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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES January 4, 2023

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Pitt and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Craig Cashman, DPW Director, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Dane Reid of Onsite Drug Testing of New England, LLC was in to discuss the services he will provide. The Town's former drug testing company went out of business on December 31, 2022, due to the owner's retirement. DPW workers with CDL need to be drug and alcohol tested randomly. There is also a policy that will need to be adopted. The Board will review the draft contract. Dane left the meeting at 11:00 am.

Chairman Paight announced that the Community Power Plan has now been approved by the PUC.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to appoint Trent Boehmler to fill the open seat on the Advisory Budget Committee until Town Meeting in March when the seat will appear on the ballot, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the January 5, 2023, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$518.48 Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$9,290.93, and Accounts Payable Check Registers in the amount of \$284,474.50. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 28, 2022, vote to approve was unanimous.

In 2022, a citizen asked the Board if they would decrease the speed limit on Old Chesham Road from 30 mph to 25 mph. Upon Chief Byam's request, the Southwest Region Planning Commission performed a speed study, the findings have now been received by the Town. The report concludes that a speed limit of 25 mph is recommended for this area. The Board will hold a public hearing at a later date to add an Appendix to the Traffic Ordinance called "Alterations of Speed Limits".

Chairman Paight provided an update on the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting held last week. This was for the final review of the project before the bid

was released to the public. While reviewing the project timeline, Jeff Miller asked about deadlines for town meeting warrant articles to fill any funding gap. The question was then raised as to when the town needs to have all funds for the project in-hand. The add/alternate list of the bid was reviewed. The BAC had no changes to the architect's plans before the bid release.

The Board discussed the fact that the project was pitched to the public at several town meetings as needing no town funds and noted that the town is facing some major expenditures in the coming years, including a fire truck, possible restructuring of the RTC, stormwater projects and a loader. Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion that the Board of Selectmen will not support a warrant article to raise taxpayer money for the Frost Free Library Addition and Renovation Project. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Due to the relocation of the addition, from the west side of the building to the east, to avoid the water tunnel, the Board did agree to commit up to \$150,000 of ARPA funds to cover the additional costs of the new site, if necessary. Per Town Counsel, all funds for the project need to be in the town's bank account before the Board can award the bid. Chairman Paight will email the Building Advisory Committee with this information. The bid can go out as soon as the architect is ready to do so. Bids will be due February 7, 2023, at 1:00 pm to give the 150 Committee a chance to submit a petition warrant article before the February 8, 2023 deadline if they choose to do so. The bid is scheduled to be awarded on March 1, 2023. All money for the project must be in the town's bank account before signing the Notice of Award.

Roland and Dustin left the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The other point Chairman Paight will make to the BAC is if there is a petition warrant article and it is voted down, NH RSA 32:10 I (e) "no means no" will apply. This RSA states no funds can be expended for a purpose that is defeated at Town Meeting. In this case, the Board could not use the \$150,000 of ARPA funds or fund the new windows in the old addition.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator