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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2022

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Pitt and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Craig Cashman, Director of Public Works, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Craig received a request from a resident on Old Town Road who would like the town to remove a number of trees in the town's right of way she believes are a danger to her home. Since the trees do not pose a public safety threat or a danger to the road, the board agrees with Craig's opinion that the town will not remove these trees at this time. TA Smith will send the owner an email.

The beaver deceiver has been installed on Stone Pond Road and the grate has been removed.

TA Smith received a request for a wedding to be held at the old Town Pound on October 4, 2023. The board granted the request and asks that those in attendance park on the side of the road and not at the site itself. TA Smith will relay insurance requirements and will email Dick Butler to let him know of the event.

Chairman Paight gave a brief update on the library addition project saying that Tom Weller is still working on the plans but there has been a bit of delay. He anticipates the plans will be ready by the end of the month.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to enter into the cyber security contract with Umbral Technologies starting December 1, 2022, and further, authorize Chairman Paight to sign the contract on behalf of the board, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2022, November 4, 2022, and November 8, 2022, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the November 17, 2022, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$2,263.11, the Direct

Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,276.27, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$166,769.56. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Sign 2022 2nd ½ Tax Warrant
- Sign Recommittal Warrants
- Cemetery Deeds Shepard, vonHardenburg and Paine
- Sign Trent Boehmler's appointment form Energy Committee

After the resignation of a member of the staff at the RTC, David Fairfield will be filling in for as many hours as he can. The board agreed to increase his pay so it is in line with the other regular RTC employees.

Linda Ferranti joined the meeting at 10:50 am. She shared that the new railing on the path up to McKinley Circle has been installed. There was a discussion about resurfacing the path and what material choices there are as well as the related maintenance concerns. She will gather some pricing information.

Craig left the meeting at 11:35 am.

The next topic was the bell tower park project. In speaking with a possible funding source, it has been recommended that the town gets back in touch with the state to see if they would consider turning ownership over to the town. Linda is considering writing an article for the bulletin about the park project and getting public input.

Linda, Roland, and Dustin left the meeting at 11:45 am.

Gene McDonald, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment was in to advise the board that there will not be enough members at tonight's meeting to make a quorum. There was a brief discussion about the request for rehearing on the Gates House property variance.

Gene left the meeting at 12:20 pm.

The board discussed the joint police operations proposal and decided that at this point the merger would not create a big enough benefit for the Town of Marlborough so TA Smith will notify the Harrisville BOS.

There will be no board meeting the week of Thanksgiving unless something comes up between now and Monday.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectmen Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:25 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator