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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES March 6, 2024

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, Craig Cashman DPW Director, Roland Veaudry and Dustin Franco.

Craig has been in contact with a resident on Highland Ave. Part of her granite wall fell on the catch basin. The DPW put the fallen piece of granite on top of the wall and off the catch basin. The resident is now asking the DPW to fix the wall. The town does have an interest in keeping erosion out of the stormwater system, but we are unsure the wall is the town's responsibility. More investigation is needed, and the board will discuss it again at a future meeting.

Drew Cullen joined the meeting at 10:12 am.

The board has become aware of a complaint by an employee of fumes at the RTC. Upon investigation, it was found that the fuel tank located inside the building is equipped with a hand pump to fill the skid steer. The board asked Craig to disconnect the hand pump and cap it. Hopefully, that will eliminate the fumes. This will need to be monitored. The DPW will fill the skid steer for the RTC when needed.

TA Smith received a request from a resident on Bassett Court looking to hold a yard sale on a Saturday morning in the summer at the municipal parking lot. The board granted the permission and Craig will see about designating an area or several parking spaces. Craig will call the resident to discuss.

Craig left the meeting at 10:30 am.

TA Smith received an email regarding the naming of a creek. The board had a couple of follow-up questions and would like more information on a restoration project on the land. The requesting party is looking for a letter of support from the board to name the creek Godwin Creek after the ancestral family name. The letter of support would be part of a request to the Federal Board on Geographic Names to name the creek.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$27.70, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$12,312.84, and the Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$64,297.36. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the February 22, 2024, FFL Capital Project Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$750.00 and the March 6, 2024, FFL Capital Project Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$1,042.52. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2024. The vote to approve was 2-0-1 as Selectman Paight was not at the meeting.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 28, 2024. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The board reviewed the 2024 Town Warrant and decided who would move, second, and speak to each article at the Town Meeting.

Drew Cullen left the meeting at 11:30 am.

A local business owner inquired about having businesses in town purchase banners to be displayed on the utility poles along Route 101. TA Smith will reach out to Eversource to see if more than one attachment is allowed. The American Legion puts flags up every year so it is uncertain if a banner would also be allowed.

The town received the 2023 Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Individual Lake Report for Stone Pond. The results show that "Pond quality appears to be declining with significantly increasing levels of phosphorus and turbidity in recent years indicating more rapid eutrophication. This could fuel cyanobacteria blooms in the future." The board discussed checking building files for septic plans and perhaps sending educational material to property owners regarding stormwater management. The Conservation Commission will be consulted. Prior year results will be located to see trends. Additional testing may be performed. Will look into reaching out to the Town of Dublin to make them aware of the findings.

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

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator