



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Randy Bunnell, Rick Hussey, Steve Smith, Richard Winsor

Members Absent: Jamie Connelly

Staff Present: Matthew Scruton, Town Administrator

Chair Smith opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and it was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being live-streamed and recorded.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, January 03, 2022

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 03, 2022. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Tuesday, January 11, 2022

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

TA Scruton stated there was a Coakley meeting earlier in the day. Bills were mainly discussed. TA Scruton had previously sent the Board a link to the Deep Bedrock Study, which is 946 pages. TA Scruton hoped there would be a summary of the study available. S. Smith would like the link added to the Town website under the 'Coakley Landfill' tab.

2. Budget Public Hearing Review/Deliberative Session Planning

Budget: Recommendations by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have been added to the draft warrant articles. Warrant articles are assigned to Selectmen to address during Deliberative

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Session. The Board opted to wait until the meeting on January 31st to assign warrant articles when a full Board would be present.

3. Ambulance Purchase

Chief Cresta, Captain Hanley, TA Scruton and Selectman Smith have met with the ambulance vendor and were able to look at a demo model. The pre-payment discount for the chassis would be \$1,000. The motion for funding not to exceed \$400,000 without further authorization will cover a fully outfitted ambulance, while giving Chief Cresta the flexibility to customize to Greenland's needs.

R. Winsor commented that due to supply chain issues, it may be better to pre-pay the chassis in order to lock in a contract. It would be more difficult to breach a contract with money up front. TA Scruton noted that Chief Cresta is exploring additional discounts with Ford.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to authorize the purchase of a new ambulance including related equipment, gear, and supplies, using available ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 without further authorization. The primary purpose of this purchase is to improve public health in the community. The ambulance will be used to respond for COVID-19 and other emergencies. The acquisition of the ambulance and related equipment will greatly improve COVID-19 prevention and treatment. Further, authorize the pre-payment of the chassis to take advantage of any available discounts as well as to secure contractual commitments. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Other Old Business

Susan Parker, Greenland and Newington PDA Representative, contacted S. Smith before the meeting. The PDA is moving forward the north ramp expansion and expansion by PROCON/Kane that S. Parker discussed with the Board at a previous meeting. The PDA packet will be available for review on Tuesday, January 19th. The biggest issues are traffic, noise abatement and the purpose. S. Smith recommended that S. Parker attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the PDA meeting that will be held on Thursday, January 20th. The north ramp expansion is on the Newington side and they are more involved than Greenland. S. Smith further recommended that the Board not take any action until more information is available. Responding to R. Winsor, S. Smith stated that the north ramp expansion and warehouse facility were two different projects. The aviation hangar is one project; the biggest project will be the north ramp located off Arboretum Drive on the left. A land swap is involved.

R. Winsor suggested that the Planning Board be involved as quickly as possible; Mark Fougere, Planning Board Consultant, would be a huge asset. M. Fougere is also aware of other issues involving Pease and the impact on the community. Unsure if Newington or Portsmouth had approval rights, S. Smith explained that the PDA was technically a legislative entity and not a city entity. R. Winsor noted they would still need local support. Anything on the Portsmouth side would need to go through the Portsmouth Planning Board then the PDA. R. Winsor continued that the traffic impact would be more the Spaulding Turnpike than Rt. 33. R. Bunnell noted that S. Smith was the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board. TA Scruton stated that the Planning Board will be notified that S. Parker will be updating the Selectmen at their next meeting on January 31st and are welcome to attend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Veterans Credit

The assessor has approved the Veterans Credit for the resident at 192 Bayside Road (Map R17, 19), in the amount of \$750.

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to approve the Veterans Credit for the resident at 192 Bayside Road in the amount of \$750. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Solar Exemptions

The assessors have approved the following solar exemptions: 55 Skyview Drive (Map R2, 74), 46 Spruce Lane (Map R6, 8E) and 18 Doe Hill Lane (Map R16, 34). S. Smith explained that solar exemptions are based on the type of system installed. TA Scruton further explained that it exempts a certain part of the value of the property from taxation. It will impact the taxable value of the property. Solar exemptions were approved several years ago at Town Meeting by residents.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the solar exemptions for 55 Skyview Drive, 46 Spruce Lane and 18 Doe Hill Lane. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Abatement

The assessor has approved the abatement for the resident at 1024 Portsmouth Avenue (Map R10, 33) in the amount of \$743.71, plus interest.

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to approve the abatement for the resident at 1024 Portsmouth Avenue in the amount of \$743.71, plus interest. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Other New Business

Filing Period for Elected Office: S. Smith reminded the Board the filing period for elected office (Town and School) is Wednesday, January 19th through Friday, January 28th. R. Hussey and S. Smith's terms will expire in March.

Seabrook Exercise: Overall, the Seabrook exercise went well. There were a couple of minor issues that will be discussed at a later date.

Budget Public Hearing: The budget public hearing was briefly discussed. R. Winsor noted that there was a significant amount of discussion on the Town budget. His personal opinion was that the residents at the meeting were supportive of the Board of Selectmen's efforts. He did not feel there was a lot of animosity or disagreement with the Selectmen's proposed budget. There were questions about roads; residents wanted roads done. The Budget Committee was not necessarily aligned with the public. R. Winsor stated that he was disappointed with the misalignment between the Budget Committee and Selectmen. TA Scruton added that the Budget Committee budget was lower than the default budget. The Selectmen did not recommend the Budget Committee budget. TA Scruton told the Board that the Budget Committee's recommended number may be lowered at Deliberative Session; it could also be increased. Numbers can be raised or lowered 10%. S. Smith commented that roads need to be done; if

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the funding is not there, the roads will not get done. TA Scruton stated that the Board is not required to use the Capital Reserve Funds.

V. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

1. Payroll Manifest 22-02

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Payroll Manifest, pay date January 20, 2022. Gross amount, excluding payroll liabilities: \$68,880.88. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 22-02

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the General Fund Manifest of Unpaid Bills Detail as of January 20, 2022, in the amount of \$341,294.42. This manifest includes a payment to the Greenland School District in the amount of \$180,000. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Ambulance Special Revenue Account 22-01

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Ambulance Special Revenue Account of Unpaid Bills Detail as of January 20, 2022, in the amount of \$50. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VI. NON-PUBLIC

1. Personnel – RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a), at 7:02 pm. Second – R. Hussey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to leave non-public session and return to public session at 7:30 pm. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to increase the hourly rate of pay for a fire fighter and part-time employee working in Finance. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 31, 2022 – 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Submitted By – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant