

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– December 2, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Kathy Jablonski, Nancy Martland

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of November 25, 2024 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

The town Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 12th.

The Select Board will not meet on December 23rd and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed December 24th and 26th.

North Country Council informed the board that we did not get chosen for the 10 Year Plan.

Jennifer read a request from Peter Carbonneau, Building & Grounds regarding seasonal help for a 10–12-week period next year. Peter works more than a 40-hour week and this would alleviate that situation. The board will budget in 2025 accordingly.

The board will review the Police Department Budget on the 9th, Fire Department on the 16th and the Highway Department on the 30th.

Jennifer is waiting for assistance from the town attorney regarding a drone policy and a letter for Class VI Road residents.

There are more than a dozen Short Term Rentals that have not responded to the town's letters. Next step will be a letter that they are in violation of the Town Zoning Ordinance. Once again it was noted that this policy was to assist Emergency Services and to protect neighborhoods.

The Grafton County ARPA Grant application was completed by Chief Clark and submitted by the office. The town will await the County results before filing the Federal ARPA close out.

The board discussed a letter from Doug Amsbary regarding Pros and Cons for both long- and short-term rentals. The board agrees that there does not need to be a yearly renewal fee. During the open portion of the audience members noted that complaints included noise from partying by renters. All agreed more long-term rentals are needed and preferable. People then become part of the community.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator