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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

(as amended)

March 1, 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, Hamilton Richardson, Electrical Inspector, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Ham was in to give an update on the power lines running over the school playground. Eversource is still putting a quote together. Once received he will review it and work to reduce the cost. The trees along the ball field have been taken down and removed by Dustin Wilcox. Once the snow melts, he will come back and grind the stumps to 6" below grade. The Board thanks Dustin for this generous donation. In speaking with Fred Blair, the school facilities manager, he said with the trees gone, the basketball court will now receive sunlight which will help reduce the ice cover that has also been posing a hazard.

Ham left the meeting at 10:20 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2023. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to approve the March 2, 2023, Payroll Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,549.85, and Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$222,419.63. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed a Proclamation for the 101st birthday of Dottie Wilcox.

Chairman Paight was made aware of problems with the furnace at the RTC. A bearing had failed and there is a bent shaft. The quote received to repair the unit was \$1,300. The Board noted that it was probably the original unit from the 1980s. The Board decided to waive the purchasing policy requirements and move forward with purchasing a new, modern unit through Lee Patnode for a cost of \$4,500.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectmen Nelson seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Craig Cashman and Deb Reynolds from the Building Advisory Committee, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectmen Nelson seconded a motion to appoint Chana Robbins and Hamilton Richardson as members of the Building Advisory Committee and to appoint Maidli Hill as an alternate member, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed Electrical Permit Applications for 03-065 and 12-016.

With the next Building Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for March 2, 2023, the Board discussed some points they would like made to make some modifications to the Library Addition and Renovation Project to bring the cost closer to the funds available, they were:

- The Board reiterated that there will be no west-side construction
- One goal is to keep proposed parking spaces between 14-16
- How are the number of restrooms determined? Could we do one unisex?
- Why does the space need to accommodate 65 people? Could it be reduced to say 40?
- Are all of the stacks still necessary?
- Are acoustics an issue in the original building?
- Should we revisit elevator options?
- Can we revisit limiting the use of the second floor to eliminate the second egress?
- Is the Building Needs Assessment dated July 25, 2016, obsolete?
- Are children and young adult spaces needed for materials or reading?

The Board received an email from Maia Beh asking for a revision of the minutes of the budget public hearing to include her full comments. Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to amend the minutes of February 9, 2023, Budget Public Hearing to include the following:

Ms. Beh raised concerns about the welfare administration budget, and the welfare application form and raised questions about the fund balance.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Paight has been gathering data on comparable properties to the Gates House to assist the Board in determining a sales price. Chairman Paight will call an appraiser and Selectman Pitt will reach back out to David Ottinger to see if there is still interest in disassembling the building.

The Board reviewed the redlined Electric Service Agreement (ESA) version. Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to authorize Chairman Paight to sign the ESA, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Roland and Dustin left at 12:10 pm.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator