

Board of Selectmen
August 8 2023
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Fred Ehrlenbach, Carol Walsh, John Bennett, Danielle Cole, Dan Monahan, Charles Farley, Jr; Visitors: Kevin Hallett, Steve Heckman, Jessica Thurston, Michael Gilmartin, Maddison Cole, Christina Heiniger, Chantel Longo-Guess, Emily Muise, Olin Blodgett
- II. Visitors to be Heard: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes August 8, 2023: It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 - 0
- V. Old Business
 - a. Fire Department: The contract discussed at the last Board Meeting, to refurbish the fire truck was circulated. There is a new recruit to the fire department and he will fall under the grant conditions and the Town must provide a copy of the cancelled check for his physical to be reimbursed. Chief Heckman discussed the volunteer discount ordinance and said that, as the firemen were to get a stipend for any calls they attended, he understood that they would not be eligible for a volunteer discount. Ehrlenbach affirmed that, saying those members were being paid while other committees/volunteers were not, and those were the individuals who are eligible according to the ordinance. Heckman said he would like to give his firefighters the option of one or the other, by presenting a list of names of volunteers who would rather take the volunteer discount than the stipend. Cole asked about the volunteer ordinance and Walsh said she could provide a copy to whomever wanted. Monahan asked what committee members would get the discount, and was told by Ehrlenbach that committees that were not paid a stipend, and when questioned, he said, Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Parks and Recreation. Heckman returned to the subject of reimbursement under the volunteer ordinance, saying he had not seen the ordinance. Walsh reminded him that the ordinance was originally brought to the Board by the Fire department. She will get copies of the ordinance to the Board and Fire Chief. Regarding the refurbishing of the Fire Truck, Monahan said he hadn't seen it. Walsh said it was discussed in detail at the prior meeting. It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to have the Chair sign the contract. Vote . 4 – 0 – 1 (abstain Monahan) as he hadn't had time to read the contract.

- b. Traffic speed control sign: no report
 - c. SynerGenSolar: Monahan asked if a representative was there – Walsh said they will be at the meeting on the 5th of September, and the property owners have brought their real estate taxes up to date. Monahan questioned who sent the information, our attorney or their attorney. The information was from SynerGen, and the info was from their attorney. It was noted that once info was submitted to the Board it became public information. Farley asked if the Chair had an opinion on the paperwork. Chairman said he would reserve comments for the meeting on the 5th and would like each Board member to review and come to their own conclusion, and then discuss.. Cole commented that these papers were simply SynerGen’s projections, and Ehrlenbach agreed. Farley asked if SynerGen said how they came up with the numbers and if they had other projects that were similar. They did not. It was noted by Farley that there was no indication in the paperwork that there would be any jobs created.
- VI. New Business
- a. HCPC Letter of Support: Monahan asked what this was all about. Walsh said it was discussed at the last meeting, and brought up by Rollins, and the letter was received, which coordinated with the last discussion and was put on the agenda for discussion. Monahan said it is the first he has seen it, and would like to hear from the person who brought it up. He feels the Board should wait until Rollins is present. Walsh didn’t know if there was a time constraint on the form letter. The letter supports HCPC’s application for a grant of \$75,000 and it’s likely the letter went to all HCPC towns in Hancock county. Gilmartin asked why the Board wouldn’t support it with this letter. Ehrlenbach said that’s why the item is on the agenda. Farley asked if the item could be tabled until Rollins is available. Moved Farley and Seconded Bennett to table this item until the 9-5-23 meeting.
Vote: 5 - 0
- VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s): Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole to approve A/P and Payroll Warrant(s). Vote; 5 - 0
- VIII. Other Business: Monahan asked of the CEO reports, what the \$30million building permits were. He was informed it was the Gateway Center, which will not bring any tax revenue to the Town.
- IX. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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