

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2023**

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

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA) and Jeanette Fones

CORRESPONDANCE

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- EF explained that he had decided to hold the presentation of the MS-1, Summary Inventory of Valuation, as he had been rushed in preparing it and had not had a chance to review it properly.
- MA moved and TB seconded a motion to approve a veterans' credit for David Herd. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Auditors have received the requested changes to the 2022 report and are working on a response. It is expected on Friday.
- JW reported that she had not heard back from the county regarding any plans the county might have for regional fire protection. TB presented Amendment 2 to the MRI fire department study. He had consulted with Chief Perley and there was a desire to include all of the possible travel times and mutual aid scenarios with surrounding towns. TB presented an amendment which would include Dover and Barrington in the current study, including GIS mapping. TB moved and MA seconded the approval of Amendment 2 with MRI for \$35,750 to include Dover and Barrington (with GIS mapping) in the current study. Motion passed. Madbury has provided all of the materials requested for the study. MRI has been working on other research and the third party will now begin the GIS mapping work.
- There was a discussion regarding the Martins, 3 Cherry Lane, with regard to a meeting time after they canceled a confirmed meeting for work reasons and the lack of reply in setting up a new meeting date. There was consensus for EF to send an email requesting a prompt meeting date/response and the board's preference for a discussion rather than enforcement actions. The discussion went on to suggest paths to a solution by the Martins and actions that could be taken by the Selectmen. The Martins have the option of going to the Planning Board for possible home occupations. Concerns include the short term rental as it relates to the town's ordinance regarding tourist homes, the organ repair and band use as home occupations and the noise affecting the neighborhood.

BOARD UPDATES

- On the issue of website comments from other board, EF reported that both Conservation Commission and Water Resources Board were okay with posting approved minutes, but a posting of agendas was problematic with regard to timing. One Water Resources Board member had a list of suggestions and updates for their page.

OTHER:

- EF reported that the issue on the Engalichev property on Freshet Rd., seems to have been resolved as the wood processing fellow has moved out.
- EF will look into possible avenues for the probate of the Gaudreault property.

- EF will investigate possible town building cleaners with the Moharimet principal and Cintas. TB offered that a high school janitor might be approached.
- EF will investigate possible contractors to repair the building damage to town hall. Work on other town hall repairs were mentioned.
- JW noted that we were six months into the new board and asked if there was any feedback on how BOS meetings were going and if there were any specific suggestions. No suggested improvements were made.
- Jeannette Fones commented that it seemed that the BOS was not appreciative of her work on window and curtain quotes for a Wentworth Grant. She had arranged for some estimates from local contractors. EF explained that he was likely the cause of Jeannette frustration. He had attended the glass quote meeting, because he thought it was a regular budget item and probably not a Wentworth Grant proposal. She provided the glass quote to JW. JW noted that the Selectmen would pay attention to assigning specific tasks and the Selectmen appreciated her efforts.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fugenthal*

Approved: *10-13-2024*

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