

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023

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

Also in attendance were Jamie Mullen, Rob Cunio.

Public: Jeff Nicoll, Denny Anderson.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

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

Ernie motioned to approve the Selectmen's Meetings and Non-Public Session minutes October 2, 2023, as written. Melissa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Denny Anderson came before the board to question the planning board's proposal to define a structure for storage units, and they will require a permit to ensure that they are within the setbacks.

Department Head Updates:

Highway Department – Ernie updated the board for Scott that the highway crew has started clearing at the transfer station for the new entrance, and they have done the shoulders up in the hills. Tomorrow, they will be sweeping Burnham and Youngs Hill Rd due to the crack sealing.

Office- Stacy updated the board that Barry Kieth informed her today and described what he has witnessed at the Alfred Godfry Beach area. He has discovered animal parts that could have been a cow. Someone has defecated by the water well and left truck tires there. He has also witnessed someone hunting in the cemetery. Jamie Mullen entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m. , and Stacy updated him on what she had just shared with the Selectboard.

Jamie stressed how important it was for people to make these complaints to him, not the Town Admin or the Selectboard, so that he can act on it sooner rather than later. He stated he had removed four people from the beach already. A gate was briefly discussed and closing it until spring but there are people who use the beach area responsibly and those people should be considered.

Stacy pointed out the County bill came for the towns portion of the taxes. There was a letter reviewed regarding Round Pond that Jeff Nicole will give more information on later in the meeting.

Ned Kucer let the Town Admin know that he will not be spending the remaining money for the Lake Host position, and we will need to submit for the 50% reimbursement for the milfoil treatment.

Spectrum came back with a monthly rate of \$164.99 for a year; then it will go to \$199.00. Melissa stated that there are Spectrum vehicles are out looking at where the lines can be improved to provide better service. These cars have no markings, and some have paper plates. The only magnet is on the hood. Chief Cunio encountered one of these cars, and they do have IDs.

Fire Department- Rob's report included six medicals, one motor vehicle and one alarm. The rescue truck is gone. It sold for \$20,000. The lettering has been removed, and the open house went well. Action Ambulance will be on November 6th.

Stacy reported that on November 1st Andrew Struth will be here from Health Trust at 11:00 a.m. Primex informed Stacy the workman's comp went up .25%

Ernie stated that the police department had received \$4,000.00 for the K9.

Action Ambulance- \$500.00.

Purity Springs-\$1,500

Costantino Real estate - \$1,000

Robert Oram-\$1,000

Ernie made a motion to accept \$4,000.00 into the police gift account for the police K9, Melissa seconded the motion; Motion passed 2-0-0.

Police- Jamie updated that Clayton has applied for a \$3,500.00 grant for the police dog. It can be used for training and equipment if he gets it and the dog is fifteen weeks old and alerting to finding heroin. Donna Cupka has donated training time for Boca for agility. He also reported that he has caught a couple of the people responsible for the burnouts around town, and one has paid a fine of \$450.00.

The internal affairs police policy is up for review, and he has sent Stacy to have legal review.

There will be drug take back day on October 28, 10:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., held at the Freedom Public Safety Building. This will be posted on the town's website, and arrangements will be made for people who cannot get there to have what they need to be picked up.

Putting up a gate at Alfred Godfry was briefly discussed, but nobody wants to punish the people who use it responsibly. It was suggested the gate be used after summer (September -May?) Jamie said the best thing to do is call the police, not the office, so that he can get there faster. He feels robbed of an opportunity to do his job even though they police it.

Transfer Station –

Appointment- None

Public Comment

Jeff Nicole came before the board to discuss a letter from a Round Pond resident who is concerned about the ponds weeds and has been applying herbicide on their own to control the weeds. Jeff said this is not permitted. Jeff said this pond is on its way to becoming a meadow again; it is atrophic. This will not happen for quite some time, and there is nothing from an FCC standpoint that they can do. The weeds are not invasive; what is growing there is native plant matter and does not suggest dredging. Jeff was sure the FCC would not support the dredging. Ernie would like to see the costs of having it dredged. Stacy asked who addressed the issue with the gentlemen adding the herbicide to the water. Ernie said we can ask him to stop while we get the facts on dredging. Jeff will contact Green Mountain Conservation to get information so we are better informed.

Jeff also asked on behalf of the Conservation group about the complaint regarding a failed septic system on Scarboro Rd. The concern is it is running into a brook that goes to the lake. Ernie said a complaint has been filed with DES regarding this complaint. Jeff will follow-up with DES tomorrow.

Jeff questioned if 50% of the land use tax goes into the Land use change tax account. Stacy has reached out to Vachon Clukay (Auditor) and Garg Colby (CPA Municipal Financial Consultant), and both stated yes. However, they differ in opinion on how the money is tracked. Grey Colby said this is very "determinable" as to what the Land use change tax account has in it. Stacy suggested the board consider if they want to update how it is tracked for transparency reasons. Grey Colby did state how it is currently being tracked is acceptable, and this is how the money has always

been tracked. Jeff responded if the townspeople or department heads can't see it, then it needs to be more transparent, and FCC needs to know for planning and where they stand financially.

Non-Public

Ernie made a motion to enter a non-public session at 7:15 P.M. 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 7:30 P.M. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Ernie made a motion to seal the non- public meeting under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Melissa seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Ernie made a motion to enter a non-public session at 7:30 P.M. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), 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 7:35 P.M.. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
Public Meeting

Ernie made a motion to seal the non- public meeting under RSA 91-A:3, II (a), Melissa seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Meeting

Stacy updated the Selectboard that Brian's Taylor's lot did not get transferred into his name was the fault of the Town. Selectmen agreed that Brian Taylor should not be charged the 10% penalty because the Town erred in not transferring the property into his name. He will be responsible for the past due taxes and any fees incurred due to mailings and lawyers fee to review the deed.

Ernie made a motion to waive the 10% penalty for Brian Taylor for Map 41 Lot 7-01, Motion seconded by Melissa; Motion passed 2-0-0.

Stacy will get the deed release ready.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Ernie made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Week ending 10/13/2023	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 10/11/2023	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen's Meeting & Non-Public Sessions– 10/02/2023	Approved
Request for Abatement –	N/A
Supplemental Property Tax Warrant- Intent to Cut	N/A N/A

Correspondence:

Newsletter – N/A

Carroll County Office of the Treasurer County tax bill	Reviewed
FAISC email From Ned Regarding Round Pond	Reviewed
Balance Sheet from Treasurer	Reviewed
Profit and Loss	Reviewed

Jeff Nicole Email Re: Input into the Land Use Tax Acct
Monique from Vachon Clukay Response to Nicole email
Greg Colby CPA Response to Nicole Email
Spectrum Email Regarding Fire Station Internet pricing
Matt Johnson Esquire

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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