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Selectboard Minutes
Date: September 27, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building
Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Sue Snow

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Catherine Lerne, Sondra Wallace, Pennie Alley, Ronnie Russell, Hannah Molholland, Cliff Dacso, Theo Pratt, Maureen Spencer

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Hearing

Adoption of the 2022-2023 General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-H

Spear opened the Public Hearing at 6:01.

Spear closed the Public Hearing at 6:02.

Spear gave a brief background of the Ordinance Appendices A-H.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve Appendices A-H.

Motion passed 3-0.

III. Adjustments to Agenda

Discussion on potential work on the Little Red School House.

IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

V. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (September 13th and September 19th)

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 13th and 19th.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Discussion on Second Tranche of ARPA Funds

The Selectboard had previously approved the purchase of an owl for the library, but not a TV. *Snow moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a TV for the library owl, up to \$800 out of the ARPA funds.*

Motion passed 3-0.

A discussion on uses of the ARPA Funds continued. Ideas discussed were to have a comprehensive study of the municipal building for ventilation and air quality, heat pumps and air filters. 2 AED's, one for the library and one for the municipal building. Baines will look into the cost of an AED. Also discussed was lighting in the parking lot at the Gilford Butler School and the outside lights at the door.

Place on the agenda of next meeting.

b. Planning Board By-laws

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Planning Board By-laws including the Addendum, approved by the Planning Board.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Discuss New Fire Truck Purchase/Lease Options

Baines will ask Collins to resend a more readable copy for the file.

d. Discussion on the Evaluation Difference with the State and Impact on Homestead & Veteran Exemptions This Year

The Selectboard discussed waterfront and resident lot assessments for the period of 2021 and 2022. They also discussed area revals and full revals.

e. Execute Municipal Valuation Return

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve and sign the 2022 Municipal Valuation return.

Motion passes 3-0.

VI. New Business

a. Catering Application- Saltwater Fields

On the Rocks Bartending has presented an application for approval to cater a Thanksgiving Celebration Nov 23rd from 5:30 to 10:00 for 200 people.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the catering application for the event at the Saltwater Event Barn on November 23 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Discussion on a Noise Ordinance

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to table.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Report from Theo Pratt on the Community Resilience Partnership

Theo gave an update on the Community Resilience Partnership. Theo would like to recruit volunteers on the website. Spear suggested using the town email list also.

There was a discussion on Meg Rasmussen's role in the partnership. The Selectboard would like to meet with Meg Rasmussen again for clarification on different avenues available. Pratt feels a working group is critically important to talk about the program and reach out to the community. Pratt has recruited five residents willing to be members of the working group.

Pratt will update the Selectboard on progress in finding members for the working group and hopes to have clarification from Meg Rasmussen on her role in assisting the town with the program.

d. Presentation by Clifford Dacso on a Funding Mechanism Called Smart and Connected Communities

Dacso explained the Town has an opportunity to participate in a pilot study to look at remote monitoring for predicting change in the health of people. This pilot study is in congestive heart failure. This is a collaboration between South Thomaston, Thomaston and St. George EMS. Amy Drinkwater (EMS Director South Thomaston, Thomaston and St. George) and Tom Judd (Director of Life Flight of Maine) are very keen on doing Community Paramedics. Paramedics go into the home to see people that are housebound. A handheld device that measures water in the skin will be used. The EMS services will be working with Roux

Institute and The Knox Clinic. Dacso asked the Selectboard if it was acceptable for South Thomaston to become part of the study. Amy Drinkwater is on board with the study.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to participate in the pilot study for Smart and Connective Communities with St. George and Thomaston.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Town Office New Hire

Baines introduced Hannah Moholland. She has applied for the Assistant Clerk position in the Town Office. She is currently a CNA at the Knox Center in Rockland. She lives on Dennison Road with her fiancé and their two year old son.

Snow moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to hire Hannah Moholland as Assistant Clerk.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Planning Board Notetaker New Hire

Notetaker for the Planning Board hire, Linda Garat.

Snow moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to hire Linda Garat as notetaker for the Planning Board.

Motion passed 3-0.

g. Discuss Mowing Contract

The Selectboard had a discussion updating the RFP. There has been damage to cemetery stones by mowers this year. This is an issue that should be addressed in the new proposal. Pennie Alley, the Cemetery Overseer would like to have private contracts for each cemetery with someone that cares about old cemeteries. Zero turn mowers are damaging stones. Alley gave an update on stone repair in the Village Cemetery.

h. Discussion on Price of 23-24 Demo Debris Stickers

The Selectboard discussed requiring having the sticker affixed to the vehicle and allowing the new stickers to be used immediately even if purchased before Jan 1, 2023.

i. Monthly Report

The Board had no questions on the reports.

j. Discussion on potential work on the Little Red School House

The Historical Society thought they might not heat the building during the winter. There was a discussion on blowing in insulation before the new shingles were put on. Also discussed was getting an estimate on the cost of blowing in insulation.

Alley informed the Selectboard of the places that there is insulation.

k. Possible Executive Session to Consult With Town Attorney

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to meet with the Town Attorney.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:40.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 8:00

No action was taken.

VI. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

VII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Selectboard approved the warrants.

VIII. Review Items for Next Agenda

Discussion on Second Tranche of ARPA Funds.

Discussion on Mowing Contract.

Potential Work on the Little Red School House.

Update from Theo Pratt on the Community Resilience Partnership.

X. Schedule Future Meetings

October 18th

November 15th and 29th

XI. Adjourn

Northgraves moved Snow seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:01.

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83220467034?pwd=QXBqa29HVGVuZmpwTk54d2tua09wQT09>

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