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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2023

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Paight and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Bob King of Ashuelot River Hydro was in to discuss an old lease and the renewal of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement that expires December 31, 2023.

The group agreed that the lease in place since 1983 was for the use of a piece of land, owned by the Town, that was originally to be used for the powerhouse site. Once that arrangement went away the lease should have been terminated. The only agreement that should currently be in effect is the PILOT. Mr. King will work on a draft of a Release of Lease for the parties to review. Chairman Pitt is going to review the PILOT currently in effect and TA Smith will reach out to our assessor, John Hatfield to get an estimate of what the taxes would be on the property if there was no PILOT.

The current agreement is for Ashuelot River Hydro to pay a PILOT in an amount equal to 5 ½% of gross earnings annually to the Town of Marlborough.

The group began discussing hydropower and how the town gets the benefits of utilizing hydropower in the form of a quarterly reimbursement check equal to the savings between the PSNH and the hydro dam rates. The discussion then shifted to the energy audit taking place at the library. Mr. King wanted to contribute to the cost of energy-efficient improvements at the library but the fundraising group did not follow up. Once the energy audit report is available it will be forwarded to Mr. King for review. Mr. King left the meeting at 10:30 am.

Chairman Pitt provided a letter to be sent to the Planning Board advising them of the intent to sell the Gates House. In accordance with the statute, the BOS is to ask the Planning Board (PB) and the Conservation Commission to review and provide feedback on this proposed sale. The Board agreed to send the letters to the PB and Conservation Commission.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to sign the three year contract for ambulance services with Cheshire EMS, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the July 13, 2023, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$10,136.91, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$108,189.88. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 5, 2023, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Electrical Permit Application 03-090-D30
- Building and Electrical Permit Application 01-019
- Building Permit Application 07-050
- 2023 Q2 Water & Sewer Levy
- Authorization for Town Clerk to issue Civil Forfeitures on unregistered dogs in accordance with NH RSA 46:14

The Homestead Thrift Shop has made a donation to the Town for the Highway Department to purchase a power washer. Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept the donation in the amount of \$6,949.00 in accordance with NH RSA 31:95 (b), the vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator