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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 24, 2021
9:00am via Cisco Webex Meetings

Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; recording secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur

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- 1. Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 9:01am.
- 2. Approve Minutes:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/27/21; 6/11/21; 6/21/21 as presented. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Boards/Committees:** Dan Ross has resigned from ZBA after 36 years as the chairman. Lou Brodeur made a motion to accept his resignation with regret. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Rick would like to ask our legislators for a citation for Dan. Lou adds he was also on the fire commissioners board for many years. Motion passed 3-0.
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Discussion on 2020-21 Budget:** LOCIP funds were approved and \$185,000 will be returned. That will make approximately \$470,000 returned to the reserve from the budget.
- 6. Update on 2021-22 Budget:** After speaking with the Auditors and Stephanie, the changes that were discussed previously regarding the highway department roof did not change. The plan to allocate the funds returned from the Tech Park for the roof repair cannot happen as discussed. It will end up needing a Town Meeting after July. There will be \$70,000 more in PILOT money coming to the Town.
- 7. Discussion on ARP Funds Committee:** The Town has received 1.24 million in ARP funds and are in a separate account. There has been no more detail given on how to use the funds or the mechanics on it. This may be released next week. An equal amount will come next fiscal year and must be spent by 2024. Rick would still like for a board to oversee these funds. The board will consist of five people, the three Selectmen, a board of education member and one other person. There are not specific rules yet, so this does not have to be rushed.
- 8. Discussion on upcoming RFP's:** The fire truck and dump truck can go out to State bid. The Town Hall painting, tractor/mower and roof will all go out to bid. The tractor combo bid is due today at 10am. There is a six month wait on equipment.

9. Update on Union Negotiations: A few clerical issues are being cleaned up and the contacts will be ratified shortly.

10. State Budget Recap: The only difference was the PILOT funds. Most executive orders will be ending June 30th, there will be some in effect until July 20th. There will be no requirements for meetings. Rick would like to stick with the hybrid meetings for now. Masks are still being worn in Town buildings and frequent cleanings are being done during business hours.

The Town meeting on Monday will open at 6pm on Zoom where residents will be held in a meeting room until they are verified as a voter. Phone calls will not be allowed to vote since there is not a way to verify their identity.

11. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion

12. Calls for Service: No discussion

13. Approve Bills: Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1303 dated 6/24/21 in amount of \$25,019.58. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Rick explains truck 19 was not a dump truck, it is the white pickup truck. The bill for Dubai Tractor is being investigated, they seemed to have overcharged. Rick is requesting another study done at the Community Center regarding the water and electricity. The building is empty and the usage and way to high. The school may have a use for building. More details to follow. Motion passed 3-0.

14. Other Business: The Towns finance director Stephanie Levin is leaving her position for approximately a 40% raise elsewhere. Rick states our salary range is too low and a new study needs to be done. Regionalization is discussed but Rick does not believe it will save any costs.

The grant money for the Little League in the amount of \$150,000 is coming back to the Town.

The procurement policy will be worked on next month.

Meetings in July will be hybrid, in person and on Webex.

15. Public Comment: None

16. Adjourn: Lou Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary