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Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Format

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also present were Selectman Claude Patten, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Assistant Fire Chief Deborah Black, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Police Chief Mark Lewandowski, and Barrett Salta of BPS.

Chairman Mooney opened with the following statement: We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform and the public has access to listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-929-205-6099, meeting ID 823 3079 9982, password 364546 or by going to the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org.

Abatements, Exemptions & Credits

The appropriate abatements, exemptions, and credits were signed by all attending Board members.

New Business

SAFER Program- Assistant Fire Chief Deborah Black and Fire Chief Mike Newhall explained the SAFER Grant. The grant is 100% paid for 3 years and covers the salaries and benefits of the hired FF, and then on the 4th year the Town would pick up from there the salaries of the 2 Fire Fighters if we decided to keep them on, at the end of the grant we have the option to hire or let the employees go. The costs to the Town will be to pay for uniforms and gear. Selectman Mooney asked about training and who pays for that costs? Newhall explained that unlike with the PD, Fire Fighters and EMT's have to come in already certified. The goal is to have 3 FF on each shift day and night. This grant will help us to get this started. The department is getting busier and we foresee the need to increase personnel whether we get a grant or not and this grant will help us and be a real financial savings to the Town. Uniforms and gear will cost about \$5,000 per

employee. The Board decided to think about it for the time being to mull it over more and get back to TA Beaudin with a decision by Friday. TA Beaudin will reach out to other Towns and see how they approached letting their FF go after the contract expired under this grant program. Chairman Mooney commented that in the future it is important to remember that this type of program request should be brought to the TA so that she can get the matter before the Board for discussion in a timely manner.


PD Discussion- Barrett discussed that the lead time on the generator was 90 days and now it has moved to 120 plus days. TA Beaudin added that the grant is going to Governor and Council on April 7th and that will give us an answer on the status of acceptance. Barrett will order the generator on April 8th after the grant is accepted. We have received 3 quotes for the security systems. Daniels Electric came in at the best quote at about \$4,00 lower than the others, and we are awaiting one more quote to be revised if possible.

TA Beaudin has been speaking with Linda Dalton about an individual at 30 Timothy Drive. The property has several tax liens for 2017 thru 2020. Linda has tried several times to reach out to the property owner to see if they would turn over the trailer. Linda obtained legal counsel to move forward with an eviction. Once she has the authority to remove the trailer, she would like to seek an abatement of back taxes. The trailer is in bad shape and needs to be removed. This is an arrangement that we have made with other park owners in the past. It is a low value poor condition property. This will allow a new trailer and owner to be placed on the tax roll. Selectman Patten motioned to move forward and abate the back taxes; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.


Non-Public

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91: A:3 II (b) at 10:12 a.m. Those present and voting were Ruth Mooney, Claude Patten, and Jon Pike. Also present were TA Beaudin, Asst. TA Alicia Jipson. At the conclusion of the non-public session, Selectman Pike moved to approve submitting the SAFER application and Chairman Mooney seconded the motion contingent upon information being affirmed by the Town Administrator after consult with the Town Attorney. The motion passed; Selectman Patten voted not to support.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman