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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2023

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. Selectman Paight and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Roland Veaudry and Dustin Franco.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the November 16, 2023, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,045.82, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$95,511.53. The vote to approve was unanimous.

TA Smith gave an overview of the last two meetings held with Library Director Henry Barker and Todd Horner from SWRPC, our grant writer, regarding the CDFA-NH Community Center Investment Program application for round 2. They were two very productive meetings. Henry is doing a great job developing the programs and putting together an operational plan. SCS will be forwarding a draft Memorandum of Agreement for several programs they will offer at the center as well as financial literacy and tenancy 101 classes. Mary Drew from Reality Check in Jaffrey is also working on providing a letter of commitment. Todd has a call scheduled with Steve Horton to discuss his part which is the budget and construction timeline. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to appoint Gene McDonald Deputy Treasurer until the 2024 Town Meeting when he will run to fill the Treasurer seat as Emily Mousette will not be running for reelection. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The 2023 tax rate has been set at \$24.53 and the board signed the 2nd half 2023 tax warrant.

David Mann gave an estimate of approximately \$2,000 to prepare an existing condition site plan of the RTC. The BOS authorizes TA Smith to move forward with the project and get it done ASAP.

An email was received from NHDOT regarding the resurfacing of Route 124 in 2024. The question was whether or not the town wanted to relocate the crosswalk currently positioned at Route 124 and Pleasant Street. TA Smith spoke to Chief Byam and he

recommended leaving it as is. The whole area presents difficult lines of site. People are used to the current position and would probably continue to cross at that location even if there was no longer a crosswalk. The board agreed.

TA Smith spoke to Bob King from the hydro plant, and he has agreed to send over another template to use for the new PILOT.

The board briefly discussed the Keene Sentinel article about the county ambulance service.

Chief Byam joined the meeting at 11:15 am. He updated the board on the part-time position he is looking to fill. He has been speaking to a former employee of the sheriff's office who is looking for part-time work and what Marlborough is offering seems to be what this individual is looking for. The original hourly pay rate was set to \$25.00 per hour. Since this individual has numerous years of experience the Chief is asking for the starting pay to be increased to \$27.65 per hour, the board agreed. The Chief will move forward with the background check and get the individual reinstated with the academy. The board authorized moving forward with the candidate.

Chief Byam left the meeting at 11:45 am.

There will be no board meeting next week.

Selectman Nelson was contacted about the condition of School Street and how it is difficult for residents to ascend the hill in the winter. Selectman Nelson will take a ride up there with Craig Cashman and see if there is anything that can be done in the interim.

Roland and Dustin left the meeting at 11:55 am.

The board reviewed and signed building permit applications for Map 17-001 and Map 14-016.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator