



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Monday, June 06, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Randy Bunnell, Jamie Connelly, Vaughan Morgan, Steve Smith, Richard Winsor

Staff Present: Matthew Scruton, Town Administrator

Also Present: Dennis Malloy – Chairman, Trustees of Trust Fund; Ralph Cresta – Fire Chief

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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. APPOINTMENTS**

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**1. Max Murdach, Eagle Scout Project**

Max Murdach, 33 Tuttle Lane, updated the Board that he completed his Eagle Scout project at Greenland Central School. His project was to build a pergola that could be used as an outdoor classroom for students as well as an area for teachers and staff. Picnic tables are available and stumps were lined across the side of the garden that can be used as a sitting area. M. Murdach has \$100 remaining from his project that he will donate to Greenland Central School to be used for upkeep of the pergola and anything they might want to add.

**2. Dennis Malloy, Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds: Weeks Trust Fund**

Dennis Malloy, Chairman of the Trustees of Trust Funds addressed the Board. There are three trust funds, not Capital Reserve Funds, that have been in existence for many years. There has not been any activity on those accounts for years. The total of the combined accounts is less than \$6,000. The Trustees requested that the Board of Selectmen approve the release of the funds to the organizations as listed. D. Malloy stated their request came at the recommendation of the Attorney General's Office. Over the years, the auditors have recommended the accounts be closed. Once the Selectmen approve releasing the funds, the Trustees of the Trust Funds will release the funds and monies will be distributed.

MOTION: V. Morgan moved to allow the Trustees of the Trust Funds to terminate the Weeks and Norton Memorial Funds and distribute the funds according to the Non-Judicial Settlement Agreement. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

### 1. Chief Cresta, Fire Department: Acceptance of Grant

Chief Cresta updated the Board on a gift received from the Pattony Foundation. The Fire Department received a check in the amount of \$55,737.07. In addition to smaller equipment, funds will be used to purchase a command car.

S. Smith opened the hearing to public comments. There being none, he closed the public hearing and returned to the Board.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to accept and expend the grant from the Pattony Foundation in the amount of \$55,737.07. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 2. Chief Cresta, Fire Department: Locality Equipment Purchase Program

Chief Cresta explained that the Locality Equipment Purchase Program was part of the NH GOFERR (Governor's Grant for Emergency Relief and Recovery) Grant. EMS personnel submitted medical supplies/equipment for the ambulance totaling approximately \$50,000. The Town will be responsible for \$2,610 from the Fire Department budget before the end of the year. Chief Cresta noted the grant has not been approved at this time but is expected to be. TA Scruton added that the grant was capped at \$50,000 and the costs exceed that amount.

MOTION: V. Morgan moved to approve the Fire Department application to the Locality Equipment Purchase Program GOFERR Grant and expend \$2,610 from the Fire Department budget by December 31, 2022. The Town Administrator is authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Fire Department accepting the grant, if awarded. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion: J. Connelly clarified that this would be an unexpected budget hit. Chief Cresta responded it was unexpected and may be taken from EMS supplies.

There was no update available on the ambulance purchase. Chief Cresta was told the timeframe was between 12 and 16 months when it was ordered. Projected delivery would be February or March 2023.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chip Hussey, 207 Winnicut Road, asked the Board if they had decided on expending the Van Etten Drive bond to clean up the Liberty Hill Campground area. R. Winsor discussed a Planning Board issue on Van Etten Drive with the homeowner's association. C. Hussey stated that when the subdivision was approved, the developer was supposed to clean up the area; the old campground area was not cleaned up. The Conservation Commission would like to hire a company to mulch a trail in to haul out the debris. The brush would be ground down so they could get in and out with some equipment. The cost ranges from \$2,400 to \$3,600. The Conservation Commission approved up to \$1,000 from their warrant article (if needed) and the remaining bond is approximately \$2,700.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve release of the remaining Van Etten bond to the Conservation Commission for the remediation and trash removal of the Liberty Hill Campground area. Second – V. Morgan; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

C. Hussey continued that the advertising at the ballfield was quite controversial. He has done research and contacted the Interior Department in Washington, DC. There is not a problem with hanging signs on Krasko Field. C. Hussey stated the Rec Committee needed an administrator. C. Hussey supported background checks for volunteers who coach children. He stated that if the Rec Committee was going to make money with advertising, a portion needed to go to an administrator. Coaches are there to teach the children how to play ball, not to pay bills. An administrator could make sure umps and refs are paid by check and not cash as well as ensure that everyone who signs up for a sport has paid. C. Hussey stated that if they are not getting paid for doing the activity, the Town should pay for the background check. Marcia McLaughlin, Nantucket Place, stated the cost was dependent on whether a State or federal background check was done.

C. Hussey suggested the Board may want to do something with the mowing equipment. S. Smith responded it was on the list.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, May 23, 2022

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the minutes of Monday, May 23, 2022. Second – V. Morgan; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

TA Scruton reviewed the letter from S. Smith (copy on file) to Eric Spear regarding the Coakley Landfill Group and their proposed meeting in Boston. TA Scruton has received notification from the Coakley Landfill Group that they will be responding. He noted that Mindi Messmer, former NH State Representative, also sent a letter (copy on file). Meetings in Boston restrict the ability for people to attend. In the letter from S. Smith, several right-to-know requests were made.

2. Other Old Business

The Seacoast Pediatric Cancer Commission will be meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at DES headquarters.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Covanta Waste Disposal

TA Scruton recommended tabling discussion about Covanta Waste Disposal. He is in the process of trying to obtain a lower quote. TA Scruton has contacted ecoMaine; there is a possibility of using their incinerator plant rather than going with Covanta, which may be a cost savings. Covanta has long wait times, adding to the Town's cost. R. Winsor recommended taking a hard look at the trucking cost and the difference in mileage. Due to increasing fuel prices, trucking costs are going to become a big component.

Waste Management is currently used for bulky waste. V. Morgan questioned using Waste Management in the past vs. now. Traditionally, the Town's MSW has been incinerated. TA Scruton noted there is

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liability with the ashes when incinerating. Years ago, when the Town incinerated at UNH in Durham, the ashes were taken to Somersworth; the Town is still paying an annual fee to the Lamprey Regional Cooperative for monitoring. TA Scruton stated there is no risk-free option for waste disposal. When Coakley was in business, there were not the same regulations there are now.

V. Morgan mentioned the 'escalator clause': minimum of 4%, no maximum. S. Smith stated it is usually locked in at 4%. V. Morgan questioned if it was based on the CPI. R. Winsor added if there was no 'up end' on it, it has to be associated with some index. TA Scruton stated that after talking with the representative, he was able to lower the Covanta rate from \$93.60 to \$90 per ton; they were not willing to cap the escalator clause. The New Hampshire CPI will be used.

J. Connelly asked if there were any thoughts of extending the contract beyond three years. TA Scruton felt they would be happy to consider an extended contract. J. Connelly noted the costs do not seem to be going down. R. Winsor stated that costs would go up based on the CPI escalator. TA Scruton has contacted Waste Management regarding their quote of \$70. There was a provision in the contract with Lamprey that an adjustment could be made; it is now \$73.85.

TA Scruton pointed out there is approximately a \$15,600 annual difference between the two proposals: incinerating waste or using Waste Management. The cost does not include trucking, only the tipping fee. TA Scruton will research the trucking fees. J. Connelly asked TA Scruton to check on a set fuel rate opposed to a floating rate.

### 2. Snow Removal Contract

Responding to a question from V. Morgan, TA Scruton stated the trucks must be moved by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim Jones, contractor, is in the process of moving the trucks. It was noted that the Town could charge a storage fee after June 10<sup>th</sup>.

S. Smith stated that the Town went out to bid two years ago. Two proposals were received and one was determined to be non-qualified. R. Winsor stated it should be locked up if the rates remained as they are now.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to extend the snow removal contract with the current contractor, agreement to expire May 30, 2023. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 3. Other New Business

S. Smith noted the Board should have received a monthly report from the Building Inspector through May. Summer Concert Series dates were also given to the Board.

S. Smith will not be at the meeting on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> unless there is an issue that requires immediate Board attention.

S. Smith noted that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday, July 04<sup>th</sup>, which is a holiday weekend.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to change the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, July 04<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, July 05<sup>th</sup>. Payroll may be submitted on Tuesday, July 05<sup>th</sup> with Board approval at the meeting. Second – J. Connelly. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

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Referring to the Board of Selectmen minutes of August 03, 2020, TA Scruton informed the Board that the two snow removal proposals received were from Jim Jones and ELM Services. The flat fee quoted from ELM Services was \$600,000, regardless of the number of inches. The other option from ELM Services was \$7,000 per inch of snow. V. Morgan stated that New England Paving had told him they would be interested. Responding to J. Connelly, TA Scruton explained the RFP process: information is posted on the Town website and Facebook page as well as the NHMA classified section on their website.

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 1. Recreation Committee Appointments

Sharon Hussey-McLaughlin and Christopher Keenan have applied for re-appointment to the Recreation Committee. Terms will expire in March 2025.

#### 2. Manifests

- a. Payroll Manifest 22-12: \$64,387.33
- b. General Fund Manifest 22-12: Total - \$2,607,388.99 (School - \$2,577,043)
- c. Police Special Detail Revolving Fund Manifest 22-03: \$30,758

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second – V. Morgan; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Connelly moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 20, 2022, or Tuesday, July 05, 2022 – 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Submitted By – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant