

Selectboard Minutes

October 8, 2024

Present: Jenn Jones, chair
Andy Artimovich
Jon Morgan via Teams
Paul Kleinmann
Letty Bedard

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

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned to allow Morgan to participate remotely, Bedard seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Kleinman to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from October 1st, the non-public minutes of October 1st, the treasurer's report (found at the end of these minutes), and the following building permits:

- Fitzgerald, Craig & Meghan, 23 Sherry Circle, Electrical
- Liponis, Steven & Eileen, 337 South Road, Electrical
- T/J Savage Family Rev Trust, 108 Middle Road, Plan Examination
- Ross, Matthew & Kirsten, 38 Rowell Road East, Swimming Pool
- Pope, Elliot & Lindsay, 106 Pickpocket Road, Electrical
- River Run Development, LLC, 13 Taylor Circle, Plumbing

Artimovich – aye; Morgan – abstained; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

At 6:03pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment. Seeing none, Jones closed public comment at 6:04.

Wayne Robinson was present to discuss the sale of town property. Robinson would like permission to sell a 2007 Chevy 3500 truck and a 2001 International dump truck with a sander for \$10,000; Robinson has a buyer. Kleinman motioned, seconded by Bedard to accept the offer of \$10,000 for the 2007 Chevy 3500 truck and 2001 International dump truck with sander. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

The proposed Emergency Management budget is level funded at \$14,875. Bedard stated that this budget went much underspent this year and asked if there was a reason to keep it level funded. Clement responded that the last time the Board cut this budget there was an earthquake. Bedard suggested reducing the Seabrook Station line to \$1 and moving the \$8500 received from the Seabrook Station to a revolving fund. The overall Emergency Management budget would be reduced to \$6,376. Bedard motioned to approve the Emergency Management budget at \$6,376, seconded by Kleinman. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Artimovich asked Clement if she had a plan for the closure of Exeter Hospital's Center for Occupational Health and if there would be a cost increase. Clement stated that she is in touch with a company in Hampton as well as Portsmouth Occupational Health and the cost will be comparable. These items are in the Executive Office Budget.

The proposed Executive Office budget is level funded at \$25,005. Artimovich motioned to approve the level funded Executive Office budget, seconded by Bedard. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

The proposed Financial, Tax & Assessing budget is level funded at \$47,901. Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich to

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approve the level funded Financial, Tax & Assessing budget. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

The proposed Legal budget is level funded at \$37,127. The Board discussed that the legal budget was increased 2 years ago due to active litigation. Artimovich motioned to approve the Legal budget at \$37,127, seconded by Bedard. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Clement provided the Board with 4 appointment slips for Inspector of Elections to expire August 1, 2026. Bedard motioned to approve the appointment of Mary-Jo Mohl, Priscilla Stephens, Cynthia Palaro, and Erin Staffiere as Inspectors of Election, seconded by Artimovich. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Clement provided the Board with the MS1. The Board discussed how the valuation has changed since last year, it is up about \$14 million. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard, to sign the MS1. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the Fidium contract. Fidium was willing to make one change to the contract, to move litigation to the State of New Hampshire, the Board was agreeable to this. Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to sign the contract with Fidium. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

At the selectboard meeting last week the Board discussed paying the invoice from the Brentwood Newsletter, (BNL) the Board requested feedback from Department Heads regarding their submissions and what was published. They are in receipt of Brentwood Recreation Department's submissions with highlighted sections that were not published. Jim Hajjar editor of the BNL was present for discussion. There was a discussion regarding the BNL policies as stated on their website "The BNL will make no changes to printed submissions without prior approval from the submitter." Kleinman motioned to release the payment to the Brentwood Newsletter, seconded by Artimovich. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – nay; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – nay; Jones – nay. Motion failed 2-3.

At 6:45pm the Board called a recess for a non-meeting with Counsel.

At 7:06pm the Board called the meeting back to order.

Artimovich reminded everyone that Library Trustees meet tomorrow night and there is a spaghetti dinner at the Rec Center sponsored by the Fire Association., that is at 6pm.

Kleinman stated the Conservation Commission had a presentation last Thursday regarding easements for conservation use, it was well attended.

Bedard states the Planning Board met Thursday and accepted a subdivision application for a property on South Road. They also have a draft of the Capital Improvements Plan and expect to adopt the final version soon. Over the weekend the Cemetery Trustees reinterred the remains that had been dug up on Deer Hill about 20 years ago.

Jones stated Budget Committee is meeting Monday October 21st at 4pm, Emergency Management, Legal, Executive Office, and Assessing will be discussed. The next Municipal Building Committee Q & A will be the 21st and the 29th will be the next committee meeting.

The Board publicly congratulated Officer Bob Gagnon, he graduated from the 197th full time Police Academy over the weekend.

