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Selectboard Minutes
Date: February 22, 2022, 6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood, Deputy Fire Chief David Elwell, Maureen Spencer, Sondra Wallace, Laurie McReel

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Revisit the meeting schedule.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

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

Waiting on the CEO Town Permit. MMA Risk Management would like a letter from the CEO stating renovations are completed before the library moves into Gilford Butler.

b. Update Regarding Broadband Expansion Plans

The Selectboard briefly discussed Route 131 not being included in Consolidated Communication's expansion of broadband in South Thomaston.

c. Discussion on Transfer Station Increase in Assessment and Fiscal Year

The Transfer Station Board will be meeting to discuss options to bring the renovation budget down.

The Transfer Station Board will also be meeting to discuss the fiscal year change.

d. Discussion on Planned Maintenance Agreement With PDQ

The Selectboard briefly discussed with Chief Calderwood his meeting with PDQ.

The Selectboard discussed starting the maintenance agreement now or waiting until the next budget cycle.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize Terri and the Chief to enter a maintenance agreement with PDQ for the garage doors.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Discussion Regarding the Purchase of Two New Firetrucks

The Selectboard reviewed the Draft Fire Trucks Timeline prepared by Spear.

f. Personnel Matter (Consider EMA Stipend Increase Request)

Tabled.

VI. New Business

a. Discuss Planning For Paving Island Road

The Selectboard discussed the information Spear sent out to Reitz and Northgraves concerning numbers received from Hagar to pave the sections of Island Road not being paved as part of the Island Road Project. The Board discussed locking the price in as paving prices are increasing.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to have the Road Commissioner research this and lock in if he feels so inclined.

Motion passed 2-0. Spear abstained.

b. Discuss 2021 Town Report

Baines will reach out to Jan Gaudio and Michelle Ames to see if either of them have a photo they would like to submit for consideration for the 2021 Annual Report Cover. Northgraves could also do an aerial photo.

Dedication of the Town Report is usually kept secret from the person it is dedicated to. Suggestions on who to dedicate the Town Report to can be emailed to Spear or Baines.

c. Discuss Modifying Covid Protocol

The Selectboard revisited the Town's covid protocol. Knox County's numbers have dropped the last two weeks but, the Maine CDC is still recommending wearing masks inside. The Selectboard will reassess this at the March 8th meeting.

d. Accept Kearny Neagle's Resignation From the Planning Board

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept, with regret, Kearny Neagle's resignation from the Planning Board.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Discussion Regarding Road Posting Ordinance

Spear, as Road Commissioner, relayed his discussion with Pete Coughlan. Baines was unable to find a Road Posting Ordinance at the Town Office. Coughlan recommended enacting an ordinance soon. The Selectboard has sole authority to do this. Spear has a few additions he would like to add to the model Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways from MMA.

f. Personnel Matter (Anticipated Executive Session)

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

Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:02 pm.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 7:17 pm.

VII. Correspondence

The Board reviewed the letter from The Bureau of Parks and Land.

There was a discussion on a complaint from Ted Mahler.

Follow up discussion on the Town having a Harbor Master. There does not appear to be interest in South Thomaston having a Harbor Master at this time.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Selectboard will come to the office to sign the Warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Transfer Station Update

Library Update

Broadband Update

Firetrucks

Covid Protocol

Road Posting Ordinance

X. Schedule Future Meetings

March 8th and 29th Regular Selectboard Meetings

March 9th and 10th Meeting with Department Heads

March 31st, April 4th, 5th and 7th Meeting with Budget Committee

April 6th Meeting with Library/Community Building Facility Committee and Town Attorney.

XI. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:18.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Selectboard approved 3/29/2022