

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, May 22, 2023**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)
OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF)

Correspondence:

- A DRA letter reported that monitoring of Avitar's 2022 inspections was acceptable and no errors were found.

Sign: payroll and one account payable

NEW BUSINESS

- MA moved and TB seconded a motion to approve a veteran's tax credit for Naylor (17 French Cross Rd). Motion passed.
- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to grant a burial lot license to Evans for lot 49 in Section A. Motion passed.
- MA and JW signed a contract with UNH Dispatching for services for 2023.
- After a review, TB moved and MA seconded a motion to warrant the first property tax bill in the amount of \$3,858,701. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

- TB presented the final version of a contract with MRI for \$22,500 for a fire department study. The study will assess current level of service and what would be needed to bring our FD to acceptable levels, and will research collaboration with Durham for fire services. Additional towns can be added to the study at costs listed in the contract. MRI will deliver results within 100 days of receiving requested information from Town. TB moved and MA seconded to approve a study of the Madbury Fire Department by Municipal Resources Incorporated in the amount of \$22,500, with the option of choosing additional work as presented in the contract. Motion passed.
- EF presented an email from Engalichev (trustee of 48 Freshet Rd) who proposed September 1, 2023 as a deadline to remove business operations from the property. EF will prepare a letter indicating possible costs and repercussions if the business activities were to continue. The Selectmen agreed to the proposed deadline.

BOARD UPDATES:

- EF reported on water test results at Tibbetts Field and the town Cemetery. The Cemetery has high level of arsenic (previously known) and antimony. EF will work on a non-potable water sign for the spigot at the Cemetery. The school district had previously been advised about the high arsenic.
- JW reported that the trails around Tibbetts fields are in need of cleanup and repair from the winter. The Recreation Commission is also looking at purchasing an edger which could be used elsewhere in the town once purchased.
- EF reported that the PWEC committee is pursuing another possible snow plowing contractor.

OTHER:

- It was noted that the Gaudreault property (70 Cherry Ln.) has not gone to probate and this may be an issue the town has to pursue. A discussion about the current liens and probate

followed. MA suggested EF contact the town attorney to get guidance on how to proceed with this property.

- JW noted that with the Town Hall ice dam issue resolved, the interior of the building could use painting.
- TB reported two items to EF to be relayed to the Road Agent: a pot hole on Old Stage Rd, between Fern Way and Moss Lane, and confirmation that the owner of 1 Moss Lane has scheduled a tree service which will include removing the limb that is currently endangering the roadway.
- ER reported that a plaque and framed gift are ready to be given to former Selectman Fritz Green to recognize his years of service to the town.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fegenbaum*

Approved: *6-5-2023*

On approved minutes, proof changes are noted through italics for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.