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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Pitt was present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Trent Boehmler, Mike Kowalczyk of NH Rail Trails Coalition, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Mike and Trent were in to discuss a grant opportunity to improve the Cheshire Rail Trail in Marlborough. The overall project has three phases. Phase I is Trail Infrastructure which includes water management, brush clearing, etc. Phase II is to develop the Webb Depot Parking Area. Phase III will convert the former Webb Depot into a Recreational Area. Cheshire County is writing the grant and TA Smith has agreed to handle the post-award administration and financial/contractual management. The application for Phase I is due 6/16/23. The grant is an 80/20 split with the Town portion covered by in-kind donations.

Selectman Nelson joined the meeting at 10:15 am.

There was a discussion about the specific project area and how these phases fit into the overall rail trail network.

Trent and Mike left the meeting at 10:30 am.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, April 12, 2023, and April 16, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the April 27, 2023, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$99.67, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,424.98, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$571,855.84. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Roland and Dustin left the meeting at 10:40 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any

application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session Chairman Paight - Yes, Selectman Pitt – Yes, and Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed. Entered nonpublic session at 10:40 am.

The public session reconvened at 12:30 pm. Motion made to seal these minutes was made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Pitt because it would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Roll Call Vote to seal minutes Chairman Paight - Yes, Selectman Pitt – Yes, and Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

The contract with the Town of Roxbury for the NHDES Permit by Notification for the RTC is now fully executed.

The City of Keene has been in touch about the lack of billing on their part for the shared projects at the Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant due to some employee turnover. They will forward invoices for the projects between 2018-2022 that were unbilled.

The two FEMA disasters from July 2021 have been finalized. The total reimbursement received for the first storm DR4622 was \$41,565.75 and \$51,692.73 for the second storm DR4624.

Craig Cashman joined the meeting at 12:45 pm. He brought forward a proposal to purchase a 5" chipper with a three-point hitch that can be used on the sidewalk plow. It may be more economical to purchase than to continue renting. Craig will look further into the one listed on Marketplace.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator