SELECT BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2024

Present: Robert Allen (via phone 6:50 – 8:21pm), Sandra Pierre, John Luke & Jacqui Fay.

Roll Call: Jason Cooper, Nora Hanke, Daniel Miller, Nick Miller & Jim Galford.

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

Reviewed and signed check register dated for \$31,264.43.

Reviewed and signed deposit for Checking Account for \$430.25.

Nora Hanke & Jason Cooper gave a presentation on Community Power which is a way to group buy electric rates. Cheshire County has already signed up and other towns in our area are considering it. Nora will email us the PowerPoint along with a list of contacts. Will forward to the Conservation Commission to see if they have any interest in pursuing it.

Daniel Miller came in regarding the letters he received from the town regarding an unpermitted driveway on his property located at Map 405 Lot 063. The first letter was sent in September but not received until December. The second letter was received last week. John Luke will call Tony Davis regarding a driveway permit. Referred them to the Planning Board to discuss subdividing their land and installing a second driveway.

Bob Allen has spoken to the property owner of Map 405 Lot 063 and will be meeting with him this week regarding his building permit application.

Received a letter from NH Natural Heritage Bureau confirming there are no recorded occurrences for sensitive species in the project area for the Lewis Bridge replacement. Bob Allen to contact Jessica Schulz at NHDES regarding the next step.

Letter dated January 1 received from NH DNCR to Amy Harrington in response to her request for an easement through Honey Brook State Forest. Will scan and email Select Board for further review.

Received email dated January 19 from Amy Poole with Primex confirming the Town has received a favorable judgement regarding its insurance claim for damage done to the cruiser by uninsured party.

Approved preliminary tax map change from CAI.

Signed PO to S G Reed for \$677.58 for an accelerator assembly for the Highway Department.

Signed Treasurer bank reconciliations for November and December.

Signed two letters referring to residents that have written bad checks at the Transfer Station.

Reviewed and signed General Assessing Contract from Commerford Neider & Perkins for assessing services in 2024. Have also received a letter dated January 11 from NHDRA confirming review and approval of the above contract.

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Sandra Pierre to research deed waiver for Map 405 Lot 008. Will review notes and check with Tax Collector.

Reviewed and signed SWIFT agreement. No charge, allows town to access recorded documents electronically from the Register of Deeds. Sandra Pierre made a motion to accept option C that documents are only received electronically. John Luke seconded. All in favor – Aye.

Signed request for payment to Trustees of Trust Funds for \$8,274.15 from Fire Dept for 4 thermal imaging cameras from the Fire Equipment Acquisition and Replacement ETF.

Signed Letters being sent out to abutters of Old Stage Coach Road following request from Michael Delisle to repair and maintain a portion.

Discussed interest in the Administrative Assistant position falling open at the end of March. Will contact applicant to come and discuss the open position once the audit has been completed.

John Luke to follow up with Jamie Bredell regarding a security camera trial.

Reviewed email dated January 19 from Ken Dassau enclosing documents and reporting forms to assist with the 1/23 Presidential Primary Election.

Reviewed and approved Fixed Assets inventory as far as land and buildings.

Sandra Pierre updated the Select Board that she is working on finding a locksmith to repair the library door.

Noted that requests for reimbursement from the trust funds on 12/18, 2023 was amended to show \$3,279.77 from the Police Recruitment Expendable Trust Fund not \$3,512.77.

Sandra Pierre will work on a draft report for the Select Board to go into the Town Report.

Reviewed Conservation Commission minutes for January 17, 2024.

Remote meeting scheduled with CCI 2/8/2024 to discuss CCI's internal changes. Sandra Pierre and Jacqui Fay to attend.

Reviewed email dated January 17 from the Conservation Commission who want to run a Facebook page and have asked if there are any town permissions they need to get first. Decision deferred pending Sandra reviewing information on 'Comprehensive Social Media Archiving Compliance'.

Reviewed email dated January 9 from Alvina Snegach along with 2024 Community Acknowledgement Form for National Flood Program. Will defer and review after Town Meeting.

Reviewed email dated January 11 from Ruth Ward ref HB 307 FN.

Received Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification for Map 412 Lot 031 from NHDES.

Will check with PSBAC ref status of feasibility study.

Motion made by John Luke to adjourn at 9:50pm. Seconded by Sandra Pierre.

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