

SELECT BOARD MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 4, 2023

Present: Bob Allen, Sandra Pierre, John Luke & Jacqui Fay.

Roll Call: Tony Davis, Bob & Judi Boivin, Sean Brewer & Chad Guyette.

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Reviewed and signed check register for \$315,363.74.

Reviewed and signed deposit for Checking Account for \$2,038.93.

Motion made at 7:01 pm by Bob Allen to enter a non-public session seconded by John Luke to discuss hiring in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (b). Roll call to enter non-public session: Allen – Yes, Pierre – Yes, Luke – Yes. Motion made at 7:19 pm by Sandra Pierre seconded by John Luke to leave non-public session and return to public session. Roll call vote to leave non-public session and seal minutes. Allen – Yes, Pierre – Yes, Luke – Yes.


Tony discussed the Highway budget and the need to purchase plow edges, consumables and replacing one half of the highway building roof. It was agreed that he should go ahead with these purchases and draw from the Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund as necessary for the paving job completed this year after offsetting it with the ARPA funding the town had received.

Tony Davis discussed logging operation in Lempster that may require a road bond. Will check with Lempster whether an intent has been filed and if not whether they can let us know when one is filed. Also asked Bob Allen for advice on replacing lighting at the Transfer Station, agreed it should be LED. John Luke had a question regarding rubbish, on Tony's advice will follow up with Fish & Game.

Bob and Judi Boivin came in and asked for more information on what they had read in the minutes from last week's Select Boards minutes. Sandra Pierre outlined the complaints and concerns Ray Britton had brought before the Board last week and the results of the research she had done. Will be discussed in more detail later in the agenda. Judi expressed concern that the Select Board was handling a complaint against the ZBA rather than the ZBA directly handling it.

Bob Boivin agreed that the ZBA will send Ray Britton information on the appeal process. Select Board will send their own written response to Ray Britton.

Sean Brewer informed the Board of the opportunity to join with Goshen & Lempster to purchase a calibration device at a cost of \$1,124 to Marlow to test gas meters. Marlow has two gas meters. The calibration device would be stored at the Lempster Fire Station. Will need a MOU for its use with Goshen and Lempster. Sandra Pierre made a motion that Marlow in principle agrees to this arrangement provided signed documentation and an agreement is received from each Town. John Luke seconded. All in favor – Aye.



John Luke
SCP

Discussed email dated November 27 from Sean Brewer ref Dartmouth ALS which is run from Cheshire Medical Center. Staffing two paramedics. Cheshire EMS do not have enough paramedics. A paramedic intercept will be the same cost as Cheshire EMS.

Briefly discussed dry hydrants. Following a discussion with the NHDES agreed the Town will pursue two "Permit by Notification" hydrants inhouse. Tony Davis will assist.

Reviewed latest plans for Public Safety Building from Mike Petrovick. Chief Fay agreed only one cruiser bay is needed. Mike Petrovick is now working on final plans.

Reviewed website submission from Barry Corriveau regarding comments in minutes regarding Ray Britton's request for a variance. The Board agreed Ray Britton is a property owner and taxpayer in Marlow. He has the right to attend a public meeting and voice concerns. It would be inappropriate of the Select Board to leave the fact that he did so out of the meeting minutes. Sandra Pierre has already provided the results of her research to the Select Board, to be discussed later in tonight's Select Board meeting. The Select Board categorically rejects Barry's claim that they have been "unfair, unprofessional, demonstrated a lack of leadership and a breach of professional ethics". On the contrary, it would be unprofessional and demonstrate a lack of professional ethics to ignore a complaint made against an appointed public official.

As far as Barry's request that the Select Board minutes are corrected, documentation of the fact that Ray Britton attended the meeting and made several complaints is not an error.

Signed letter of response to Barry Corriveau.

Discussed best time to meet Matt Serge regarding the unpermitted property. Reviewed information in his email of December 1, 2023.

Bob Allen gave an update on current welfare case.

Bob Allen gave an update on the Fairpoint Appeal. Bob met with the assistant clerk at Cheshire Superior Court who confirmed with the clerk of the court that Marlow's case is still active. Confirmed Marlow would be notified before any more action was taken.

Reviewed Calendar of Events leading up to Town Meeting.

Discussed office opening hours over Christmas and the New Year. Select Board Office will be closed to the public the week of 12/25/2023 and there will be no Select Board meeting that week.

Reviewed website submission dated November 30 from Bruce Fletcher email.

Reviewed Conservation Commission minutes – 11/29/2023.

Reviewed email dated November 30 from Don Butson, CAI. Will print off preliminary tax maps for review.

JP
SCP

Reviewed letter received 11/28/2023 from Michael Delisle requesting permission to repair and maintain a portion of Old Stagecoach Road. Will send letter to abutters asking if they have any concern.

Signed PO to Walnut Printing for \$305 for 2024/25 Transfer Station stickers.

Signed PO to Southworth Milton for \$350 for Turbo Oil Lines for the Highway Department.

Signed PO to Stryker for \$586.36 for annual service and maintenance of stretcher and stair chair for the Ambulance.

Sandra Pierre updated Board on follow up action regarding Zoning Board hearing/Ray Britton's complaints. Wrote letter of response to Ray Britton copied to ZBA Chair

Sandra Pierre is working on giving town website access to committees/department heads.

Motion made to adjourn at 11:30pm by Bob Allen, Seconded by John Luke. All in favor – Aye.

BA
JP SCP