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Jeff Northgraves
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John Spear

Selectboard Minutes
Date: January 4, 2022, 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Building

Rev 0

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Anne Just, Theo Pratt, Ruth Rinklin, Cliff Dacso, Chief Calderwood, Scott Johnson, Betty Thomas

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

\$150 Library Donation from Charlie and Audrey McClure
OHSTT Budget

Executive session and the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Scott Johnson had questions concerning the transfer station renovations. Reitz answered many of the questions. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 30, 2021 as amended.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Update Regarding Temporary Relocation of Library to Gilford Butler School

No update.

b. Update Midcoast Internet Development Corporation

No acknowledgement of letter sent.

c. Library/Community Center Facility Committee

Review Draft of Donation Card for Donations

Discussion on the 2 revised versions of the donation cards.

It was decided to amend Spear's donation card by removing "as deemed advisable by the Selectboard" from option three and striking option four from the options of what may be done with the donation in the event the Town decides to terminate the planning and/or construction of a new facility to house a town owned and operated Library and Community Center.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adopt as revised.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. Discussion of Funds Available for New Fire Trucks

Reitz walked the Board through the spreadsheet he had prepared for discussion of funds available and funds needed to purchase new fire trucks. He also prepared two scenarios for borrowing money.

There was a discussion of the next truck that would need to be replaced and what the timing of that should be.

VI. New Business

a. Discussion of Returning to Zoom Meetings and Precautions For Public Places in Town.

Thomas gave her recommendation of going back to remote meetings. Cases are going up in Knox County and Pen Bay is at 89% capacity with covid cases.

Dacso endorses Thomas's recommendations.

The Board discussed if the Selectboard and Boards/committees and Exercise class should all return to zoom. Also discussed was only allowing one person at a time at the town office front desk. There was a discussion on types of masks and on employees wearing masks.

Alley and Dacso discussed how to safely hold her exercise class. Alley also asked for guidance for groups meeting at the library.

There was a discussion on having only one person in the library at a time.

Starting Monday, January 10th, the Selectboard, boards and committees will meet via zoom only.

The Exercise class may meet in person, following safety protocols.

The Library will only allow one person at a time in the Library.

Only one person at a time will be allowed at the Town Office front desk.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the new policy regarding gatherings and meetings and the carved out exceptions made to the policy.

Motion 2-1 Northgraves voted against.

b. Department Heads

Monthly Reports

c. Library Donation

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept the library donation from the McClures in the amount of \$150.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. OHSTT Budget

South Thomaston's share of the assessment has gone up. The Town will have a roughly \$34,000 payment increase.

Reitz reviewed the OHSTT budget.

VII. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board signed the Warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Adjustment request for salary/ wage increase or decrease

Discussion of Funds Available for New Fire Trucks

Update Regarding Temporary Relocation of Library to Gilford Butler School

Update Midcoast Internet Development Corporation

Review year end financials

Andrew review Island Road bids

Health Insurance

X. Schedule Future Meetings

Tentative date April 6th – joint meeting with Town Attorney Collins, Selectboard and Facility Committee.

Meetings scheduled for Jan 18th, Feb 8th and 22nd, March 8th and March 23rd.

XI. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:10pm.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:25pm.

XII. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm.

Motion passed 3-0.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86583454844?pwd=V2QzbXdrdkRoK3l1YTFOWmtpcE1GUT09>

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Selectboard approved January 18, 2022