

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– November 25, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Claire Von Karls, Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of November 18, 2024 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The town Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The board signed off on the Oath of Office for Deputy Town Clerk Marie Snyder.

The town received the new tax rate and signed the tax warrant. The new rate is \$11.49. The town net valuation is \$328,133,775.

CHRIS ELLMS reported that the Steve & Nancy O'Connor property 150 Route 18 is all set and building permit cleared.

The town received notification that Grafton County has \$500,000 in ARPA fund grants available to all municipalities in the County. The board would like Chief Clark to write for a \$50,000 grant to pay the second half of the new air tank costs. Grants must be submitted by December 13, 2024 and funds will be available by end of year. The town must also submit how the Federal ARPA funds that were received will be designated by December 31, 2024. This is approximately \$52,000. If Chief Clark is successful with the county grant, then the Federal Funds will be used toward the cost to replace the five-year old police department truck. If not, then Federal funds will be used for the air tank balance.

The board approved the use of the Meetinghouse on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> for a private event.

The town received a reminder that the installation of American flags and the winter banners on the telephone poles must be submitted yearly and approved by Eversource.

The board was notified by the Supervisors of the Checklist that Jordan Applewhite has resigned from the board effective immediately. The board members are charged with appointing a replacement and they have chosen Rose Ellms for the position.

The board received a resignation from John Colony for his position on the Board of Adjustment. This appointment is made by the remaining members of the board of adjustment. Several individuals have expressed interest in serving. Those names will be given to the secretary for the board's consideration.

The Select Board signed off on the ballot storage box as presented by the town clerk and moderator.

The board received a letter from Lissa Boissonneault the town clerk and tax collector. She would like the board to consider a warrant article to have the positions combined and for a three-year term. This would make more sense for someone seeking the position and for the training that is involved. The same thing should be done for the Treasurer position. The board will look to add warrant articles in this regard to the 2025 warrant. If passed it would take effect in 2026.

Jennifer will advertise the Building & Grounds truck for sale.

Jennifer inquired if the board would consider selling a piece of town owned landlocked property that has a limited right of way. Jennifer advised the person inquiring to get a legal opinion on the right of way to the property. Once received the board can contact the town attorney about how a sale would work.

CHIEF CLARK stopped in to verify the ARPA grant process the board wanted to pursue. In addition, the Chief updated the board on the FEMA funds for the Streeter Pond/Indian Brook project. The town should see \$141,972.79 next week and that leaves a balance of 89,441.96 that he will submit payment for. Chief Clark advised the board that there was another cardiac arrest in town making a total of 3 this year. All patients were revived and alive when delivered to the hospital. The Chief had spoken with personnel at DHMC who stated that the SHFD an Littleton Ambulance had done a good job with the most recent patient who was DHARTED to DHMC.

Jennifer notified the board that the owners of the former North Country Cottages feel that they are still in business as they have registered every year with the State of NH. Currently renting out one cabin and did not feel they qualified as short-term rental. Jennifer will advise the owners to provide paperwork showing that they have continued to run as a business.

LARRY SAWYER asked about a property with contractor working and if there were permits for the property.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator