

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 25, 2022

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Gary McGrane, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV), Richard Caton (PD Chief), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Ronda Palmer (Office Manager), John Johnson (Public Works), Mike Booker (Fire Chief), Yvette Meunier (AVCOG)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 pm - Tim led the pledge.

2. Minutes – April 11, 2022 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Old Business – Mike gave an update on the ladder truck. It will be returned after the ladder is tested on May 23, 2022.

4. Community Resilience Partnership – Yvette Meunier, Environmental and Community Planner at AVCOG, was present to introduce the Selectboard to the Community Resilience Partnership program. She thanked the Selectboard for their letter of support. She told them the steps needed to be able to apply for grant funding. Community action grants are open in March and September. There are 70 projects available for non-matched grants. The first step is to pass a resolution. M/M/S Gary/Tom to pass the Community Resilience Partnership resolution as written. Vote 5-0-0. Lee Ann and Gary volunteered to work on this program.

5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to purchase 17 used FD SCBA bottles from New England Fire Equipment for \$8,100 from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0.

M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve updating the Town’s website through Expenet to include one year of hosting and maintenance and 2-4 hours of training for \$2500 to come from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0.

There was discussion about accepting online payments at the Town office for taxes, etc. which would mean possibly purchasing new software. The subject was tabled so that the Board could explore further.

Craig Boone is working on information regarding the Highway Building. More info will be coming.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Project regarding ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Criminal Forfeiture – M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to approve accepting two criminal forfeiture transfers and to have the forfeiture funds to go into the Asset Forfeiture Account. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Disposal of Property – Trucks – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve selling by going out to bid the two 2004 F250 trucks obtained last year through the LESO program with a minimum bid requirement of \$5900. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Pole Location Permit – Quarry Street – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the CMP and Consolidated Communications Pole Location application for the end of Quarry St. Vote 5-0-0.

9. Public Works Truck Gear – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the purchase of truck gear for the Western Star 4700 from Highway Capital Reserve for \$76,290 from HP Fairfield. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to purchase an F-600 from Farmington Ford for \$55,830 trading the Dodge 3500 at \$30,166 for an amount of \$25,664 after trade in from Highway Capital Fund. Vote 5-0-0.

10. Public Hearing Notice - Set Sewer Rates May 9th – M/M/S Terry/Tom to sign the Public Hearing Notice for setting Sewer Rates May 9th at 6:00 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

11. Other Business – Terry announced the upcoming meetings and dates of interest.

12. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. Union Negotiations (All) - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Negotiations (All). Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S – Gary/Tom to tentatively agree to the contracts as presented. Vote 5-0-0.

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York