

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2023**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Chris Lemelin and Donald Bliss, Jeanette Fones

MINUTES: TB moved and MA seconded the approval of minutes from 6/5, 6/9, 6/30, 7/3, and 7/7 as amended. Motion passed.

GUESTS: Chris Lemelin, Executive Director and Board Member Donald Bliss from McGregor Memorial EMS came before the Selectmen to provide a preview of their upcoming budget request for 2024. They are anticipating a substantial increase of about \$15,000 to a total of \$22,000. Their total ask to all towns is \$300,000. They have had challenges with retaining staffing. They have a very qualified staff and an exceptional working environment, but it is difficult to compete on wages. A slightly lower call volume actually reduces revenue. They cover 99% of their calls and run a training institute. Their issues are not unique; a few regional private providers have actually gone out of business. Securing a larger facility is also on their horizon.

NEW BUSINESS

- EF noted that there had been some vehicle damage to Town Hall. Insurance companies had been contacted.
- EF will ask the Cemetery Trustees if they will accept an alternate member per RSA 289.

OLD BUSINESS

- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to approve the website comment memo with a return date of August 31, 2023. Motion passed.
- There was consensus have DA send out the budget guidance letter as presented.
- The owner of 50 Huckins Road, where there is a potential wetland violation, has indicated that he will be going to the ZBA for a variance.
- TB explained that the FD is not able to provide GIS information on response times for the MRI contract, and the Fire Chief has proposed having the work done by MRI for an additional \$3,450. The Selectmen voiced some disappointment that the issue had not been anticipated at contract time. TB will discuss the issue with the Fire Chief. TB moved and MA seconded the approval of \$3,450 in additional funding for GIS data that the town cannot provide per the contract. Motion passed

OTHER:

- Jim Davis and Justin Corrow will be invited in to discuss the electrical status at the Town Hall, and with Jim on the ORYA soccer goal issues.
- The Friday, July 21 Selectmen's meeting is canceled.
- There was a short discussion about the Capital Reserve for lafolla and future plans for the town owned land.
- *TB inquired about town janitorial service. It will be added to future agenda.*

Meeting ended at 9:00pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *8-4-2023*

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