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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 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, Dustin Franco, and Pat Bauries.

Chairman Pitt then opened the public hearing on the sale of the Gates House at 10:00 am. She explained that in accordance with NH RSA 41:14-a, this is the first of two public hearings to receive public input on the sale of the Gates House. The Board of Selectmen received recommendations from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Heritage Commission to move forward with the sale. There is a granite slab and two large granite chairs that will be removed from the property before the sale and relocated to the town pound site. The Heritage Commission is in touch with Keene Monument about the relocation. The Chairman then opened public comment.

Roland Veaudry stated that the board should move forward with the plan. Pat Bauries, who lives near Gates House voiced her disappointment that the property was not maintained and the town was not a steward. She encouraged the board to put a warrant article forward at the 2024 town meeting so the voters could decide. Board members provided some history such as, years ago the Gates House was run by donations and other private support, not the tax base. The town has been discussing the sale for years. As a last-ditch effort to save the Gates House, George Iselin was working to gather a group to upkeep and fund the property but unfortunately, he passed away and there has been no interest since. The work that is necessary to repair is costly. The board also looked into another option, to deconstruct and reconstruct the building somewhere else or use some salvaged materials in other jobs. There has been some discussion that the structure may be able to be rehabilitated and made into a single-family home. The town believes the best course of action at this time is to sell.

With no other comments or questions, the public hearing was closed at 10:30 am. The second public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 10:00 am. Pat left the meeting at 10:30 am.

The board is scheduled to meet with Steve Horton next week to discuss value engineering and what services he would be able to provide during the construction of the library addition and renovation project.

- What exactly will he do? What will his role be, specifically?
- Confirm that no additional funds would need to be raised to cover his fee. His cost would come from savings found with value engineering.
- How will specification revisions be handled? Will there be coordination with Weller & Michal?
- How will contractors be chosen? Do we have to go back out to bid?
- What will the day-to-day look like?

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the October 19, 2023, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$177.32, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,818.04, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$16,370.82. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The board reviewed and signed the following:

- Building Permit Application Map 08-017

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator