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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Paight and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator.

Chairman Pitt opened the public hearing at 10:00 am. This public hearing is being held to receive public comments on additions and amendments to the Marlborough, NH Traffic Ordinance, specifically the alteration of speed limits on Old Chesham Road in accordance with NH RSA 265:63. Notice of this public hearing was published in the June 8, 2023, edition of the Keene Sentinel and on the bulletin boards at the Town Office and Post Office.

Gil Alexander was the only member of the public present. He came forward to the Board last year requesting that the speed limit on Old Chesham Road be decreased from 30 mph to 25 mph. There was no public comment, so Chairman Pitt closed the public hearing at 10:10 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to reduce the speed limit on Old Chesham Road to 25 mph and to make the appropriate changes to the Traffic Ordinance, the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Alexander left the meeting at 10:10 am.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the June 22, 2023, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$9,846.43, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$26,326.53. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2023, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Notice of Intent to Cut – 23-287-02-T
- Raffle Permit – Friends of Frost Free Library
- Junk yard Licenses for Dave's Automotive and Scrap-It.

TA Smith spoke to George Sansoucy, who is contracted to provide utility valuations for electric and telephone infrastructure, to get a quote for also valuing the three cell towers and cable in town. The cost is a one-time fee of \$2,500 per cell tower and \$750 for cable for the initial modeling. These do not need to be revised every year. It is estimated that we will pick up approximately \$575,000 in additional value so the cost is worthwhile. Also, beginning in 2024, as a result of Consolidated Communications selling the remainder of their poles to Eversource and due to the fact that certain pole components were exempt as telephone infrastructure and will no longer be exempt as electric infrastructure it is estimated that we will pick up another \$1-2 million if value there. The Board agreed to move forward with this work. An amended contract will be presented and discussed at next week's meeting.

Chief Manning advised the Board that we did not receive any grant funding for the 2021 round for the fire truck, however, he did also apply for the 2022 funding so there is still hope.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator