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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2021

Chairman Pitt stated, as Chairman of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance:

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| Chairman Pitt | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |
| Selectman Paight | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |
| Selectman Nelson | Yes – Present on Zoom | No one else in the room |

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Also present in the Zoom meeting were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Budget Advisory Committee Members Jeff Miller, Glenn Parker and Beverly Harris and Craig Cashman, DPW Director.

2021 Budget Session #3:

Highway: A lot of work was done with the highway budgets this year. With the Water Improvement Project continuing in the Spring, a major component is the stormwater infrastructure to be installed on Jewett Street as well as the complete resurfacing of that road. Funds have been reclassified from the asphalt line item to the culvert line item to account for the work on Jewett Street. We are also now tracking hauling of material in its own line item which will also give us the ability to better track the material being purchased year to year.

Included in equipment rental are payments to two contractors to plow two areas in town. One being the moving back of snow from Collins Drive where it comes out to Route 124. This service will end and the highway staff will modify the way they plow that area. The second area is a small part on West Hill Road. Selectman Paight will reach out to

Ed Goodrich to see about getting a definitive answer as to whether the area is public or not.

There was some discussion about the work that was scheduled for Stone Pond Beach in 2020 but was pushed out due to COVID-19. In 2021, the highway department will remove the chain link fence and the brush entangled in it. The fence will be replaced with either big rocks or posts and new signage will be posted.

Diesel fuel and heating was discussed.

Mr. Cashman left the meeting at 5:55 pm and Chief Manning joined a 6:00 pm.

Fire Department & First Responders: Chief Manning began by explaining that the cost estimates for the new engine were coming in quite high and they are still looking into options. The Fire Wards will defer the purchase for one more year. He is applying for a grant that will hope to help offset the funds needed for the purchase. The Chief believes we are in a pretty good position for grant funding as we are replacing a 30+ year old truck, we are in a mutual aid agreement and we are in tough economic times.

2020 was a very strange year. The number of calls was down which means less activity and less facility use. For 2021, the payroll budget is increasing as the department is rewriting the job descriptions for the officers to better allocate duties among the members.

Chief Manning left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Patriotic Purposes, Ambulance & Legal: no questions or discussion.

A 4th and final budget session is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Members of the Budget Advisory Committee left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The Board discussed the next steps for the Broadband Project which is to gather information for the upcoming hearings.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$308,729.99, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$251.58 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$7,665.06, roll call vote Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 29, 2020, roll call vote Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

The reviewed and agreed to sign the 2020 Q4 Water & Sewer Levy.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, roll call vote Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator