

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2022**

Selectman Ernie Day called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Present were Selectmen Ernie Day, and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Also in attendance were Rob Cunio, Justin Brooks and a representative from All State Materials.

Selectman Leslie Babb arrived at 5:55 pm. Jamie Mullen arrived at 6:18 PM.

**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 2/28/2022. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Department Head Updates**

Fire-Rescue Department – Chief Rob Cunio reported call volume including 4 medical aid, station coverage at Kezar Falls, no new Covid cases, and a chimney fire. Cintas will be inspecting emergency lighting and extinguishers at all town buildings on March 15. The grant paperwork has been submitted to purchase two new AED's. An updated drawing and quote have been received from Alexis on the new rescue truck. The quote is valid for 30-days and came in \$9,336 less than originally estimated for a total of \$326,131. Rob will be making a motion to amend the amount raised in the warrant article at Town Meeting. Delivery is anticipated in early 2023.

Transfer Station – Supervisor Justin Brooks reported nothing new. A load of scrap iron was sent out and a check for recycling was received last week. There were no reported issues with items that did not belong in the load.

Town Office – Administrator Ellen White reported a busy week preparing for Town Meeting. All is going well. Administrative Assistant Stacy Bolduc is doing very well working with the boards and committees and is continuing to learn. Construction appears to be slightly slower this time of year although a few cases are going before the ZBA this month. Spring is around the corner.

**Public Input:**

None presented.

**Appointments:**

Not applicable.

**Old / New Business / Discussion:**

Review/Act Upon Proposals Received for Legal Services – Melissa compared and found all firms offered comparable rates across the board. She ranked the firms with Wadleigh, Starr & Peters and Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward, and Loughman, and Drummond-Woodsum as her top picks. Ernie agreed. Varying rates were provided by Drummond-Woodsum depending on service to be provided. Les ranked them as follows: Drummond-Woodsum, Wadleigh, Starr & Peters, Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward, and Loughman, DTC, and Devine-Millimet. The top firms were further discussed. Melissa suggested Ellen call the references. The Board was in agreement to invite Drummond-Woodsum and Wadleigh, Starr & Peters for an introduction meeting.

Open/Review Bids Received for 2016 Ford F-550 – No bids were received.

Open/Review Bids Received for Paving – Les opened two bids received as follows:

	R & D Paving	All States Material Group
Reclaim 4000’x23’	\$0.75/unit \$7,666.50	\$0.90/unit \$9,99.80
Winter Binder Course	\$81.85/unit \$113,444.10	\$82.45/unit \$114,275.70
Paved Swale	\$177.50/unit \$33,547.50	\$165.00/unit \$31,185.00
Total	\$154,658.10	\$154,660.50

All were in agreement to have Road Agent Scott Brooks review the bids and make his recommendation. Tabled for decision until 3/14/2022.

A price increase to equip the new Mack was received from HP Fairfield requiring an additional \$8,000. Scott Brooks has questioned if the Board would like to raise additional monies in this year’s budget or fund from Capital Reserves. The Board was in agreement that since the purchase was made by warrant article, the increase would have to come from the operating budget. No amendments to be made.

Police Chief Jamie Mullen informed the Board that the second option for a cruiser is from another dealer so they are unable to place a hold on it. Availability will be determined after Town Meeting approval. He has not researched pricing to outfit the second option yet. Melissa questioned if there has been any development on his new hire? Jamie responded that he is working on the job description.

A Request for Proposal for Landscaping Services were distributed for review. The Board was in agreement to update and distribute.

Ernie announced they have all received copies of the Casella contract expiring this year to review. Justin stated the Request for Proposals should go out in June. It was noted that the cost of fuel and trucking will impact the contract prices significantly.

**Non-Public Session(s):**

Not applicable.

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting– 2/28/2022	Approved
Accounts Payable – Week ending 3/4/2022	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 3/2/2022	Approved
Application for Veteran’s Tax Credit	Approved
Employee Time-Off Request	Approved

**Correspondence**

Decision – ZBA re: Variance Granted - Vincent Beedle, Map 6, Lot 6-1	Reviewed
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Receipt – Ricker Auto Salvage – Scrap Iron Recycling Revenue	Reviewed
Receipt – Tax Payment as Agreed	Reviewed
Notice – Road Posting in Effect March 4, 2022	Reviewed
Letter – Vacasa re: Tax Guide for Vacation Rental Owners in Freedom	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen N. White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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Melissa M. Florio