

Board of Selectmen
Minutes October 12, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair
Robert Mantegari
Andrew Artimovich
Jonathan Frizzell
Jon Morgan

Christiansen called the meeting to order.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Recreation register which consisted of 2 checks.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Morgan to approve the public minutes of 10/05/2021 as written. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - Aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to approve the non-public minutes of 10/05/2021 as written. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - Aye. The motion carries.

Morgan asked what the charges on the Waste Management invoices are for and Clement explained it is the waste disposal charge.

Joyce Gallant was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view the report.

Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector, had the following building permits to be approved this week:

- Adam Rauwerdink, 5 Wendall Drive, remodel master bathroom: signed by Board.
- William Whittier, 438 Middle Road, install 6" tubes to support existing porch: signed by Board.
- James Scott, 49 RT 107, install 20KW standby generator: signed by Board.
- James Scott, 49 RT 107, install 1" underground gas line from propane tank to generator: signed by Board.
- Charles Evans, 232 Middle Road, replace shingles on barn: signed by Board.
- King Family Trust, 73 Middle Road, install 200-amp panel and 30-amp sub panel: signed by Board.
- Michael Foy, 143 South Road, build a 45' x 100' barn/garage: signed by Board.
- Karen Tellier, 55 Prescott Road, remodel bathroom to code: signed by Board.
- Joan Livesey, 14 Ladd Road, install 3 zone heat pump: signed by Board.

Notes:

- 1) Current use application
 - a. Clement explained that this current use application was from 3/29/2005 for Gordon Wilson, 41a Mill Road that was not signed by BOS and therefore never recorded. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to sign the current use application. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 2) Estimate for salt
 - a. Christiansen said that Morton's quote is \$68.55 per ton; Eastern Minerals quote is \$67.00 per ton. Christiansen explained that even though Eastern is less expensive, Robinson would like to stay with Morton because once you are on their list, they never forget about you and if you run out, they take care of you. This would not be the case with a new vendor. Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to award the salt contract to Morton. All in favor. The motion carries.

Budgets:

- 1) Emergency Management
 - a. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to accept the Emergency Management budget of \$14,875.00. Richard Murphy asked for the Board to explore an increase in wages for himself and his deputy (Paul).

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Christiansen made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to increase Murphy's wage to \$25.00 per hour and his deputy's wage to increase to \$24.00 per hour. All in favor. The motion carries. Morgan asked about the Seabrook Station line item and Murphy explained that each quarter he submits paperwork to the state to be ready for ROC and that we are reimbursed by Seabrook station every quarter, flat fee. Murphy said it is for the drill process, a 2-year cycle through FIMA to satisfy FIMA qualifications. Frizzell expressed his interest to get involved with that.

2) Legal

- a. Clement said this is level funded. Artimovich said we are supposed to do perambulations every 7 years to go out and find town markers and that we need to get with surrounding towns and complete this. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to accept the Legal budget of \$28,627.00. All in favor. The motion carries.

3) Trash Collection and Disposal

- a. Clement said there is a decrease in the budget for 2022 and that we signed with Casella in 2019, however it did not include the travel fee to Rochester. Clement said the rates reflect 21/22 cycle with Casella with a decrease of \$10,000. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to accept the Trash Collection and Disposal budget of \$468,452. All in favor. The motion carries. Morgan asked why we are at 60% on landfill fees this year and Clement explained it is the tonnage for trash set fee and the rate for recycled is a variable rate. Morgan asked what happens if we have money left over at the end of the year and Clement said it stays in the general fund. Frizzell asked what white goods are and Clement said washers and driers.

Christiansen said he attended the school board meeting on October 4th and it was reported that the department of education for New Hampshire is going to return to Swasey \$133,059.44, at which time the school board were told that they had 2 options – to use the money or do nothing and it goes in to the general fund for unrestricted dollars and the school board voted 5-0 to do nothing, so the tax rate will be offset by that amount of money. Christiansen asked Melissa Litchfield, Swasey school board Chair, if she knows when we will receive this money and she said she believes it will be November and that she will find out and let us know.

Morgan spoke to the economic development committee and explained that with unanimous support from the planning board they have chosen committee members with the ideal qualifications. These are Robert Stan – Legal, Bob Rossman – Commercial Real Estate, Patrick Ferrell – PR expert, Mac Bonafede – Data Expert and Morgan said he will be the BOS member. Morgan is requesting a member from the planning board attend meetings - Kristen Aldred-Cheek. Stefanie Beaver, Brandon Stover and Derek Butts will be asked to be alternates. Morgan said he would like the first meeting to be next Wednesday, and Clement said the conservation committee meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, so as long as it did not fall on same date it will be fine. Morgan made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to accept the committee member names. All in favor. The motion carries.

Liz Faria, 209 South Road said regarding the economic development committee, there are lots of duplicate businesses in downtown Exeter area and there's a lack of diversity in a fairly small area.

Bill Faria, 209 South Road asked what does this committee hope to accomplish and Morgan said to create a vision and plan for economic development in town and integration with the master plan.

Artimovich said to discuss the budget process - wage and budget increases and decreases, level funded? Mantegari said to look at wages with inflation going up and look at what inflation is. Clement said she is doing a wage survey with 7 other New Hampshire communities. Artimovich said department heads need direction and that we need to retain people. Morgan said we need to give a bullet point of direction and be more competitive, to look at wages.

Letty Bedard, 198 Middle Road asked regarding the current use, does this stay with the property or the owner and Clement said it stays with the property.

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Liz Faria said the staff do a great job but wanted to state that a lot of people during the pandemic made no money. Faria said that if we are to be competitive with professionalism and background, and you have a very young and inexperienced department (police), then you pay them a lot more money, that doesn't mean they have the experience. Christiansen said that every time we lose an office it takes a lot of money to get a new one. Faria said she knows that, and she does not think we are losing officers just because of pay.

At 6:43pm Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to go in to non-public for legal and compensation. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, and Christiansen – aye. All in favor, the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parkhurst.

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: **10/12/2021**

General Fund:

TD BANK

Previous Balance:	3,557,765.88			
Deposits:	29,802.42			
Payroll:	21,605.60		DDP: \$21107.80	
			CHK: \$497.80	
FICA:	5262.82			
to Impact Fees	-	Reg A/P Cks		NH Retirement
		\$49,346.36		\$
A/P: Regular	49,346.36	Swasey : \$		CO-OP: \$
FICA Return				
void checks	-			
Account Balance:	3,511,353.52			
Interest Earned				
YTD:	1,743.05			
Former	Interest Earned			
MMA	YTD:	1253.26		

Joyce A. Gallant, Treasurer
Jonathan Ellis, Deputy Treasurer