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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 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, Director of Public Works, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Chairman Paight began by opening the two bids received for the Request For Proposal – Town Office Siding.

- Mike Wilber Contracting \$38,200.69
Note: Mike Wilber is the Town's Building Inspector and Health Officer.

- Redfield Exteriors \$30,800.00

The Board will consider both proposals and award the job at an upcoming meeting.

Chief Byam joined at 10:05 am.

David Scott, P.E., In-House Design Chief, Bureau of Bridge Design with NHDOT was in to discuss a project scheduled for Summer 2024 involving the preservation of three bridges on Route 12. There would be three separate work zones and lane closures reducing traffic to one lane. Town Officials raised concerns about Webb Depot being used as a detour by those who use it as a short cut to Route 124 as well as the timing of the project. This project is to be done at the same time Route 124 will be closed for the Perkins Pond Project. NHDOT provided a Public Statement about "investigating the potential impacts...on the surrounding natural, cultural and social environment". Please see the statement attached to these minutes.

NHDOT left the meeting at 10:40 am.

TA Smith will draft a letter to NHDOT Assistant Commissioner David Rodrigue voicing concerns with the project.

Chief Byam left the meeting at 11:00 am.

Craig updated the Board on several items including the status of the dump/plow still being built. It is now being outfitted.

Craig, Roland, and Dustin left the meeting at 11:50 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the May 4, 2023, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$272.76, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$14,072.38, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$15,570.52. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mike Wilber and Ham Richardson joined the meeting at noon to discuss the possibility of utilizing an experienced Clerk of the Works for the Library Capital Project. They have two people in mind with vast experience. The Board agreed to meet with one of them at next week's meeting.

Mike and Ham left the meeting at 12:35 pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Building Permit Applications Map 13-059 & Map 13-039
- Request to transfer \$5,000 back to Friends of Frost Free Library for the "Moose Plate Grant" not part of the addition and renovation project

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to appoint Jerry Burns to a three year term on the Energy Committee, the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator

Public Statement

Marlborough 44054

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As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other state and federal regulations, the NHDOT must investigate the potential impacts that our projects will have on the surrounding natural, cultural, and social environment. Identifying key resources early in the project development process enables the Department to avoid or minimize impacts as design proceeds.

Part of the environmental review involves identifying historic resources. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department and the Federal Highway Administration are reviewing the project area in consultation with the NH Division of Historical Resources to determine if there are historic resources within the vicinity that would be impacted by the construction of this project. Historic properties can include buildings and structures fifty years old or older, as well as archaeological sites. In addition to age, it also must be determined if a structure maintains enough integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

I'll add here before going on to the next slide of the environmental statement that for this project, although the bridges themselves were constructed over 50 years ago, they are common post-1945 concrete and steel bridges and are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Regarding natural resources, the proposed project is not anticipated to have effects to any conservation lands, protected wetlands or shorelands, air quality, water quality, protected species or habitats, or invasive species. Protected turtle species have been recorded in the vicinity of the project area and necessary best management practices will be used to avoid any adverse effects.

Please note that Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act offers those that possess a direct interest in historical resources, including town officials and Historical Societies, an opportunity to become more involved in an advisory role during project development as "Consulting Parties." Those interested would need to indicate so in writing to the Federal Highway Administration. Please see me after the meeting if you would like more information.

We ask that if anyone has concerns about natural, cultural, or socioeconomic resources within or adjacent to the project area, they bring them to our attention tonight or contact us after this meeting.