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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES November 2, 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, and Police Chief Byam.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to appoint Jane Pitt to the Planning Board as Ex Officio, vote to approve was 2-0-1.

Chief Byam was in to discuss joint police operations with Harrisville and how a merger benefits Marlborough. One additional full-time officer would need to be hired. This would fill open shifts and provide coverage for paid time off. Marlborough would be able to rely less on the NH State Police. Officers would see more attractive scheduling which would allow for some overlapping of schedules, and the public would notice higher visibility. Recruitment and retention are also important factors.

The Marlborough Police Department is currently operating extremely well, and it is a challenge to find major benefits to Marlborough residents as a result of a merger. The Harrisville Board of Selectmen needs to articulate its expectations.

There are additional costs that need to be considered, those in other budgets that are direct costs to the police department such as the cost of administration, utilities, prosecutor/legal, and insurance, to name a few. TA Smith provided revised expenditures that include those items. The financial savings are not as dramatic as first thought.

The Board asked Chief Byam to brainstorm and come up with a list of negatives. The Board will meet Friday at 9:00 am to go over that list before meeting with the Harrisville Board of Selectmen.

Craig Cashman joined the meeting at 11:40 am.

The Board requested that a uniformed officer be present at the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the school.

Chief Byam left the meeting at 11:50 am.

Craig asked if there is a policy about parking at the library overnight. This will hamper snow removal operations.

The main entrance, side entrance, and double doors on the exterior of the town office building will be replaced. Mike Wilber will order the doors and the DPW will install them.

Craig left the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Selectman Pitt moved to approve the November 3, 2022, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$733.92, the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,449.50, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$24,037.37, seconded by Selectman Nelson. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2022, seconded by Selectman Pitt. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- HealthTrust 2023 Insurance Rates – Sign Transmittal
- Sign Energy Committee appointment forms for Marge Shepardson, Ira Gavrin, Ted Mead, Jerry Burns, and Chana Robbins
- Building permit application Map 07-030-1

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adopt the Amended Community Power Plan, vote to adopt was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectmen Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:05 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator