluations have been completed and a training plan is in place for all officers.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks reported busy activity. New permits are being sold at the Transfer Station as of this week. There has been no pushback on the new fees but some is expected come spring.

Fire Department – Chief Rob Cunio reported call volume including 11 new Covid cases, 1 medical aid, 2 lockouts and a deer rescue. A report of two snowmobiles through the ice turned out to be two rocks declared by NH Fish and Game and a State Trooper. Preparations are being made for the Fishing Derby. Ice depths will be checked on Wednesday to determine if it will be postponed. Raffle tickets are \$20 and are available for sale now. Registrations are not available yet. EBI has finally responded with a drawing but no pricing yet. Cunio announced the grant application for the cardiac monitors has been submitted.

Highway – Road Agent Scott Brooks reported HP Fairfield has determined the lights and wiring harness are no good and have to be replaced. Scott does not anticipate and credit forthcoming. ETA is still unknown; truck has not been in for paint yet and will not go in until repairs are complete.

Town Office – Administrator Ellen White reported year-end is underway. Tax documents are being prepared and issued to employees and vendors. Two surrounding town offices were visited for storage solution and data retention ideas. A lot of archive documents are to be reviewed for disposition which may require a mobile shredding service.

Old / New Business / Discussion:

Les reported that 50-60 people were in attendance for the January 6 Planning Board hearing on short-term rentals. Concerns were heard and the number of days proposed has been extended to 90-days. Les has contacted State reps and has a goal to testify in court. Ernie stated that he would like to hold off until we know what is going to happen with the proposed Senate Bill. Two people present at the hearing were in favor of more regulations. A cost analysis will have to be performed to determine actual impact on the tax rate. Les stated the choice has to be made between money and community. Jeff Nicoll supports what Les said. Recurring opposition received is due to lost revenue stream. A lot of people in favor of regulating are not attending the meetings. Les stated the importance of regulation to ensure life safety and proper septic disposal. A petition to eliminate proposed legislation is anticipated.

Public Input:

Jeff Nicoll sent a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission expressing concern for the lack of Forest Advisory Committee members. The Committee has been unable to meet at the minimum requirement of quarterly due to lack of quorum, no one seems to know what is going on, communication is lacking, and the FCC is left to authorize and process invoices for payment. A member search was activated, each Selectman was asked to bring two names forward for consideration. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission will be asked to appoint representatives as required.

Old / New Business / Discussion continued:

2022 Operating Budget & Warrant Articles Review - Ellen will reach out to the library to check the status of additional funding for the entrance improvements proposed. Review of paving and reclamation needs. Scott suggests \$52,000 be raised for paving. Scott will look at the Public Safety Building's parking lot to evaluate for crack sealing. Jamie will follow up on a trade value toward the new cruiser. Scott estimates 1-2 years of crushing left at Watts Pit since another 2-acres has been cleared. Rough figures were reviewed. Further review to be scheduled next week, Wednesday at 9:00 AM at the Town Office. Figures are needed for all unknown articles including additions to capital reserve funds. Money will also have to be appropriated to clean up the 3 Ossipee Lake Road property.

Jamie announced receipt of a drone that was donated to the department. Officer Diaz has been tasked with training.

Non-Public Session(s):

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 8:08 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for reputation. Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor the motion passed. Les made a motion to reconvene public session at 8:46 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor the motion passed. Les made a motion to seal the minutes to protect the reputation of the property owner and to not render a proposed action ineffective. Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Melissa-yes, Ernie-yes.

Discussion continued:

Ernie made a motion to have Les sign change order no. 6 on the Danforth Bay Bridge project and the Certificate of Final Completion of Work. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The Remediation Agreement between the Town and David & Jennifer Hayes for the property located at 173 Haverhill Street was presented for signatures. All in favor, the agreement was signed.

A meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 9 AM at the Town Office to continue the 2022 budget review and review performance evaluations.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting – 1/3/2022	Approved
Accounts Payable – Week ending 1/7/2022	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 1/5/2022	Approved
Remediation Agreement – 173 Haverhill Street	Approved

Correspondence

Receipt – Tax Payment as Agreed	Reviewed
Letter – NH DES re: Restoration Plan Approval–173 Haverhill St. (Map 24, Lot 13)	Reviewed
Letter – NH DES re: Alleged Violation – 125 Round Pond (Map 45, Lot 10)	Reviewed
Letter – NH DES re: Forestry Statutory PBN-Rathbun (Map 15, Lot 11)	Reviewed
Letter – FCC re: Forest Advisory Committee Concerns	Reviewed
E-Mail – Library Director Christopher Libby re: Invitation to visit library facility	Reviewed
Bulletin – NHMA Legislative Bulletin 03	Reviewed
2022 Proposed Operating Budget & Warrant Articles	Reviewed

Being no further input, Ernie made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen N. White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio