

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

November 16, 2022
6:00 PM at Town Offices and Via Zoom

Note: This meeting may be recorded

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Winn called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. In attendance were, Fran Shippee, Judy Idelkope, Tricia Lachenal (via Zoom) and Alissa Thompson (joined Zoom at 7:39)

SUGGESTION BOX

The suggestion box was empty.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Rescue Inc.

The board reviewed a letter from Rescue Inc. The letter indicates that AP Triton is conducting a feasibility study for the Town of Brattleboro and Rescue Inc provided information as requested. The letter indicates an invitation to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to discuss 2023 Emergency Medical Services on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Brattleboro Rescue Station. It was noted that if you plan on attending, an RSVP is requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

WEEKLY REVIEW

Code Tracker

The board reviewed the code tracker. No action was taken.

Building Permit list

Idelkope noted that expired permits still need to be renewed or removed. Winn noted he spoke with Beauregard about that subject.

FINANCIALS

Audit for 2021

No new information provided.

OLD BUSINESS

CEO Budget

This was tabled from a previous meeting. Winn noted that Thompson has recalculated the salary line to \$66,416.92

Fran Shippee moved to accept the proposed 2023 Code Enforcement budget as adjusted for \$81,264.00. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Dexter Thomas Road

Lachenal noted that this should be tabled for future conversation as more information comes available following additional research.

TABLED UNTIL FUTURE DATE

Personnel Policy Review

This should be brought forward as it is back from the attorney.

Community Power

Shippee noted that she believes we should move forward with this as we are the only town that has not joined. Winn noted that there are several proposals out there that we may be able to join instead of creating our own. Winn noted that he does think that things are beginning to shape up as to how this will work. Idelkope noted that Eversource just asked again for another rate increase. Winn noted that he read recently that sounded like Eversource is close to not being a provider anymore – sounds like they are just more like a carrier at this point and what they are selling for electricity is becoming a small part of what they do.

GUESTS

There were no guests scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Auction December 3rd – 71 Welcome Hill Road and Streeter Hill Road

Winn noted that only the property on Welcome Hill Road is being auctioned. The auction will be held on December 3, 2022, and at least one board member should be present.

Old Chesterfield Road – Map 11A, Lot B7 (Shippee)

Shippee noted that there is no deed to this property. Shippee noted that to create a deed to be able to sell the property will cost money. Shippee noted that the amount is unknown at this time. Shippee asked if there are other properties in town that we do not have deeds to. The board would like to research this more before taking action.

Cemetery Commission

Winn noted that the Cemetery Commission is in the process of working on records and have noted that there are some Veteran graves that do not have the flag holders. Winn noted that the Legion has a few markers in stock that people can purchase for new burials.

Winn noted that there is money in the patriotic budget that the Cemetery Commission would like to use to purchase flag holders to place on the unmarked Veteran graves and to provide the option for the family to purchase directly from the Cemetery Commission going forward.

It was noted that the cost is \$39.95 each and they would like to order 19 of them.

The board discussed if the VA gives them out free to the family. It was noted that there are many different branches and a generic "Veteran" one.

The board noted they are not opposed to bringing the ones that are missing up to date. It was noted that if the family can get them for free, then the Cemetery Commission does not need to have them available for sale.

It was noted that the board would like to make sure that all graves are updated so that no Veterans are missing the flag holder. It was noted that replacing the tattered ones or putting one where there is not one is something the board would like to do, however going forward it should be up to the families. Winn noted he can gather more information. Winn noted that the committee was looking to get this done before the end of the year.

It was noted they planned on ordering 19 of them using the last of the patriotic budget for the year. Winn will get more information for the next meeting.

Idelkope noted a member of the Budget Committee asked if the police department is providing services to other towns. Idelkope noted that Chickering explained that there is mutual aid for surrounding towns and if a detail is requested, it is paid for by the town or service requesting the detail.

OTHER BUSINESS -

Winn noted that next Tuesday (11/22/22) at 10:00 AM there is a meeting at the boat ramp regarding work around the lake to be paid by grant money. Winn noted that the meeting will be traveling to other sites as well.

Winn noted that Septic Pro has provided a quote for the pump station at the beach. The board would like to ask Septic Pro if there is another configuration that they recommend to solve the current issue. Winn will contact them.

Shippee noted that the Planning Board spoke about the senior housing changes and would like to know how the Board of Selectmen feel about changing the regulation to include workforce housing. Winn noted that it is his understanding that if senior housing is allowed contrary to current zoning, the same regulations need to apply to workforce housing. Winn noted that maybe adding definitions for workforce housing would conform to the RSA. It was noted that any changes must go for Town vote.

Shippee noted that the EDC is having a meeting regarding the brownfield building in Spofford in January 2023. Shippee noted that the public will be invited for comments and ideas on what the place could become in the future. The board discussed deadlines for proposal of a warrant article for funds for the project.

Shippee noted that she received a quote from Eversource to put the streetlight back up at Route 9 and Route 9A in the amount of \$1253.35. Winn noted that the board already approved it. Shippee will give them the go ahead.

Shippee noted that she gave them the list of lights to shut off. Shippee noted there is a charge to shut them off and she is waiting for a call back on that price.

It was noted the Watershed Committee has some recommendations on changes to the building permit and will be at the next board meeting.

Gary Winn moved to request from the Trustees of the Trust Funds \$3,700.00 from the Wares Grove Trees Expendable Trust Fund for payment of removal of trees and stump grinding. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Gary Winn moved to request from the Trustees of the Trust Funds \$2,594.30.00 from the Town Annex Capital Reserve Fund for deposit on the door lock project at the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Scott asked what time the auction on Welcome Hill will be held. The auction will start at 10:00AM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 2, 2022, minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 2, 2022, non-public #1 minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 2, 2022, non-public #2 minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

Judy Idelkope moved to accept the November 2, 2022, non-public #3 minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 2, 2022, working meeting minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 2, 2022, working non-public meeting minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 5, 2022, working meeting minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee moved to accept the November 5, 2022, working meeting non-public meeting minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

NON-PUBLIC

Gary Winn moved to go into non-public session #1 under 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:13 PM. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fran Shippee moved to come out of non-public session #1 at 8:42 PM. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

Gary Winn moved to seal the minutes from non-public session #1, due to disclosure likely having an adverse effect on the reputation of a person other than a member of the public body. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Gary Winn moved to go into non-public session #2 under 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:43 PM. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Judy Idelkope moved to come out of non-public session #2 at 8:49PM. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously.

Gary Winn moved to go into non-public session #3 under 91-A:3, II (c) at 8:51PM. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Judy Idelkope moved to come out of non-public session #3 at 8:49PM. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously.

Gary Winn moved to seal the minutes from non-public session #3, due to disclosure likely having an adverse effect on the reputation of a person other than a member of the public body. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

The board will hold a non-public working meeting on Monday November 21, 2022 at 4:30 PM at the Town Offices.

Fran Shippee moved to adjourn at 9:09 PM. The motion was seconded by Judy Idelkope and passed unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled on November 30, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the Town Offices and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Lachenal
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Gary Winn, Chairman

12/7/2022

Date



Fran Shippee

12-7-22

Date

Judy Idelkope

Date