



Monday, December 11, 2023

## **Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED**

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In attendance: Dianne Craig (Selectmen), Derek Tremblay (Selectmen), Alicea Bursey (Selectmen), Bonnie Belden, Barbara Paronto, Carolyn Stiles, Shae Simino, Melissa Salinardi

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **• Minutes of November 13th:**

The Board reviewed the changes that were suggested by Dianne Craig and Alicea Bursey. There were no objections.

*Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023 “as amended”. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

#### **• Minutes of Working Session, December 4th:**

The Board reviewed one change that was suggested by Dianne Craig. There were no objections.

*Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the Working Session Minutes of December 4, 2023 “as amended”. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

- Bonnie Belden (Library Budget Review):** Bonnie provided a brief update to the Board regarding Discovery Park. She was happy to report that the Library has received two new grants. One grant for \$5,000 and the other for \$6,700.
- 2023 Warrant Article 13 – Appropriation Extension:** Bonnie Belden explained that the work on the Library basement was not going to be finished during the 2023 year as stated in Warrant Article 13, *“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,550 for the purpose of replacing Library building beam supports and piers, level soil, repair floor and pipe drain, add vapor barrier, and spray concrete mix onto stone foundation to bind stones, seal leaks and prevent rodent infiltration to place a concrete slab of approximately 400 sq. ft. with French drain around the perimeter of the Library building. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee.”*

Dianne Craig explained that the Board can vote to extend the appropriation if necessary in accordance with RSA 32:7, *Lapse of Appropriations: “Annual meeting appropriations shall cover anticipated expenditures for one fiscal year. All appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year and any unexpended portion thereof shall not be expended without further appropriation, unless: (Section V) The amount is appropriated under a special warrant article, in which case the local governing body may, at any properly noticed meeting held*

*prior to the end of the fiscal year of which the appropriation is made, vote to treat that appropriation as encumbered for a maximum of one additional fiscal year.”*

***Alicea Bursey motioned to extend the appropriated sum of \$14,550 through the 2024 year for the purpose of the Library basement repairs as specified in 2023 Warrant Article 13. Dianne Craig seconded the motion.***

Barbara Paronto pointed out that a contract would need to be signed by the contractor in order to extend the appropriation.

Alicea Bursey amended her motion.

***Alicea Bursey motioned to extend the appropriated sum of \$14,550 through the 2024 year for the purpose of the Library basement repairs as specified in 2023 Warrant Article 13 with a signed contract by the contractor (which will be procured by Bonnie Belden). Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

- **2024 Proposed Warrant Article:** Bonnie Belden discussed a proposed Warrant Article that she would like to put forth.

Bonnie stated that she reached out to the NHMA for clarification as to whether this warrant article can be supported by the Library. Based on the NHMA’s recommendation and in accordance with the RSA, at this time, the Library cannot move forward with this warrant article. Dianne Craig suggested doing more research on the matter. Alicea Bursey had shared concerns on the article that might create other issues.

Barbara Paronto and Carolyn Stiles shared their thoughts on the Library’s eligibility to under the RSA and workarounds for it. Dianne Craig again mentioned that more information would be needed and suggested to continue researching options. Bonnie Belden withdrew her proposed warrant article. There were no additional questions or concerns.

Bonnie Belden mentioned that there was one other grant that she was going to apply for. It was a facility grant that she had previously applied and was denied for; however, she will reapply for a different purpose. The Board was in agreement and thanked her for continuing her grant efforts.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

#### **BUDGET REVIEW**

In preparation for budget season the Board reviewed proposed 2024 budgets for all departments, boards, and committees as well as proposed warrant articles and capital reserve funding.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Class VI Road Emergency Lane (Lempster Coach and Center Road):** A Public Hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Dianne Craig has asked the Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, and the Road Agent to be present for the meeting. Derek Tremblay stated that he would not be available for the hearing. Melissa Salinardi will also not be present to take minutes. Alicea Bursey will take minutes.

- **One Time Highway Payment for Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction of Class VI and V Highways:** The Board reviewed the amount that was received as a one-time payment for maintenance and reconstruction of Class VI and V highways in accordance to House Bill 2. The Board had no concerns.

*Derek Tremblay motioned to accept the One-time Highway Payment for Maintenance, Construction, and Reconstruction of Class VI and V Highways in accordance with House Bill 2 in the amount of \$8,641.12. Alicea Burse seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

- **One Time Highway Payment for Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction of Municipality Owned Bridges:** The Board will hold a Public Hearing at a future meeting to accept these funds.

*Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn. Alicea Burse seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a Public Hearing with a Board work session to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi