

SELECTMEN'S MEETING-- December 16, 2024

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

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

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes, of December 2, 2024 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

The Select Board will not meet on December 23rd and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed the week of December 23rd. Tax payments may be placed in the lock box at the front door. The Select Board office will be closed the 24th.

The board will review the Highway Department Budget on the 30th.

The board signed an Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Nick De Mayo Map 222, Lot 7

The board signed the driveway permits for the X178-2 Project for Eversource.

The board signed a building permit for a new generator and kitchen remodel for 59 Lafayette Revocable Trust Map 219, Lot 34.

The board received and accepted a bid of \$5,750.00 for the Building & Grounds truck that was advertised. Payment will be made by December 31st. The board would like a Warrant Article for town meeting to return the funds to the Building & Grounds CRF.

CHRIS ELLMS reported on the Eversource U199 project. The project will start in Littleton around the 6th of January. They will be installing a temporary line because of the new switching station. There will be five poles across Streeter Pond Road. They are temporary contingent on the U178 project. They will be hauling gravel and mats and will have heavy truck traffic, some coming from the Lisbon end of Streeter Pond Road. Should it be necessary due to weather changes the road can be posted by the Road Agent. The board would like weekly updates from Eversource so that they can keep abreast of the project.

The board discussed the paperwork received from Barbara Ferrar regarding North Country Motor Court. They will need to provide additional information on the continuity of the business.

The board received the dues for North Country council for 2025, \$1291.00.

The board received an application for solar for Hawkins Living Trust Map 203, Lot 82.

Rose Ellms will work as the liaison, for the Crane Hill Bridge project with Town Engineer Red McCarthy and the contractors. Red and Rose will meet in January and set up certifications and training required.

The second FEMA payment for the Streeter Pond/Indian Brook project has been received.

The 2024 Trustee Transfers have been made and transferred into the town checking account for monies paid in 2024. Transfers were also made to the Cemetery Trustees for lots purchased and to the Conservation Commission Land Use Fund for 2024 change taxes.

CHIEF CLARK presented his budget to the board. The Chief will get the SCBA contract as both grants require a 2024 date. The increase over 2024 is 3.2%. The department will be installing two dry hydrants in 2025 and they have materials for one. The additional cost is around \$3,500.00. The Chief reviewed closing the 2017 FEMA project (Grandview, Lafayette, Carpenter Roads) which resulted in \$148,500. He added that the second payment of \$141,000 for Streeter Pond/Indian Brook was approved and there is a balance of \$89,000 remaining. The chief will file for administrative hours once he is given guidance in the process from the State.

The sign committee of Margo Connors and Fred Von Karls will share some welcome to Sugar Hill sign ideas and bring back to the board.

A main street resident complained regarding flashing lights at 4:30 in the morning. The board will have Jennifer send an email asking that flashing lights be turned off by 10:00 pm. Also, a reminder that the zoning ordinance does have language regarding lights that affect a neighbor.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator