

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– December 9, 2024

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Kathy Jablonski, Fred & Claire Von Karls
John Tardelli, Chief Ho-Sing-Loy

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

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

Tonight's program on Weather sponsored by the local Conservation Commissions and ACT has been cancelled due to weather.

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 board will be meeting with Franconia and Easton Select Boards on January 13th, Margo would like to have the Transfer and Recreation Budgets prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the article in the Caledonian said Franconia was not taking paper and cardboard and that is not true.

The dues for 2025 for NH Municipal Association are \$1,205.00.

The board reviewed the Solar Permit submitted by David Israel Map 220, Lot 37 at 14 Hayward Lane.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to sign the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding to remain a member of the Coalition Communities, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer has received information from Woodsville Guaranty Bank regarding funding our Crane Hill Project in 2025. We will be reimbursed 100% but will have to be paying the costs as it goes on. Jennifer shared the information from Town Engineer Red McCarthy about the Engineering Services and his communication with HL Turner Group.

Jennifer updated the board on the Department of Revenue Assessing Review that is ongoing. The Current Use updates, exemptions, credits, non-profit information and change tax files have are ready for review.

CHIEF HO-SING-LOY submitted his 2025 budget to the select board. Increases include dispatch fees and prosecutor service and a 5% for wages. Currently waiting on another bid for the telephone service. The Chief explained the process for replacing the five-year-old truck this

year. There will be a \$10,000 trade in value. Pending our other grant applications, it will either be paid by ARPA Funds or the SHPD CRF. The new vehicle will take six months to build and will be ordered. The Chief will be using the Special Detail Fund to pay for several bills including a new computer and the Axiom camera and digital bill. The chief discussed the boards previous discussion about additional speed signs. They would like one portable that is easier to move and one permanent. The board also discussed lowering the town roads to 25MP and felt it could be discussed under other business at Town Meeting in March. Different locations for the new signs were discussed. Below and above Polly's were suggestions.

The board will review the Fire Department on the 16th and the Highway Department on the 30th.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator