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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES December 14, 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, DPW Director, Jeff Miller, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Jeff was in to discuss the beaver deceiver installed in the wetland on his property on the side of Stone Pond Road. There is concern that it restricts access to the culvert. The original plan was to construct a system that sat away from the culvert. Jeff said that there are several different systems and the one that involves putting a cage around the culvert was determined to be the best one for this area. Craig also has concerns that the turn-out on the side of the road was filled in and there is no longer a ditch for silt to collect which can result in it washing onto the road. After some discussion, it was decided to wait and see what happens. If the culvert needs attention, Jeff will make it accessible. It is also possible to observe the pipe from the outlet side.

Jeff left the meeting at 10:25 am.

Craig reported that the new truck should be in service mid to late January.

The Land Use Boards have decided to move their meetings back to the town office and will no longer be meeting at the Community House. Craig will get in touch with Dave Wilcox and Larry Robinson and let them know the town will not be plowing the site. If the library does move into the space and it goes into winter, the board will reconsider.

Craig left the meeting at 10:45 am.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the December 15, 2022, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$4,597.51 Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$19,570.24 and Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$36,319.97. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Supplemental Warrant
- Electrical Permit Application Map 17-009

Selectman Pitt moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 3, 2022, vote to approve was 2-0-1, Selectman Nelson was not in attendance. Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2022, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Chief Byam joined the meeting at 11:00 am.

Chairman Paight opened the public hearing at 11:00 am. She stated that in accordance with NH RSA 31:95 (b) notice of this public hearing was advertised in the Keene Sentinel and posted at the Town Office and Post Office.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the acceptance of \$27,301 in grant funding for the FY 2023 Body Worn and Dashboard Camera Grant. The total project cost is \$54,600, 50% or \$27,310 will be paid through these grant funds, and \$21,840 will be paid for by donations from the Homestead Thrift Shop leaving only \$5,459 in cost to be paid by taxpayers. There was some discussion on how the equipment will work. With no other comments or questions, Chairman Paight closed the public hearing at 11:25 am.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept, as unanticipated revenues in accordance with NH RSA 31:95 (b), \$27,301 in grant funding from the NH Department of Safety from the FY 2023 Body Worn and Dashboard Camera Grant. The vote to accept and sign the grant documents was unanimous.

Chief Byam left the meeting at 11:30 am.

Chairman Paight explained that PRIMEX reviewed the Supplemental Instructions to Bidders for the library project, as recommended by the architect, and is common practice. She will forward the comments to Weller & Michal.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectmen Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn at 12:15 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator