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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2023

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Paight was present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Roland Veaudry, Dustin Franco, and Chief Byam.

Chief Byam gave the following updates:

- Officer Maurice is working his way through field training and doing very well
- Chief's employment contract is up at the end of the year and needs to be renewed
- He has a lead on a potential part time candidate. This individual would need the law package. The work schedule would be two, eight hour shifts per month at \$25.00 per hour. This is the same cost proposed a few years ago.

Chief Byam left the meeting at 10:45 am.

Selectman Paight moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,332.95, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$33,342.82. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Paight moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2023. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to proceed with the sale or other disposition of the land and/or building known as the Gates House. The vote to approve was unanimous. Chairman Pitt will reach back out to David Ottinger to see if there is still an interest in disassembling the house and rebuilding it elsewhere in town or disassembling the house and repurposing some of the parts. There is also the option of going with the St. Jeans for an auction of the property.

TA Smith forwarded Chairman Pitt the current Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with Ashuelot River Hydro that is set to expire on December 31, 2023. A copy of the agreement they have with the Town of Winchester was also forwarded for review. The original agreement is so old that we should draft a new agreement.

The board reviewed a proposal for an environment site assessment for a property eligible for taking by deed. The timing and procedures will need to be discussed with Town Counsel.

The board signed the McKinley Circle Water System Improvement Project Agreement with DuBois and King. The 2024 warrant will contain a bond article to finance the project. The engineering firm will be present at both the bond hearing and town meeting to explain the project and answer any questions the public may have.

Chairman Pitt interviewed a candidate for the Land Use Board Clerk position. The candidate would be a great fit and was invited to the next Planning Board meeting to meet the members and discuss next steps.

TA Smith met with Dave Bergeron regarding a site plan for the RTC to begin planning for a restructured site to make the facility more self-serve. He reviewed the maps/plans we had on file and recommended using David Mann. Dave will put us in touch with Mr. Mann to discuss the next steps.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator