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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2022

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, Natalie Reid, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

The meeting began with a discussion of the library program "TeenTober Tuesday – Frankentoys". The Board of Selectmen is outraged by the program and the picture posted to social media. They find it disturbing, offensive, and grotesque, mutilating toys is not the kind of programming that should be offered at the Frost Free Library. Chairman Paight will call Chairman Moura and follow up with an email to the entire Library Board of Trustees.

Selectman Nelson gave a summary of the last Library Trustee's meeting. There was discussion about the temporary space during construction and the lack of useful data to help understand what services will be offered. Utilizing libraries in surrounding towns is another option. Library employees could be reassigned. Between the town offices and the historical society records, there would be plenty of archiving to do. With budget season rapidly approaching, solid plans need to be developed.

Craig explained the issue on Stone Pond Road with beaver damming up one of the culverts. This is the time of year the DPW removes screening on the culverts before winter. At this particular inlet he is afraid that if the screen is removed without relocating the beavers, they will get inside the culvert and dam it up completely. The owner of the property with the small pond does not want the Town to trap them on his property. The property owner mentioned a prescriptive easement. TA Smith will invite the property owner to the next meeting and ask him to bring any supporting documentation he may have. The DPW will continue to clean out the culvert daily.

The cost of road salt will see another drastic increase, from \$76.49/ton to \$96.50/ton. DPW uses between 90 and 120 tons per year.

Craig left the meeting at 11:15 am.

Natalie Reid was in to discuss Bigelow Hill Road, which is a Class VI road. She is investigating the possibility of submitting a petition warrant article to see if the road can be abandoned. A portion of the road cuts through her property. She has had problems with people that use the road. There have been occasions where people have opened the gates and shepherded her livestock off her property, putting them in danger.

There was some discussion about an abutting property. The owner was in to see the Board earlier this year asking about building on the Class VI road. If the road were to be discontinued, that property owner would no longer have road frontage which would be an issue for future development.

The group then discussed the possibility of locking the gates and who would be issued keys. Natalie will do additional research.

Dustin, Roland, and Natalie left the meeting at 11:45 am.

Selectman Pitt moved to approve the October 13, 2022, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$938.47, the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,127.94, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$26,931.97, seconded by Selectman Nelson. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2022, seconded by Selectman Pitt. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to adopt the Fund Balance and Investment Policies, vote to adopt was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson discussed his conversation with Greenville-Temple Police Chief McTague. The Chief confirmed that the original agreement between the towns did not differ from the one forwarded to Harrisville and Marlborough, over the years, the agreement has just been extended.

Selectman Nelson continued his update from the Library Trustee's meeting. Kristin will arrange to get the broken windowpanes replaced. The Board agreed earlier that the Town would pay for the windows to be replaced during the renovation/construction.

Trustee meetings have been changed to the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm.

The Stone Village memorial was approved and will be installed after construction.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of changing the layout and operation of the RTC.

Next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:35 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator