

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023

Non-Public

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 6:30 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), reputation employee Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Ernie made a motion to resume the public session at 6:47 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

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Chairman Babb called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. 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, Rob Cunio, Jamie Mullen
Public: None:

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Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

The accounts payable, payroll manifests, and red folder, including correspondence, were reviewed.
Minutes were reviewed later in the meeting.

Department Head Updates:

Police- Jamie reported it has been very busy. The log consists of a couple hundred pages. The log includes patrols, tickets, arrests, he also reported they have been preparing for old home week.

Fire Department- Rob reported they were called out for a fire last night, and Rich assisted with a problematic resident, resulting in the resident receiving a \$120.00 fine. He also reported numbers for the past two weeks. Fourteen medicals, four service calls, one mutual aid for a structure fire, one tree and wire down, two alarms, and one illegal fire. He also reported the trip to check out the new truck went well; a few minor changes were made.

Rob updated the board that he spoke with David Cribbie regarding the Watson Hill fire pond dredging. They discussed how wet it is up there and devised a plan to cut down the couple of trees that needed to come down and order the material for the dry hydrant. This will protect the town from any increase in materials that may occur in the future. Once things dry up, it will be set to go. If the project does not happen, then Cribbie will come back during budget season to discuss possible price increases.

Les made a motion to authorize Rob Cunio to move ahead with cutting the trees and purchasing the dry hydrant material to stay ahead of the possible price increase in the material; Ernie seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0-0.

Scott Brooks commented that we should be in our dry season now, and you need a least eight weeks to dry out. He does not see this happening. That would mean no rain between now and October.

Highway- Scott reported the grader had been down. As a result, the FEMA work can only be finished once it is fixed. There is a cooling fan issue. CAT said it has to do with the regen system so, it cannot be run. They will try to send someone next week unless they get some time between jobs and are in the area. The headers for the culvert on Cold Brook Rd. was delivered last week, and he was hoping to start the job Thursday, so the road will need to be closed. The detour would be Swett's Hill and Youngs Rd. It will need to be published in the paper and the Towns website. The closure will be for ten days if everything goes well. Selectmen are in favor of closing Cold Brook Rd. for repairs. Most of the FEMA paperwork will be done by the end of the week for the December 2022 storm.

The May storm has not been declared a disaster yet. Scott shared pictures of washouts on Scarborough Rd. The fire escape plans were reviewed. Rob will verify the final measurements.

Scott asked if Horizons sent a letter to the Selectboard regarding West Bay Rd. Stacy said she had yet to receive the letter. Scott said there is no layout of the section of road that connects Sherwood Forest Rd to West Bay Rd. Discussion ensued around the history of the passageway/road that connects them.

Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes & non-public minutes of July 10, 2023; Melissa seconded; Motion passed- 3-0-0.

Ernie made a motion to accept the non-public minutes of July 19, 2023, Les seconded the motion; Motion passed; 2-0-1. Melissa abstained because she was not present.

Abatements were signed.
STR applications were signed.

Melissa updated the board. The Planning Board updated its operating procedures to include the Fire Chief and the Road Agent as a part of the expert panel to review plans before they come to the board to get their feedback on any concerns they might have. Anne will discuss CIP (capital improvement plans) plans during the budget process with department heads to start looking at what the plans might look like next year and in the future.

Office- The Town Admin pointed out the DES letter regarding an alleged violation for eleven docks. She also brought to their attention the letter from Mr. Hadlow regarding the retirement plan. Selectmen will need to consider another investment company if they want to change retirement plans to a 457 plan and you cannot have two separate plans. The new plan would start at the beginning of the new year. Ernie wants to know what the State Retirement will cost. Stacy will reach out to NH Retirement to get more information. Scott explained it would benefit the town to attract younger people. The downfall would be that the people that don't have time to get vested would not get the towns portion that they would invest.

The EMS action report was also part of the correspondence for Selectmen to review.

Appointment

Public Comment

None

New Business

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:50 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), employee Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Ernie made a motion to resume the public session at 8:15 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

