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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2020

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Selectman Paight, Selectman Nelson, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Mike Wilber, Health Officer and David Durocher.

Mr. Wilber was in to continue the discussion about adopting a mask ordinance. The Board discussed if mask wearing should be mandated, Selectman Nelson is of the opinion that people should have the option to choose to wear or not wear a mask. It was noted that at yesterday's election people were quite considerate and abided by the rule that masks were needed in order to enter the gym. Those not wearing masks seemed satisfied with the other accommodations being offered. Board members then discussed the Governor's Safer at Home Guidelines that mandates mask wearing for employees of retail and food service establishments and not following the mandate can result in fines and/or criminal prosecution.

The Board decided to table the Mask Ordinance discussion to see if reaching out to businesses directly will have the desired effect. Chairman Pitt will draft a letter for the Board to review.

TA Smith has been working with Mr. Wilber to prepare a Request for Bids (RFB) for the Town Office roof work. Mr. Wilber recommended to the Board that they have insulation blown into the area above the Police Department or else the ice dams will most likely continue. He will get three quotes and report back. The Board authorized the posting of the RFB.

Mr. Wilber left the meeting at 11:15 am.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept \$5,000 from The Center for Technology and Civic Life as unanticipated revenue under NH RSA 31:95(b), vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board discussed TA Smith's draft follow up letter to the Zoom Meeting regarding the Library Addition Project as well as an email from Bob Sweet dated November 2, 2020. The Board decided revise the draft letter to incorporate items from Mr. Sweet's email.

Mr. Durocher left at 11:35 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$20,179.93, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$1,859.27 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$8,261.83, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board approved an Electrical Permit Application for Map 04-046.

The draft Water Ordinance and draft Sewer Ordinances were discussed briefly; the Public Hearing will be held next week.

Selectman Paight left the meeting at 12:15 pm.

A citizen had inquired about holding a protest on public property. There is no prohibition on such an activity but the organizer will be asked to reach out to the Police Department to discuss parking, traffic or any other potential safety concern.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator