

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday September 11, 2023

6:30 pm Non-Public Session

Ernie made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 6:30 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 the public session at 6:50 pm Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Chairman Les Babb called the meeting to order 7:00 pm. Present were Selectmen Les Babb, Ernie Day and Melissa Florio, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Public: Bill Elliott, Mark McKinley, Gary Williams

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

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

Department Head Updates:

Fire Department-

Chief Cunio updated the board that the department did eight medicals, one mutual aid fire, one alarm, two trees down, one residence. He also received an email today stating that mutual aid is going up \$2,000.00 for 2024. The rate increase is due to radio equipment and communication upgrades.

Rob has been trying to get the retired rescue posted to the municipal website to sell it, but the website is experiencing technical difficulties. He hopes to get the rescue posted tomorrow. Discussion ensued around the asking prices for the inventory on the site.

Highway Department – Scott was not at the meeting.

Police Department – Jamie was not at the meeting.

Old Business/New Business

The selectmen discussed the fire escape and asked for public input.

Les explained why we need to replace the fire escape at the town office. The Bergeron report that assessed the town office indicated that the fire escape was unsafe. The estimate to replace the fire escape is \$50,000 which includes a 10% buffer.

Mark McKinley would like to start the project as soon as possible due to winter coming.

Chief Cunio supports the project as proposed.

Ernie supports the project.

Bill Elliott stated it is a lot of money and asked what the future of the Town Office.

Les explained that whatever the decision is, it is still two to three years before anything happens and if the town office becomes the home of historical society, the fire escape still needs to be replaced.

An electrician still needs to be consulted.

With no more discussion, Ernie made a motion to move forward with the fire escape at the town office with the price of \$50,048.00 as outlined in the quote by Jay Hounsell; Les seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Les made a motion to request \$22,680.00 from the trustees of the trust fund, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

The bill for the library repairs is in the red folder to be paid. Les requested Paul Mathieu sign off on the bill and provide the minutes from their last meeting requesting the funds. Stacy will call Paul tomorrow.

Ernie made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meetings and Non-Public Session minutes August 21, 2023, and August 30, 2023, as written Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion Passed 3-0-0.

Melissa updated the board Hazardous Wastes Day will be at the Brett School in Tamworth October 7th also on the 7th Home Depot will also have a day when you can dispose of any air conditioning, dehumidifiers, and humidifiers. Les asked this information to be communicated to the public through Mail Chimp.

Rich and Clayton came before the board to update them on the costs of the cage for Boca the towns K9. Rich said they have \$2,500.00 in pledged donations but still the money needs to be collected. Chief Mullen will meet with the Town Administrator to see the best process is to collect the donations. Effingham has insight into the process per their auditors. The total cost of the cage is \$4,700.00.

There is money currently in the police budget to cover the costs. Clayton has resources to help put the cage in and the dog will outgrow the front seat soon. The board agreed unanimously to go forward with the cage.

Les informed the board that the property owner of Map 9 Lot 14 and Map 9 Lot 20-01B has sent a letter to stating he would like to redeem the property.

Appointment- None

Public Comment-

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Les made a motion to seal these minutes for a period of two years or in term of two years from pending litigation, Ernie seconded; Motion passed 3-0-0.

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Melissa reviewed the three proposals for the post-closure monitoring inspections, reporting, and permitting. Stantec currently does our monitoring who took over for Pinetree. The three quotes are from CMA, Horizons and Stantec. Les questioned why our testing is not up to date, there is testing that needs to be done by the end of September for monitoring wells and homeowner wells.

Horizons came in at \$10,000
Stantec \$8,0415
CMA Engineers-14,300

The budget does not support any of the quotes. Melissa will call her contact back to ask her if we can do just the regular testing this year and get an extension for the rest. If she says no the extension Melissa will forward everything she has to Les and he will go to Mark McConkey. The money is not in the budget to do the type two modification and required testing.
If we go forward with the testing Horizons, will be notified.

Les asked Stacy to find the RSA quoted in the 2005 Warrant Article for the Town Forrest when it was formed.

Transfer Station scales were briefly discussed. Les asked if Scott had a total station to plot out the points out on a plan where everything will be placed. Stacy will ask Scott or Gary if they use a total Station. Jim has until December 18th to get the grant.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Les made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio