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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2023

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

Marge Shepardson, Jerry Burns, and Trent Boehmler of the Energy Committee provided the following update on Community Power:

Marlborough Community Power is saving 1,046 enrolled customers \$150,000 on their electric bills through January 2024. If you are not enrolled in the program or opted out, now is a great time to consider joining. There is no cost to join, and you can come and go for no cost or penalty, with changes effective on your next monthly meter-read date. Eversource continues to provide all their existing services, just the supply cost on your electric bill changes to Marlborough Community Power.

As a group, Marlborough Community Power also increased their renewable energy use by a whopping 45%, thanks to the program's Green Default rate and customers that selected one of the opt-up choices of 50% and 100% renewable energy. Over 1/3 of Marlborough Community Power's electricity supply is coming from renewable energy, up from the state minimum RPS of 23.4%, at reduced cost for all enrolled customers.

For customers that want even more renewable energy, the Marlborough 50% optional rate remains below the utility default rate by more than half a cent per kWh through January 2024, while delivering more than double the renewable energy, at the stable rate of 12.01 cents/kWh for 30 months. The program's 100% renewable energy rate of 13.9 cents/kWh, also stable for 30 months, will be a small premium of 1.3 cents/kWh over the new utility default rate starting in August through January 2024, when Eversource is again expecting a winter rate increase.

Marge and Jerry left the meeting at 10:20 am. Before leaving, Trent complimented the DPW saying the crosswalks look great.

At 10:30 am Chief Byam joined and Ronald and Dustin left the meeting.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session Chairman Pitt - Yes, Selectman Paight– Yes, and Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed. Entered nonpublic session at 10:30 am.

The public session reconvened at 11:40 am. Motion made to seal these minutes was made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Paight because it would render a proposed action ineffective. Roll Call Vote to seal minutes Chairman Pitt - Yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, and Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the August 31, 2023, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$12,197.65, and the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$239,232.45. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 23, 2023, the vote to approve was 2-0-1 as Selectman Paight was not at the meeting.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to appoint Margeaux McCann as a Cemetery Trustee to fill one of the vacancies until the March 2024 Town Meeting. The vote to approve was unanimous.

TA Smith gave the following updates:

- Form MS1 has been extended
- The new Library Director Henry Barker started on Monday
- Henry Underwood of SWRPC will be in next Wednesday for a presentation of the Complete Streets Project
- David Graham has been talking to REVISE about the website. This is the company used by Swanzey
- The Clean Water State Revolving Principal Forgiveness Loan is almost complete. We are working on the loan closure. NHDES has confirmed that 100% will be forgiven.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator