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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES **August 11, 2021**

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

Several members of the public joined the meeting to hear about updates on the July flooding. Chairman Paight offered an update noting that we have had NH Homeland Security Emergency Management (NH HSEM), FEMA and NHDOT through town over the last week. NHDOT will inspect their structures to be sure there aren't any obstructions that would cause a water backup. Most systems were overwhelmed during the storms as they were not designed for 50 or 100- year storms.

Linda Ferranti and Lucius Parshall joined the meeting at 10:30 am.

Sandbags will be provided when DPW is able to get the manpower to fill them.

Selectman Pitt noted that we will always have an issue until NHDOT upsizes or upgrades their structures.

Discussion about flooding damage continued. Most members of the public left the meeting at 11:20 am.

Linda Ferranti gave an update on the Garden Club and all of the projects they have been doing. There has been significant brush clearing at the Town Office and Dustin Wilcox has offered to remove invasives that are encroaching on the big maple in front, he will be doing this gratis. The club is looking at replacing the railing at the McKinley Circle site and will be looking into granite posts with some type of railing. If the Town has some left over asphalt at the end of the road paving the DPW will see about spreading it on the walkway. Another project discussed was cleaning up around the bell tower and possibly clearing an area along the river. TA Smith will check the ownership. The Board thanks the Garden Club for all of their work.

Linda Ferranti left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Craig Cashman informed the Board that he received a call from NH Motor Speedway and they were interested in purchasing the old grader wing offering \$500. The Board asked Craig to counteroffer with \$700 and sell for no less than \$500.

Craig Cashman and Lucius Parshall left the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$70,935.76, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$713.29 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$8,471.36 motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 19, 2021, July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 28, 2021, motion passed 2-0-1, Selectman Pitt abstained as she did not attend that meeting.

The Board approved and signed Notice of Intent to Cut 21-287-04-T and Chairman Paight executed the paperwork to finalize the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-350 and trade in the 2009 Ford F-350.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Pitt, under 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, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed. Entered nonpublic session at 12:25 pm.

Public session reconvened at 12:40 pm. Motion made to seal these minutes made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Chairman Paight because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely 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, Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Smith, Town Administrator