



SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 31, 2023

PRESENT: Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Eric Giroux, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Jackie Child, Lyndzi Dolloff, Josh Lawrence

ABSENT: Arthur Clifford (personal)

1. Consent Agenda: *Katie made a motion to adopt all items of Consent Agenda. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.*
 - 1.1. Minutes of July 24, 2023, Select Board meeting
 - 1.2. Invitation to 2023 Municipal Client Seminar
 - 1.3. Archie's letter RE rate increase
2. Persons To Meet With Board
 - 2.1. Eric Giroux, ACO position: General discussion was had regarding current animal control concerns and options for kennel contract, as well as current budget. Eric has paid for his own training and any required equipment, and has no intention of carrying weapons when responding to ACO calls.
 - a) *Gail made a motion to seek contract with kennel and to hire Eric Giroux as Animal Control Officer for a term of 1 year, to be paid \$1,500 for the year with \$750 at hire and \$750 at end of June 2024. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.*
3. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports
 - 3.1. Dan Carrier Jr, Fire Department: Dan asked the Board for clarification regarding article for insurance funds on upcoming meeting. General discussion was had. Dan shared that he would be purchasing sets of gear for the three new members of the department, if voters approve the article.
 - 3.2. Brad Hutchings, Road Department:
 - a) Road crew has been working on replacing culverts on Valley Road, which is currently open to one lane. Brad stated Valley Road will hopefully be open to two lanes tomorrow, and then they will be doing ditching and cleanup. General discussion was had regarding road closure notices.
 - b) General discussion was had regarding cleanup of overgrown area at historical society building. Brad stated it is not road crew's job or building. Katie and Josh have borrowed road crew's weedwhacker and done some cleanup; discussion was had about purchasing a push mower. Brad was asked to clean up plows and other road crew equipment so that roofers and siders can safely work on historical society building.

- c) General discussion was had about including projects worked on, etc., on road crew timesheets. Katie and Gail will work on incorporating this into current timesheet layout. Discussion was also had about use of Brad's personal vehicle and use of one-ton truck; Brad shared that the one-ton is used every day, hauling tools and equipment for jobs.
- d) Brad has received no updates regarding the two new trucks or new estimated dates of delivery, despite continuously contacting O'Connor. He will share contact information with Katie so that she can reach out as well. General discussion was had regarding replacement of Western Star and a specific 6-wheeler currently available in Vermont.

3.3. Brad Hutchings, Building Committee: Walls will be poured Wednesday, forms will be removed Thursday/Friday. General discussion was had regarding height and grade of planned ramp; Brad shared that the gravel for same is included in price quote and that design should have no effect on radiant flooring. Derrick will be performing water test this week. Brad has not heard if plans are back from architect/engineer, and no building committee meeting is planned at this point. Discussion was had about potential need for temporary shelters, and possible options for same.

4. Executive Session: Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, ss 405(6)(A)

- 4.1. *Katie made a motion to enter executive session at 7:36 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- 4.2. *Katie made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:10 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- 4.3. *Katie made a motion to table further discussion pending more information. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.*

5. Unfinished Business

- 5.1. Discussion of donations for Dixfield Rec & Canton Rec tabled until all Board members present.
- 5.2. Gail presented draft RFP for historical society building roof. Board discussed edits and changes, which Gail will make before meeting next week.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Town office complex vandalism/mischief: Girls responsible for pushing over porta potty and overturning benches came this afternoon to apologize and clean up the mess they had made.

7. Roundtable Discussions

- 7.1. Secretary: Letters with updated information will be sent to those citizens who applied for property tax stabilization exemption. Spring Boil Water order has been lifted.
- 7.2. Board Members: Policy workshop has been postponed to next Monday. Pros and cons of keeping dumpsters were discussed.

8. Public Participation

8.1. Katie made a motion to go into Public Participation at 9:23 p.m. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

a) Discussions included road department vehicles and information packets for Board meetings.

8.2. Katie made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 9:35 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

9. Adjournment

9.1. Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.

Select Board Policy Workshop


Aug 7th at 5:00 pm

Select Board Meeting

Aug 7th at 6:00 pm

Special Town Meeting

Aug 14th at 6:00 pm

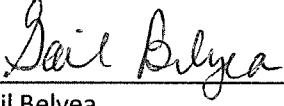

Kathryn Lawrence
Selectboard Chair

8/7/23
Date

(ABSENT 07/31/2023)

Arthur Clifford
Selectboard Vice Chair

Date


Gail Belyea

8-7-23
Date


Jason Dolloff

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Patrick Houghton

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