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Selectmen's Work Session

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Format

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Also present were Selectman Claude Patten, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Barrett Salta with Bonnette Page and Stone and Doug Proctor with H.L. Turner Group.

Selectman Patten moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2020 as written; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Project meeting with BPS- Barrett Salta went over the owner's soft costs, and what we can possibly look at eliminating or changing to help reduce some costs. The Board suggested getting other quotes for the security systems. The Board will decide on the type of elevator and signage on the outside of the building. Barrett and Doug will also look at other vendors and their cost for some of the items listed.

Annual Meeting Warrant- TA Beaudin discussed articles of interest include Article #2 which is the Zoning article submitted by petition, according to our Town Attorney you can put a Non recommend notation on the article however if we receive any other petition's prior to January 12th, you will also have to put recommendations on these to be consistent. Selectman Pike motioned to side with the Zoning Board to not approve the Zoning petition; seconded by Selectman Mooney and the motion passed unanimously. Article #3, the Library Trustees would like to increase the number of Trustees from 3 to 5, and Article #24, relative to changing the percentage of the LUCT that goes into the Conservation Commission from 100% to 50%.

Expanded FMLA and future COVID related leave- Attorney Cole in a letter stated now that the FFCRA's mandate has expired, the Town is no longer obligated to provide such leave or, if granted, provide pay. We can choose to change the policy and add that in, but at this time we do not see the need and can address at that time if a need arises.

TA Beaudin confirmed that OME had responded to her inquiry. The \$22,768 cost for the Tower upgrade is just for the Tower, the antennas are covered in the \$109,728. The Selectmen agreed to move forward with the antenna, authorizing the added \$22,768 for the Tower and the \$4,910 for the concrete foundation. The total cost for the portion of the project will be approximately \$137,406. TA Beaudin will advise Barrett at BPS.

Deliberative Session- Is set to be in person on Saturday, January 30, 2021 in the High School Gym. There is a bill before the legislature on 1/6/2021 to allow towns the ability to postpone Town Meeting to the 2nd Tuesday in April, May, June, or July, which would allow us to postpone the Deliberative Session. During the Budget Committee's meeting last night Chairman Mitchell indicated that we should proceed as normal and go as planned.

Old Business

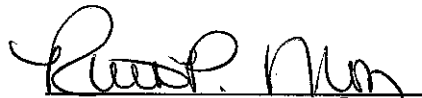
Reopening Town Hall- Sign up for Elections begins January 20th and continues through January 29th. Other Towns have indicated they are doing the same things with appointments and or meeting others outside to allow them to sign up.

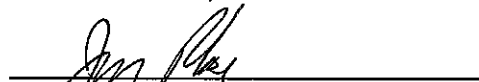
Belknap Mall Appeal- A settlement agreement has been reached between KRT, the Town, and the Property Tax Consultant.

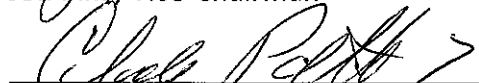
DPW Director Craig Clairmont mentioned that they are going to move forward with cleaning up Welcome Road soon. They are going to try and haul some of the material away themselves and save some money. Craig mentioned that the PD is upgrading their radios in their cruisers, and if the old ones are not going to be used, he could use them in some of the DPW trucks, as his are older and do not always work the best.

Selectman Mooney indicated that she is attending the Conservation Committee meeting tonight, and on the agenda is a complaint about trash and dog feces on the trail behind the Mill. Ruth feels that if it is brought up it will be her position that it is not the Towns responsibility to pick up the trail.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman