

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023

Ernie Day called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Ernie Day , Melissa Florio, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Hall.

Also, in attendance were: Scott Brooks, Cecelie Ekse, Rob Cunio, and Jamie Mullen.

Public: None: Bill Carney, Karrie Buttrick, Cecelie Ekse, Joshua Holley

6:30 PUBLIC MEETING
Taking Abandon Cemeteries

Ernie opened the public hearing to gather public input regarding abandoned cemeteries promptly at 6:30 p.m. Allan Fall was present to discuss the process of advertising in the Union Leader then a public hearing needs to take place at sixty days and no later than 90 days to hold a public hearing. The five cemeteries being taken are Andrews Hill Burying Ground, Cushing Corner, Swett Hill Burying Ground (David Smith Yard), Fowler Burying Ground (Lord Yard)(High Meadow Farm), Black Road, Bradbury Burying Ground(Parsons-Eaton Rd.). Allan explained that he did list the people buried in the ground mentioned above to let the airs know. There being no further discussion on the matter, Melissa made the following motion:

Melissa made a motion per NH RSA 289:20 to declare the above cemeteries listed abandoned to be municipal cemeteries, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 2-0-0.

Public Hearing Closed 6:35.

Public Meeting

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

The accounts payable, payroll manifests, and red folder, including correspondence, were reviewed.

Ernie made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meetings & Non-Public minutes of June 19, 2023, as amended in draft for public minutes Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion Passed 2-0-0.

Department Head Updates:

Highway- Scott reported that Scarboro Rd. was flooded by the thundershowers due to a plugged pond outlet. The other washouts were minor.

Fire Department- Rob reported five medical aids, three fire alarms, and one service call. He confirmed he will be flying out on July 12th to inspect the new rescue on the 13th, and he will be back on the 14th. He is working on coverage while he is gone.

The internet has never been good at the Public Safety building, so Rob has hired Porter Office Machine to hardwire the internet. The last storm left a house on Watson Hill without electric. The Electric was blown off the house.

Office- Melissa made a motion for Stacy Bolduc to sign the non- disclosure agreement with Amerigo Technology on behalf of the Town of Freedom, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 2-0-0.

The Horizons Engineering contract was signed for the engineering of the fire escape.

Police- Jamie entered the meeting at 6:43 pm and updated selectmen the department had taken a couple of suspicious activity complaints and written tickets for speeding, suspensions, and parking at the boat ramp. He also responded to language that suggested threatening with a firearm. Jamie also discussed community policing and how it works. Jamie stressed that if you see something, say something. He also wanted it stressed in the minutes calling the police not a town official or other agency. The delay in calling 911 could allow for the suspect to get away.

Transfer Station- Melissa contacted D & L Disposable Services to take the freon at the transfer station. For a fee of \$6.00 per unit to empty and then Rickers will take the unit away. The office has a copy of the company's license. It was discovered that the quote that Justin Brooks got for the garage door did not include the wiring. White Mountain Overhead Door has been scheduled to complete the wiring and, Ed White will install the switch. Lakes Region looked at the transfer station layout and approved of it. They also said the Town got a reasonable price on the scales and will likely make the money back in a year. The grant money is still available for the scales. Matt Rose will work with Melissa and Jim Stone to obtain the grant.

It was also recommended that Selectmen look Five to ten years out at ways the transfer station could make money for example: A bailer was suggested but, you have to keep the cardboard dry so, you would want to plan for that.

Melissa also talked to the State about driving over the can or the landfill as part of the redesign, and they stated we can not allow any traffic over the can or landfill because the gas under the ground cannot be disturbed.

JP cut the grass on Friday, and Melissa asked Scott if the highway crew could crush the metal can before Thursday.

Melissa reported that FAC/FCC had a joint meeting and approved the burn but the monies allocated for the burn expired. Ernie asked if the burn was anything that Rob got involved in. He responded he issues the permit and they get invited to the burn, but the guys work during the day. He also stated the Natures Conservancy does a great job.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Picture Ids- Lindsay presented the updated picture ID on behalf of the Fire Department and office. It was suggested to change the color every couple of years. Ernie asked Scott what he thought of the ID's. He didn't have a problem with them. The Town Administrator liked the signature line. The Chair would sign the ID's for the office staff and zoning officer, and Highway. Jamie will work with Lindsay on his departments design.

Rob confirmed with the State that the fire and life safety portion of food truck inspections is the Town's responsibility.

Ernie updated the public that the engineer has looked at the fire escape at the Town Office and it has been communicated we would like a resolution as soon as possible so; we can use the upstairs again.

Cecile reported that the exit signs have been installed at the transfer station.

New Business

Appointment

Linda and Michael Mailhot.

Linda Mailhot and her husband, Michael came before the board to propose paving the road from Chick Drive to where it dead ends, which is the top of their driveway. They suggest they pick up the expense of purchasing all of the materials necessary to fix any drainage issues it would cause going into the lake.

Ernie asked what Scott’s thoughts were on this proposal. Scott said this is the first request that he has had where an individual wants to pay to pave a town road. An engineer would be the first step to have them look at the drainage issues. The scope of work was discussed and it would be quite an expense. The abutters also have to be willing to give up property that needs to be taken for the right of way. This is not something that could be accomplished by the end of this construction season. Alan Fall added for a point of information West Bay Rd. is a prescriptive right of way so what is currently being used is the right of way. Any extension off that would be a taking by the town. Alan also pointed out changing the road width is also a change of use. The process starts with an engineer. Linda said they were looking to see if the town would entertain this before going any further. They didn’t need an answer tonight. Both Melissa and Ernie said they would need Les to weigh in on the proposal.

Ernie made a motion enter into a non-public session at 7:05 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), reputation. Melissa seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Ernie made a motion to resume public session at 7:10 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

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Ernie made a motion enter into a non-public session at 7:15 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (A), dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee Melissa seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Ernie made a motion to resume public session at 7:20 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

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Adjournment:

Being no further input, Earnie made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Week ending 6/23/2023	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 6/21/2023	Approved
Request for Abatement – N/A	

Correspondence:

Newsletter – NHMA Legislative Bulletin No. 25	Reviewed
Melissa Seamans CTAP Program	Reviewed

Health Trust Summer 2023 New Letter
Jane and Paul Greenblatt
Anne Cunningham 50 Eaton Rd. Flood Zone

Reviewed
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Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio