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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 30, 2021
9:00am Hybrid via Webex &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Austin Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/26/21 as presented. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on 2021-2022 Financials:** State funds were received for PILOT in the amount of \$102,282, this is more than expected and there will be another check in the amount of \$36,000 in three months. MERSA funds were also received in the amount of \$36,347, and will receive another \$15,000 in three months. This is separate from the MERSA funds anticipated at \$10,300, we will receive both.

Revenues look good, they are where they should be, and slightly over.

Expenses are in line. The first bill for tree trimming/removal was received this month.

5. **Discussion on ARP Fund Committee Formation:** A committee will be formed of 6 people. This will include the three Selectmen, one Board of Finance Member and two citizens. Ken Dykstra was suggested for the BOF member. Rick recommends Lyn Lacharite and Diane Wimmer has volunteered. The committee will be decided on after the November election. NECCOG meeting discussed setting up paperwork and functions. More will be discussed at another meeting.
6. **Discussion on ARP HVAC Discussion:** It looks as if these funds can be used for air handling; such as air conditioning and heating. Rick received quotes from the school, he will forward to the Selectmen.

7. Discussion on Proposed Ordinances

- **No Smoking/Vaping:** The attorney is still reviewing this. Because we currently allow employees to smoke on premise, we may need to have a designated area for them. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- **Purchasing Policy:** Mr. Ives proposes the following changes to the policy #2-41:
 - a. \$5,000 becomes \$10,000
 - b. \$1,000 to \$4,999 becomes \$2,000 to \$9,999These amounts are to be applied annually.
Discussion held, no objection.

8. Discussion on Town Meeting Date: Tentative Town Meeting November 18, 2021.

9. Discussion on Fire/EMS Protection: Mr. Brodeur submitted a letter of concern regarding Mortlake Ambulance Response. Last month, 25 calls were missed and mainly between the hours of 1800 and 2400 hours. Discussion held on paid firefighter's/EMT's. Another Town has one person oversee both fire departments, and chiefs, the Fire Marshal and act as the EMD. Rick would like to have a meeting with the Board of Fire Commissioners and have both departments there represented, and any members who would like to speak. Rick will set this meeting up for next month.

10. Calls For Service: No discussion

11. Approve Bills: Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1136 dated 9/9/21 in amount of \$96,806.06. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1168 dated 9/30/21 in the amount of \$255,783.21. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Questions raised:

Other professional services under Recreation: \$369.00 for music; This is for the license to hold the concerts in the park. Also, a membership fee of \$105.00 - Rick will check this fee.

CIRMA: \$5,000 regarding Brooklyn Sand and Gravel; This is the deductible paid to the insurance for the lawsuit.

Community Center: The electric bill and gas bill are still very high. Rick will arrange a meeting with Eversource again.

Large increase in peddler revenue; There was several that applied in Town in a short period of time.

Austin questions if the camp shirts that were ordered and paid for can be used in another year because it is a lot of money to spend for something that did not happen? Rick will find out.

The basement at the CBGMC is ready to become storage again. The containers will be cleared out, but all the contents must be checked and cleaned as well before going back into the basement.

There is a bus trip to Boston listed under liability; Rick explains this is because the trip has not happened yet, but the bus company has to be paid; Once the trip is advertised and booked, the revenue will offset this.

A new account has been set up for Recreation activities and it will show in's and outs. Donations will be shown as well.

Highway Department: \$7,000 concrete; This is actually black top, Beecher Rd. and Bailey Woods were both recently chip sealed.

Motion passed 3-0.

- 12. Other Business:** The painting RFP for the Town Hall was done and advertised this week in the Norwich Bulletin and the website and will be in the Turnpike Buyer next week. One RFP will be done each week until completed. Next will be the generator, roof, and health department window.

The Brooklyn booth at the fair went well. 50 vaccines were given. Rick would like to have the booth again next year but put more information out to residents and what is needed to utilize the services there.

It was believed two AC units were needed at the CBGMC building, but one was repairable.

- 13. Public Comment:** None

- 14. Adjourn:** Austin Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary