

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 29, 2021  
3:30pm Via WebEx**

**Present:** Rick Ives, Lou Brodeur, Austin Tanner, and April Lamothe, Recording Secretary  
**Also Present:** Patti Buell, Sandra Brodeur, and Kenneth Dykstra (4:07pm)

- 1) **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approve Minutes:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> and Resource Recovery minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 4) **2021-22 Budget Review and Discussion:** Rick Ives noted that Resource Recovery will need large garage bags next year. The 2020-2021 budget was \$5,675,513 and the 2021-2022 proposed budget is \$6,012,376. Rick Ives mentioned cutting/reducing some line items to reduce the budget. This is a Union negotiation year, so salaries have not been finalized at this time. Austin Tanner mentioned that quite a few line items are at 100% and that there is \$80,000 cash for Capital. Rick Ives replied that the cash is there to pay off more, but with different Bond transaction not to pay as much on prior year. Austin Tanner suggested paying for more Capital items and Bonding less. Rick Ives said that the Board of Finance needs to figure out how to pay off Capital.
- 5) **Proposed Capital Budget Discussion:** Rick Ives mentioned that if a new scale is purchased for the Transfer Station, it needs to be connected to the register. Rick Ives asked if the cost of 6,000 to 7,000 square foot steel building would be cheaper than replacing the roof for \$380,000 and taking down the old building. Lou Brodeur said that a steel building would cost about the same, but maybe the building could wait until next spring to see if prices for lumber/steel go down. Rick Ives mentioned that they would have to do some more repairs to the roof for winter, but it should last until spring. The Highway Department is looking for an Over Rail Mower Attachment and a Mower Attachment. The Over Rail Mower Attachment would work on the old and new mowers. The old attachment does not work well anymore. The Mower Attachment is a tractor and lay down mower; it may be able to put off. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to hold another meeting on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm.
  - a) **Town Hall Painting Options:** Rick Ives received a quote of \$28,000 for painting the Town Hall that include weeping holes and taking off the peeling paint. Sandra Brodeur received a quote of \$27,215 for painting the Town Hall. The Board discussed moving the amount of money need to \$35,000 instead of \$85,000.
  - b) **Town Clerk LOCIP - Health Department Window:** Rick Ives said that the Health Department Window was removed because it could be paid for by the Town Clerk LOCIP.
  - c) **School Hardware and Software:** Rick Ives is waiting to hear if the American Recovery Funding will be able to be used for the School Technology.
- 6) **Budget Referendum Discussion:** Rick Ives mentioned that the Governor gave the option to hold a referendum and being able to absentee ballots for Budget Meeting, instead of meeting in person/online. It was discussed holding the Town Meeting in the auditorium and on Zoom. The Town Hearing would be held online.

- 7) **Discussion on Resource Recovery 2020-21 Financials:** None
- 8) **Approve Bills:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1227 in the amount of \$77,951.46 dated 4/29/21. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Discussion: Austin Tanner questioned Proulx St. subdivision - lawyers fees; Rick Ives replied he was not sure. Austin Tanner asked about the Planning & Zoning fees; Rick Ives said yes, five years. Austin Tanner questioned Special Education for \$400 for Northeast Center for Children; Rick Ives replied that he will check, but believes it is a Capital payment. Rick Ives mentioned that Willimantic Waste had two bills, Shelley Cates is checking on it. Lou Brodeur asked about the LOCIP balance; Rick Ives replied \$436,000. Motion passed 3-0.

**It was asked when the ZBA could meeting in person;** Rick Ives said soon, but it would also have be virtual. It was also mentioned that the Town should be seeing more funds coming in from scrap metal.

- 9) **Public Comment:** Sandra Brodeur mentioned that Towns are getting LOCIP funds and using them. Rick Ives replied that there is an Executive Order to be able to use the funds, but he has not been able to find the Order.
- 10) **Adjourn:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted;  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary