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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2021

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Nelson and Selectman Pitt were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator and members of the Energy Committee.

Marge Shepardson explained that the Energy Committee is interested in replacing the lights in the downstairs of the town office building with LED's. The estimated payback is 1.33 years and would save approximately \$800 per year in electricity costs. They received a quote from EW Energy Solutions for the materials that came in at a cost, after rebates, of \$1,046.25 and have been in touch with a local electrician about installation. They anticipate that a vast majority of the cost will be covered by the Conservation Commission budget as this will be their major project for 2021. The Board of Selectmen agreed that if the cost of the project exceeds the budget, underspending in other departments would be used to cover the overage.

Next, the group discussed moving forward on the Community Power project. Two groups have provided agreements for the Board to review; the main goal at this point is to create a plan that can be brought before Town Meeting in 2022. The Community Power group would like to move forward with Standard Power/Green Energy. The Board of Selectmen will review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and work towards executing it. TA Smith asked the group to look at other town's who have successfully passed warrant articles for this purpose and to please forward the wording to her. The wording would have already been reviewed by NHDRA which is a step in the right direction. Selectman Pitt noted that this project follows similar processes as did the broadband project and the statute will need to be followed to be sure all steps are followed.

The Energy Committee left the meeting at 10:35 am.

The Board approved and signed Timber Tax Levy – 21-287-01-T

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the October 7, 2021 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$64,201.92, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$847.49 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$10,080.14 motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2021, motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the proposed zoning amendment for camping permits and had a few edits that will be made and rereviewed at a future meeting.

Amendments to the floodplain ordinance required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) were discussed and the edits forwarded to NFIP for final review. Once that review is done the amendment will be brought forward to the Selectmen.

Maintenance of Shaker Farm Road South was discussed. The Jaffrey Town Manager asked TA Smith if Marlborough would consider taking over full maintenance of the road. The current agreement calls for Marlborough to perform all normal summer maintenance and winter maintenance switches between the towns every two years. The upcoming winter season marks the time when Jaffrey would have responsibility. When the original agreement was reached, there were more homes in Jaffrey than in Marlborough. Now, there are more in Marlborough. This will need further discussion and a determination as to what monetary element will come to Marlborough for performing this service to Jaffrey residents.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Smith, Town Administrator