

**Board of Selectmen
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

March 6, 2024
6:00 PM at Town Offices and Via Zoom

Note: This meeting may be recorded

CALL TO ORDER

Fran Shippee called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. In attendance were Gary Winn, Judy Idelkope and Alissa Thompson.

GUESTS

6:05 PM – Margaret Winn, Cemetery Trustee – Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Fran Shippee moved to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 6:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Gary Winn and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee made the motion to come out of non-public at 7:16 PM. The motion was seconded by Gary Winn and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee made the motion to seal the minutes of Non-Public #1 under disclosure would "render the proposed action ineffective". The motion was seconded by Gary Winn and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SUGGESTION BOX – nothing in the suggestion box

CORRESPONDENCE –

Bob Brockman – Asked if the door at the Library could be repaired instead of being replaced. Idelkope asked if Doug Adler the maintenance man could look at the door and see if it needs to be replaced or if it can be repaired. Winn stated that another name comes to mind of who repairs furniture and such. Winn will call and see if Adam Lempel could come to take a look at it.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jeff Scott had a lot of conversations with David Gale about the Spofford Garage and Spofford Store. In the discussion David Gale had mentioned perhaps putting up a sign that says welcome to Spofford Village. Shippee asked who would be paying for the sign and installing it. Scott stated that discussion had not been had yet just wanted to know what the Board of Selectmen thought. Shippee asked what Spofford Village is. Scott stated that it wasn't discussed where exactly the sign would go. Idelkope would like to know what the point of putting up the sign would be. Scott stated to think about it, and we can discuss it in a few weeks. Scott stated that Channel Rd came up at the Planning Board meeting the other night. Scott made a copy of the Planning Board notice of decision and gave it to the Board of Selectmen for their reference.

WEEKLY REVIEW –

Code Tracker - No new updates

Building Permit List – Thompson stated that Beauregard and deChamplain are working on the list.

FINANCIALS –

Audit for 2022 – Thompson stated that it is still being worked on.

OLD BUSINESS –

Streetlights – Winn stated he made a call to the City of Keene about their streetlights being maintained by a contractor. Winn contacted Hamlet electric to get a price to change out the streetlights that are out. Hamlet is supposed to be sending over a quote. Idelkope stated we do not have the funds in the budget to do the repairs. Winn stated we cut that budget. Idelkope suggested that we use the ARPA funds. Winn agreed that we should do it that way.

Fran Shippee made a motion to pay up to \$2,200.00 for 5 streetlights (4 replacements, 1 new one) from ARPA funds. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

E-recycling – TABLE

Tannerite – Idelkope had a conversation with John Ratigan and he does not have an issue with us doing an ordinance for Tannerite but he was unsure about whether the Select Board could vote in the ordinance or does it need to go to Town Meeting. Idelkope stated there is more than just Tannerite, there is Sure Shot, Sonic Boom, and you can buy the components to make the explosive yourself. Do we want to have a permit to include the other similar items. Winn stated that if an ordinance is written then we need to include all the items that are similar. Shippee asked how Antrim passed their ordinance. Idelkope stated when they did the fireworks ordinance, they included it, and their Board of Selectmen voted it in. Idelkope stated the State has the disturbance of the peace RSA.

CRG Letter – Shippee stated the new letter from Ratigan is now ready to be signed. Shippee wants to just make sure this makes sense to everyone as it is read aloud putting in whom it is referencing when it says we or you just to make sure it is correct in the last sentence. The Board of Selectmen is okay with the new letter.

Gary Winn moved to approve the March 4, 2024 letter to JB Mack and Melinda Bubier.

TABLED UNTIL FUTURE DATE

Walk Town Lines

ARPA Funds

North Shore Beach Erosion – Shippee stated we should address this before Spring. Shippee asked if we were going to contact Fuss and O’Neil about the issue. Winn stated that they came

out and looked at North Shore and told him a few things that could be changed but had no answers as to the erosion on the front of the building. Winn will speak to Ryan Hoag to see if he has some suggestions on how to fix some of the issues.

HVAC System Library

Comcast Agreement – Idelkope stated we should check with them since we have not heard from them yet.

NEW BUSINESS

L&G Propane Quote for repair for Town Hall – Shippee will reach out to Dan Lang from DA Brothers to see who installed the heating system. Winn stated the warranty has to be run out by now but who knows if there is a recall. Thompson will call Bosch and see if there is any information that they can give. Shippee asked where the funding would come from to fix this. Thompson stated that it would have to be paid out of the heating fuel line for the Town Hall and hope it doesn't go over the budget amount.

OTHER BUSINESS -

Winn asked about the contracts for Dave Marazoff. Thompson stated that the pickup contract was already voted on during budgeting and the other contract is making his business go back to a sole proprietor from an LLC.

Gary Winn moved to approve the assignment of responsibility agreement sent by Dave Marazoff. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Winn asked if everyone got the email from Meals on Wheels about the open house on 3/22/24 at 7:30 AM. Shippee stated that she signed up to go.

Winn stated the dam is currently at 24" it has come up an 1-3/4" since the first of March. Winn stated there is more rain coming. Winn is asking due to the lack of snow cover helping with bringing the lake level up do we want to consider putting a board back in for right now. Shippee asked how much water that would give us, and Winn stated it would keep it where it is now. Shippee asked what it would hurt to put more than one board in so that we can try to build it up so come April we are not too low. The Board allowed Winn to use his discretion.

Thompson reported that the question about why the Police Department equipment purchase line was over budget was from Stalker Radar.

Thompson asked the Board of Selectmen if they want to consider charging for commercial trash disposal at the Transfer Station. Thompson stated that she was just bringing in what the thoughts were about charging for commercial trash or perhaps a pay per bag service.

Discussed letter that came in about interest for a tax payment and a lien possibility being put on the property over this. Winn stated that if the Tax Collector is not here the day taxes are due, the following day he is here should be the actual day the taxes are due.

Shippee wants to discuss the Mckenna Way cistern. Shippee would like to know who will be maintaining this. Winn stated that he will talk to the fire department and see if they can check it.

~~Shippee stated that Phil's Tree Service was on Channel Rd Friday and cut the lock on the gate. They were cutting some trees for an owner of the land that abuts the property.~~

Shippee asked if Thompson responded to Makenzie Fisher about having North Shore open year-round. Thompson stated that she spoke to Darlene Smith and they can park at Wares Grove year round but there is no access to the beach.

Thompson asked the Board of Selectmen about trucks and boat trailers parking at Wares Grove this summer. Board of Selectmen stated to have Darlene Smith order the no parking signs for boaters.

~~Idelkope stated that she had a meeting with Bruce Adler and FB Environmental yesterday and part of the grant was the Town needs to rent an excavator and the paving of the parking lot needs to be paid for by the Town for the grant. Shippee asked if the labor was provided by the Town and Idelkope stated that it is part of the matching fund for the grant.~~

Shippee mentioned the letter from Karen Denzler in reference to how information is given in a certain format that is easier.

Gary Winn moved to accept RSA 76:13 in reference to Interest due in an amount up to \$25 may be waived by the tax collector if in the collector's judgment the administrative and collection costs involved do not warrant collection of the amount due. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Gary Winn moved to accept the February 21, 2024 minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

NON-PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Winn moved to adjourn at 9:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Offices and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Thompson
Town Administrator

Approved by:

Fran Shippee
Fran Shippee, Chairman

4.3.24
Date

Gary Winn
Gary Winn

3/24/2024
Date

Judy Idelkope

Date

