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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Belmont Mill, Tioga Meeting Room

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Jeanne Beaudin, Heritage Commission Chairman Vicki Donovan, Moderator Al Nix, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Heritage Commission member Priscilla Annis, Robert and Lisa Lord and Fire Chief Mike Newhall.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., moved the minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Jon Pike moved the minutes of the meeting held on November 5, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing RSA 31:95-b

TA Beaudin explained that the Board had held a previous public hearing in August to accepted the first payment of funds from the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, however recent recommendations by the NH Municipal Association recommended that communities hold a second public hearing to amend the first and record acceptance of the full grant amount. In Belmont's case the amount should be \$767,689.20. The first payment has been received and the second is due in June 2022. The Town has used a portion of the funds to purchase body cams for the Belmont Police Department, using the "loss revenue" formula under ARPA.

Chairman Mooney opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m. There being no questions from the public, she closed the hearing at 10:08 a.m.

Selectman Jon Pike moved to accept the full amount of the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant in the amount \$767,689.20; the motion was seconded by Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. and the motion passed unanimously.

Heritage Commission Appointments

TA Beaudin noted that she had received letters requesting reappointment to the Heritage Commission from Vikki Donovan and Claire Bickford for another 3-year term. Selectman Jon Pike moved to reappoint Vikki Donovan and Claire Bickford for 3-year terms ending in 2020; Selectman Claude Patten seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Warrant Article – Amend 2018 Article 72:81

TA Beaudin explained that in 2018 the Town had adopted the provisions of RSA 72:81 relative to new construction in the commercial and industrial zone, the legislature has since amended the RSA and TA Beaudin is recommending an amendment to the article for this year's Town Meeting. The Board reviewed the language and briefly discussed its application; Selectmen Jon Pike moved to place the article on the 2022 warrant, seconded by Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., motion passed unanimously.

Asset Management Grant & ARPA Grant for Iron and Manganese

TA Beaudin reported to the Board that the Asset Management Grant previously discussed at the Board's last meeting could move forward with Underwood Engineering as the engineer of record. She had sent the last RFQ for sewer related services to DES for consideration and they notified her today that it would be acceptable. TA Beaudin will proceed to organize the remaining paperwork.

TA Beaudin updated the Board on the notice from NHDES relative to the States' Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Pre-Application process. The Town has been awarded \$638,400 in financial assistance from the program for the construction of an Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant. It was noted that the Town had received grant funding for this project in the past but the voters had turned it down; this amount is substantially less than the original grant. The Town must place a warrant article on the 2022 meeting warrant to be granted the authority to do so from the voters; the funds must be expended no later than December 2026. The Selectmen suggest that we do a significant Public Information campaign to make the voters aware of the opportunity.

Heritage Commission Awards

Commission Chair Vikki Donovan announced the Heritage Commission Community Awards noting that an award is being given to the many volunteers who have contributed to the Gale School project. The award will be given in person at the Gale School location on Wednesday, November 17th at 3 pm. She noted that receiving an award at today's meeting was the Town Moderator Al Nix for Regional Leadership in Outstanding Service to Town Meeting Tradition. She outlined Mr. Nix's 14 years of service to the community as Town Moderator. Those present applauded the presentation and a photo of the group was taken.

Deed Waivers

The Board of Selectmen signed the deed waivers requested by the Tax Collector; TA Beaudin noted that all 24 have active payment schedules with the TC office.

Fire Department Boat – Capital Request

TA Beaudin explained to the Board that the Chief was returning to discuss an alternative to the Fire Boat discussion first provided a few weeks ago. She also noted that she had recently learned of an

opportunity to apply for grant funds from the Locality Equipment Purchase Program, an ARPA, program that could reimburse the Town up to \$50,000 for the purchase of a boat. TA Beaudin said that the Town would have to apply for the grant before knowing for certain if the project would be eligible. Chief Newhall provided his latest recommendation to address the Fire Department's boat needs. He explained that the total cost for the two boats proposed would be \$75,000 of which \$25,000 would be requested from the Special Revenue Fund. He detailed the two boats and their anticipated uses. TA Beaudin explained how the warrant article could be written and noted that she would hope the grant application would be approved or not prior to the article going to Town Meeting. The Selectmen were in support of putting the grant application in and placing the boats in the proposed budget. Discussion of whether funding for the full amount would be requested should the grant fail will take place following submission of the application. The Board was pleased with the additional research completed by the Fire Chief in regard to boat options.

Force Main Repairs Route 140

TA Beaudin advised the Board that the Town's share of expense for the force main repairs on Route 140 was \$31,568.02; TA Beaudin recommends that this be paid from Capital Reserve and not added to the Town's operating budget as a repayment to the WRBP Replacement Fund for the next 10 years. Selectman Jon Pike moved to approve the recommendation; Selectman Claude Patten seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

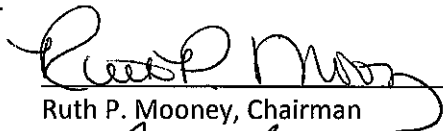
Non-Public

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 11:05 a.m.; roll call was taken and those present and voting were Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney and Claude Patten. TA Beaudin was also present.


Chairman Mooney closed the non-public session at 11:20 a.m.

The Board's next meeting will be on Monday, December 6, 2021; TA Beaudin noted there would be an amendment presented to the Board relative to the Town's Personnel Policy and the provisions of RSA 659:44-a.

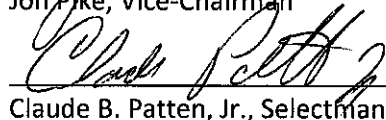
The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman



Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman



Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman