

Selectboard Minutes  
October 1, 2024

Present: Jenn Jones, chair  
Andy Artimovich  
Jon Morgan  
Paul Kleinman  
Letty Bedard

At 6:00pm, Jones called the meeting to order.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Kleinman to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from September 17<sup>th</sup>, the non-public minutes of September 17<sup>th</sup>, an amendment was made to reflect that the vote regarding the Power's Family refund pass 3-1-1 with Morgan voting nay, the treasurer's report (found at the end of these minutes), and the following building permits:

- Daniel & Jennifer Fredette, 46 Fellows Road, Minor Project
- Brentwood School District, 355 Middle Road, Solar
- Frank Ridgely Benton Jr, 42 Three Ponds Road, Electrical
- Joseph Webster, 195 North Road, Plan Examination
- T/J Savage Family Rev Trust, 108 Middle Road, Electrical
- Homan Eric & Anna, 76 South Road, Electrical

All in favor. Motion passed.

At 6:04pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment. Seeing none, Jones closed public comment at 6:04.

The Board discussed the ballpark budget estimates received by department heads. All salaries are increased by 5% temporarily and no increases for insurance or benefits were included as those are not received until late October. Major changes include the typical \$350,000 road construction warrant article being moved into the operating budget, adding the new cruiser and 10<sup>th</sup> officer (previously encumbered funds were used) as well as some wage adjustments for the Fire Department. The new bond payment is included and an additional bond estimate of \$250,000 anticipated to be executed in 2025, this has already been approved by the voters. The grant writer position is also included in the proposed budget. The total proposed increase is currently approximately 12%. Clement explained that the largest increases include the 10<sup>th</sup> officer, the cruiser, the conservation bond and the trash contract, these four things increase the budget by about \$400,000 or about half of the increase.

Jones asked how the Fire Department is planning for the closure of the ALS services through Exeter Hospital. Clement responded that the short-term plan is to make wage adjustments to attract paramedics, long term, it could include expanding the Department. Chief Bird is currently working with other area Chiefs to come up with a more regional/permanent solution. Artimovich requested a copy of the proposed budget that includes percentage increases, that will be emailed to the Board. The tax rate will be set in November.

Clement presented the Board with a Land Use Change tax for 6 Stone Creek in the amount of \$13,500. There board can expect 12 more. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Kleinman to sign the Land Use Change. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – abstained; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed, 4-0-1.

Clement provided the Board with intents to cut for 169, 163 and 139 North Road. Artimovich motioned, seconded by

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Morgan to approve the intents to cut, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Brentwood Newsletter invoice for the July-October issues. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Kleinman to approve payment. Bedard suggested checking in with Department Heads to confirm that they information they submitted was presented as expected. Artimovich stated that Department Heads should be checking the information submitted was published correctly when the Newsletter comes out and any problems should be brought to the attention of the Selectboard and/or BNL at the time of publication. Artimovich amended his motion to state the invoice will be paid if no complaints are received within the next 2 days, seconded by Kleinman. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – nay; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed 4-1.

Clement announced that the Brentwood Recreation Department will host its annual Haunted Walk on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for volunteers. Jones agreed to judge the costume contest and Kleinman to be a scarer; Jones and Kleinman have enjoyed volunteering for these rolls in the past.

Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm, it will be posted on the Town website and social media.

Kleinman stated the Conservation Commission has a presentation this Thursday at 7pm regarding easements for conservation use.

Bedard states the Planning Board will meet Thursday to discuss and possibly approve the Capital Improvements Plan.

Jones stated Budget Committee is meeting Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, Emergency Management, Legal, Executive Office, Assessing, Planning & Zoning will be discussed.

Morgan and Bedard met with members of the fire department to discuss the potential disruption of emergency services being provided to the Town via Exeter ALS and to discuss potential solutions to maintain these services.

At 6:35pm, Kleinman motioned, seconded by Morgan, to enter nonpublic for personnel. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

At 7:14, Bedard motioned to come out of Nonpublic and seal minutes. Morgan seconded and all voted in favor.

At 7:14, Bedard motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Kleinman, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix