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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2023

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Nelson was present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Roland Veaudry, Dustin Franco, Brad Decatur, and Maia Beh.

Maia was in to follow up on the relocation of electric wires over the playground at the Marlborough School. She was disturbed that the town had removed the trees along the ballfield so quickly in anticipation of the power lines being buried and the wires had still not been addressed. TA Smith shared a conversation she had with Ham Richardson, the Electrical Inspector, and explained that working with PSNH can be a slow process. Ham will be reaching out to the school principal to work on a solution. Chairman Pitt noted that the trees had been identified as a problem but would have been very costly to remove. Wilcox Tree Service, very generously, offered to take the trees down for free and the town was not going to miss that opportunity. She also voiced her concerns with the town website.

Maia left the meeting at 10:15 am.

Brad Decatur is the owner of 10 School Street. He came in to see TA Smith about a building permit for a garage for his HVAC business. TA Smith explained the challenges in that area that might impact construction, meaning the granite sluiceway. He went back to the property and removed an accumulation of brush and found two very large sinkholes which he filled in to remove the immediate hazard then subsequently found an old iron pipe coming from the hill above him as well as water coming through the stone wall and an old open well.

As part of Phase II of the Downtown Stormwater Infrastructure Project, the town will ask the engineering firm to incorporate the remainder of School Street and Bassett Court into the project area. Brad left the meeting at 10:40 am.

TA Smith received an email from Katy Easterly Martey, Executive Director, CDFA-NH. Katy has offered to meet with the board to answer any additional questions we have about the Community Center Investment Program and why our project was not chosen. A meeting will be scheduled.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the August 24, 2023, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$44.32, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$11,056.95, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$70,396.86. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 16, 2023, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Permit-by-Notification for the RTC was issued by NHDES. The new permit number is DES-SW-PN-23-011. TA Smith is working on the updated operation and closure plans. They will be forwarded to David Aiken to fill in the remaining information.

The Heritage Commission met on August 17, 2023, to discuss the Board of Selectmen's plan to sell the Gates House. The Commission has no objection to the sale but notes that there is a granite slab and granite chairs that will need to be relocated to the Meeting House Site. The Commission will arrange the move with Keene Monument.

Emily Mousette, Town Treasurer, will not be seeking re-election in March 2024.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator