

SELECTMEN'S MEETING— January 30, 2023

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Town Engineer Red McCarthy, Road Agent Doug Glover, Police Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board has scheduled the 2023 Budget Hearing for February 6, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building.

CHIEF HO-SING-LOY met with the board to review his budget. Increases include: fuel, a new contract for body camera data storage and the purchase of an additional taser and training. A new desktop computer is also included. CSS recommended replacing two of the department computers but only one will be done this year. Increased computer security for all town departments is now required. Overall increase of budget at 1%. The board advised they will use a COLA figure of 3% for this year.

TOWN ENGINEER RED MCCARTHY updated the board on the Crane Hill project. Draft plans not yet approved were discussed with a cost estimate of 4.5 million. The construction portion of the job 3.6 million will be reimbursed by the state at 100%. Leaves the town portion of 20% or approximately 200,000. The State Project Manager Tony Puntin will work with an Estimate Review Committee made up of Federal DOT, and State Engineers. Josef from Hoyle and Tanner will make the presentation. Increasing costs of Steel and concrete have added to the new price. Red advised that the town wants the guardrails to be wood and that will increase the cost by about \$20,000 with the State paying 80%. Streeter Pond Road will be raised as the bridge will be 2' higher due to ice. There will be a bypass during construction and perhaps that will become the permanent road. Red will be speaking with Cliff Hughes as his property is across from the bridge. The bridge has several processes to go through including the Cultural Resources Committee and the National Environmental Process Act. Anticipating January 2024 bid and construction summer of 2024. In addition, there are times when cutting can't be done due to the presence of "black eared bats". Red will put together a report for the Annual Report.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER presented his budget to the board. He would like \$75,000 in the non-lapsing account as he is carrying over \$45,000. With an unknown cost for asphalt he will do his best to finish the paving plan in place. Doug would like to sell/trade an excavator bucket that is no longer used for hydraulic hammer work that needs to be done. The board was fine with that exchange and should be noted on the bill. The department will be sloping and seeding the bank that they cut back on the Magnuson property on Streeter Pond Road. Roadside mowing will continue this summer. Doug discussed with the board the current leave policy that has the crew losing time each year. The board will give a grace period and hope they can take some time before April.

The board received a letter from Ned Wilson in regard to the SH Fire Department forming a medical squad. Ms. Connors will speak with Mr. Wilson to follow up on his letter. She will also speak with Littleton Town Manager to clear up a couple of questions.

The town received the State DOT driveway permit for Oleiro/Richards on Route 18. Map 206, Lot 12.1

Jennifer reported we received the fourth NHDOT reimbursement from the State on the Crane Hill project.

The board denied a zoning request for a home occupied gift shop for Susan Packard 138 Sunset Hill Road, Map 219, Lot 53 as it requires a Special Exception. The paperwork will be sent to the ZBA to set a hearing.

Collin DeLaBruere and Jennifer Law, Map 219, Lot20 submitted a request to have a small structure of 150 square feet on their property located off Carpenter Road that they would build themselves. They have been advised that accessory use is not allowed without a primary use but felt that their request was in the spirit of the ordinance. The board disagrees and as with requests that have been received previously it is not a permitted use.

The board worked on the budget for the hearing next week. Still have not received Transfer Station and Recreation figures from Franconia.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23 and 24, 2023, seconded by MS.

CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS.

CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday February 6, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 pm., to be followed by the Budget Hearing at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
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