

Office of Board of Selectmen

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Monday, October 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Belmont Mill Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Alicia Jipson, Park N Rec Director Danielle St. Onge and Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Selectman Claude Patten moved the minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2022, as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of the Budget review meeting held on October 5, 2022, as written; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of the Budget review meeting held on October 12, 2022, as written; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously

New Business:

Old Home Day

Danielle St. Onge discussed with the Board that Old Home Day 2023 will be on Saturday August 12th. The theme will be "picture this". They will have various plans and activities focused around capturing Belmont's past, present and future through photography. We will capture inviting scenes, invite caricature artists to create masterpieces and invite local photographers to capture the memories of the day. Danielle also requested that the Town waive the vendor fees for no profits. The Board unanimously agreed with waiving the fees and with the theme.

Opioid Settlement Acceptance

TA Jipson noted that we have received our 3^{rd} settlement fund in the amount of \$4,152.19. also stating that this morning we were advised that our 4^{th} check in the amount of \$25,087.42 will be coming shortly. We will have about \$35,000 in the account to assist Belmont with fighting the opioid pandemic.

Selectman Pike motioned to accept \$4,152.19 from the Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Distribution, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, to be used in accordance with RSA 126-A:86. Seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerks Office New Hires

TA Jipson announced that the TC was successful in recruiting 2 employees to fill the vacant clerks' positions. We have hired Jennifer Thomas and Leigh Smith.

Selectman Patten motioned to approve the hiring of Jennifer Thomas as a Clerk in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office with a start date of 10/24/2022. Seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike motioned to approve the hiring of Leigh Smith as a Clerk in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office with a start date of 10/31/2022. Seconded by Selectman Mooney and the motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business:

FD Boat Sale

TA Jipson announced that this morning the Fire Chief sent an email informing her that the old rescue boat went to auction and sold for \$3,750.00. TA Jipson announced that when the check is received the Board can make a formal motion to accept the funds in a public meeting.

HealthTrust Rates 2023

TA Jipson announced that Belmont HealthTrust medical and dental rates have been established for the upcoming year. The medical rates have increased by 4.7% and dental has increased by 1.5%.

Old Business:

Casella Cart Mailers

TA Jipson handed out mock postcards that the Town will be mailing out to let residents know that the automated carts are coming.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting date will be November 7, 2022, at 10:00am.

Non-Public:

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (I) at 10: 20 am. Roll call was taken and those present, and voting were Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney

recommendation from legal on town matters. Discussion was had in approving the Finance Directors request for a Part time Finance Clerk. Selectman Pike motioned to approve the hiring of a part-time clerk at 24 hours a week; seconded by Selectman Mooney and Selectman Patten voting nay. Motioned passed 2-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 pm.

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

lon Pike, Vice Chairman

Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman