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Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 29, 2023, 4:00 pm
Community Center and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lou Brodeur, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Steve Breen, Ken Dykstra, John Livernoche, and other members of the public

Via Zoom: Jenn Nemeth, David Costa, Bill Skene, and other members of the public

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Motion to move future meetings to Community Center until further notice during asbestos remediation and building repairs: L. Brodeur made a motion to move future meetings to Community Center until further notice; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

4. New Business

a. New Land Use Attorney, Richard Roberts, from Halloran and Sage: A. Tanner stated our new land use attorney will be Attorney Richard Roberts from Halloran and Sage, and that he has met with him, and he is going to come and meet with the staff the week after the Fourth of July,

b. Prince Hill Bathrooms: A. Tanner stated that the leaks were fixed at Prince Hill Bathrooms, but repairs to the cracked toilets need to be made, and the plumber is going to provide quotes for these repairs.

c. WPCA: A. Tanner stated that we have some serious issues with WPCA; that our Chairman resigned, and our secretary/finance director resigned; and we got our first bill, and we are \$200,000.00 short in what we have for funds to pay it with. He said we were supposed to have a meeting last night, but we cancelled, and he is trying to reschedule for Monday, and we lost money for several years and did not raise the rates during COVID, and then last year there was a major increase in Killingly rates. He also said we are going to have to have some serious rate increases to bring that back in order, and that the recent rate increase was not sufficient for what we are short.

d. Finance Director for School: A. Tanner said the Finance Director for the school has resigned to take another position, Donna DiBenedetto is going to move up to his position, and we will need someone to fill her position as Finance Assistant.

5. Old Business

a. Tatnic Road: A. Tanner stated that we received the grant for this, but we are waiting on a survey before this gets going.

b. East Brooklyn – Actions and Updates: A. Tanner stated that we have some issues with the East Brooklyn Fire Department, as the two chiefs have resigned, and Megan Donahue, the EMS Coordinator, has also resigned, and we have to be attuned to because the Town has an obligation to make sure we have service, particularly in this section of Town and if something is not rectified, we may have to do something. J. Livernoche spoke and said it was decided at the Board at East Brook last night that he would be acting chief until a special district meeting occurs, and then he will become the permanent chief. He also stated that he has a meeting later this evening with D.

Costa, who wants to come back as a regular firefighter, and that he is pretty certain this will happen. S. Breen reassured that the services to the Town will be provided no matter what. The Board thanked the firefighters for their commitment and service.

6. Discussion on Financials: J. Voccio said there was a \$37,000.00 encumbrance on Central Supplies that S. Cates was supposed to look into, and A. Tanner apologized that he did not obtain that, though L. Brodeur stated that it had to be corrected because it was not on the financials.

7. Approve Bills: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1607, dated June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$1,499.54; J. Voccio seconded. L. Brodeur said this is for two months of gas and asked who is monitoring this. A. Tanner stated they are mowing a lot of lawns each day. The motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1627, dated July 3, 2023, in the amount of \$80.34, which is another gas bill and land use and service training for J. Roberson; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1628, dated June 29, 2023, in the amount of \$43,023.59, which is the main one; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1629, dated June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$42.35; J. Voccio seconded for discussion and asked what items were purchased. L. Brodeur said the items purchased were UGLY trimmer and a blue poncho; and the motion passed.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Executive Session – Possible Negotiations: L. Brodeur made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session and J. Voccio seconded and clarified that it was to discuss possible negotiations and the Town Budget. K. Dykstra was invited to stay, and they went into Executive Session at 4:41 pm until 5:15 pm.

9. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary