

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the November 21st, 2023
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore

Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Hans Rasmussen, Jeremy Norton

Bud Churchill Tim Covert

Dale & Robin Hartford Jo-Anne Bushey

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the November 7th, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dale Hartford Flag Pole

Dale reviewed the information he received from Nor' East Flagpole company. The estimate is for a fiberglass pole with a 20 year warranty. 25' pole is \$2,550 and a 30' pole is \$3,161. This includes the pole, pole materials, foundation materials, 2 trips, one to install the foundation and another to install the pole.

The board decided to put an article in the March Town Meeting Warrant with the prices to purchase a pole. The board discussed where the pole should be placed.

2. N&E Pond Assoc. Dam Committee Update

The AA spoke with a North Pond Association member about the collaboration of East Pond and North Pond creating a Dam Committee. There has been no committee formed and North Pond Association is having meetings within their organization to discuss how to proceed with the operation of the North Pond Dam.

Timothy Downing sent an email to the board with an update on a petition that was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection.

3. Banking CD Info from Skowhegan Savings

The board discussed some information that Joni had relayed. Joni was not able to attend the meeting, so this item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Ordinances

The board will set a Public Hearing to set a fee for Revision to an approved Sub-division Application.

a. KVCOG Comprehensive Plan Proposal for Update

The board was given the draft proposal from KVCOG. The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen both did not care for the price for services.

b. Amendments to Ordinances from Planning Board

The board reviewed changes to the Mobile Home Park Ordinance. The board felt like the section had contradicting information and wanted the PB to review before the board signed off on it.

The board reviewed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance and approved.

The board reviewed the SLZ Ordinance section 14 and approved.

The board reviewed the Holding Tank Ordinance and approved with a couple of words added to a sentence.

c. Ordinance Enactment Procedure Review

The AA gave the board packets that explains the enactment procedures for amendment and new Ordinance requirements.

2. Fire Department

Jeremy Norton, Deputy Fire Chief updated the board on the Air Compressor that was given to the department from the Norridgewock Fire Department and Waste Management. The board requested the AA send both a thank you letter.

3. Info on Somerset Register of Deeds

The board reviewed the outcome of the Somerset County Register of Deeds referendum question. Due to the question being voted down, the county commissioners are creating a new job that will aid with the responsibilities of the elected registrar.

4. Budget Committee Appointment

Rick Moore motioned to appoint Dale Hartford as a Budget Committee member. Justin Furbush seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. List of Liens for Foreclosure

The Tax Collector gave the board a list of current accounts on the foreclosure list.

6. Technology Solutions

a. FD Laptop

Estimate is \$147.00. The current Fire Department laptop needs an updated solid drive. This will be put in the new budget for FY 20024-25.

b. Replacement of Equipment for Computer Security/Outdated

Estimate is \$1,182.15. Justin Furbush motioned to have this done. Rick Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c. Wireless Access Point Replacement

Estimate is \$211.50. Justin Furbush motioned to have this done. Rick Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

d. Microsoft Software Update

Estimate is \$1,656.00 yearly and one time set up \$450.00. The board will discuss putting that cost into the upcoming budget for 2024-25.

7. Set Budget Workshop Meeting Dates & Public Hearing Date

The board set the four budget workshops for January 2024, and the public hearing date in February.

8. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #23-23

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #23-23. Rick Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.