

**Board of Selectmen
December 13, 2022**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, Carol Walsh, John Bennett, Danielle Cole, Dan Monahan, Charles Farley, Jr., Jessica Thurston, Chyann Murphy, Michael Gilmartin, Brant Viner. Attending virtually: Margaret Harlin, Sue Starr, Barbara Acosta.
- II. Visitors to be Heard - none
- III. Approval of Agenda – Opening Snow Plow bids was added to the agenda under New Business.
- IV. Approval of Minutes November 29, 2022: It was moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve the minutes with the correction of the date from November 1 to November 29. Vote: 5 - 0
- V. Old Business
 - a. Fire Department: The Fire Chief reported having 132 calls which is a record for the department. Met with Bureau of Safety Labor Board, and one item needed is a 15 minute eye wash which the dept. doesn't have. Hydrostatic testing will now be required and that will be done. OSHA 300 was mentioned and Walsh will look into that and let the Chief know if there's anything they need to do. Ladder truck is still awaiting parts. Monahan asked if there had been any response to the RFP for a survey – Walsh will forward him the RFP to be sent to a firm he is familiar with to ascertain interest.
 - b. Parks & Recreation – Legal opinion Fundraising: Monahan referenced a legal opinion he receive on fundraising from MMA. It appears there are a number of regulations for that and raffles which should be carefully reviewed. If there is interest, committees should work with he and Walsh. Ehrlenbach noted that approval of that type of fundraising would need a warrant article to be voted on by the town.
 - c. Broadband Committee: Margaret Harlin updated the Board. The group met and is exploring internet safety training. Looking for a date for that training.

VI. New Business

- a. Legal Opinion – ARPA: Monahan had contacted the Town Attorneys concerning the claiming of a standard allowance for use of the funds, and their response was that towns could claim the standard allowance in the reporting April 2023. It may be changed from the last reporting, only in April. Ehrlenbach read the e-mail and contacted the attorney who had issued the opinion. Going through the entire process in those discussions the applicant has to swear the information is correct. Referring to Title 17A, it would be a misdemeanor class D crime to have answered yes to the question about whether the Town lost revenue, when in fact the Town gained revenue. The attorney thought the upcoming form to be filed in April 2023 may have better wording, but didn't argue the point. Ehrlenbach said there is only about \$80,000 left and it would be prudent to spend the funds on that, which is allowed.
 - b. Snow Removal Bid: The only bid received was from Mike Barry Construction. It appears the 3 year bid was for \$105,500/year and the additional 2 year bid (making it a 5 year contract) was for \$115,500. Ehrlenbach will contact Barry to clarify his intent in this bid. It was Moved Bennett and seconded Farley to accept the bid pending clarification from Barry. Vote 5 – 0.
- VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s): Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve A/P & Payroll Warrants. Vote: 5 - 0
- VIII. Other Business - none
- IX. Adjourn: It was Moved and Seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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