

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 15, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

Present: Fred McGarry, Chairman, Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Alden Dill, Cynthia McHugh and Dwight Barnes, Selectmen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman McGarry asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Chairman McGarry: A representative from R.B. Lewis is here tonight. I'm going to take him out of order and have you, proceed with regard to an update on the fire flow storage tank for the town offices or town hall, I should say.

Mr. Ellis: Good evening, everyone. This is Tim Pappas from R.B. Lewis and basically, we're going to talk about Phase 3.

Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been completed and we've gone over the findings with you. We're at Phase 3 now and we have results back on the inside of the tank and the condition of the tank and what it would take to move forward with Phase 3.

So, with that, I'm going to let Tim speak on what he found and what his findings are and we can answer any questions if you have any at the end.

Mr. Pappas: Good evening, everybody. Nice to formally meet you. I've been tasked with the objective of getting the fire pump and storage tank back up to satisfactory condition.

We started with pumping it down and cleaning it out due to a lot of sludge in the bottom from two reasons: number one, it's fifteen years old so you know, water over the course of years as well as filling it out of the public water source. It allows microbiology and other things to enter into the tank which long term ended up with the sludge.

We removed the sludge and cleaned the tank from something that looked like this, yeah, to something that looks like this respectively.

So, you've got a plastic tank that's lined in fiberglass. Upon our cleaning and searching, we did find a couple of joints in laps that were "bad" and in need of repair which we strongly feel is the reason why we're losing the amount of water we are.

I've proposed the repair to re-fiberglass all the joints in a wide band to lap to the good material in a five layer to try to make it as strong as possible though you can never guarantee the success of repair.

I have a better feeling than not that this is, this will resolve our issue in the short term as well as in the long term. As my professional feeling, this is deemed from settling of the tank over the 15 or 18 years being filled with 15,000 gallons of water on a less than desirable base.

I feel the base settled just enough to torque the tank itself, cracking the bond on the joints themselves leading to what we are today.

That's kind of the short and the long. I don't know how much more you want me to elaborate in which area you want me to so you might be better off to answer some direct questions should you have them.

Chairman McGarry: Does the Board have any questions?

Selectman Dill: Well, the big question, what are we looking at for price on the repair?

Mr. Pappas: That's been submitted to John and Ray.

Mr. Harrington: I do have an estimated price sent in by Tim earlier this, late last week.

For the Phase 3 repair, it's estimated at \$10,750.00 which would, if approved, bring the total tank repair, cleaning, inspection to approximately \$19,300.00 and on my request, Tim also put together some numbers in, just for comparison's sake.

In order, if the Board decided not to repair and was considering replacing the tank, would be in the vicinity of \$153,400.00. That's not counting any additional ledge work, blasting, building reconstruction if that particular structure can't be saved once it's removed from the pad, the pad destruction and rebuilding the building and any engineering that might be required so it could be in excess of that number that I just gave you.

Selectman Dill: I'm glad we got that second number. Thank you for bringing that over.

What kind of, I know you can't guarantee it, but are we going to get multiple years out of this repair? Should this take care of the issue for a while?

Mr. Pappas: Personal opinion is, I believe so. We're attacking the joints of the tank where the water is logically leaching out.

The only thing I cannot prevent is if it's sitting on a piece of ledge or the original installation was subpar. I don't feel that's the case necessarily because that generally there's a puncture or a part of the tank that's coming in from that force.

I think we probably got an inch or two of settling which with that much weight sitting idle with the building built on top of it, it's not out of the norm.

So, I think the majority of the settling is done and I think we kind of pick up the pieces, fix it as is and get another 15, 20, maybe 50 years out of it if everything goes right.

The other thing is, the tank has not been maintained, you know, short term and long term either. If we get into a maintenance program, use cleaner water like we spoke about. Delivering from a pool truck or other sort of clean, reliable water source, that will only aid us in the long-term maintenance of this.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sounds good.

Selectman Dill: I think if we're not leaking, we can keep cleaner water in there as well because we're not topping it off all the time.

Mr. Pappas: Once a year. We do a performance test once a year where we run the pump to 150 percent of its capacity which is 1500 gallons a minute over the course of, you know, you have a 10-minute water supply. We probably run it for two to three minutes so once a year you'll have to top it off with clean, reliable water and I think the life of this will be extended.

I think the fire department is doing well with delivering water but I think pumping it out of a pond or a lake is not the best idea, long term if we're trying to maintain this to the letter of NFPA.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Dwight?

Selectman Barnes: I know you've been working on this for a while so pardon this question but I assume there's no opportunity to go back on the manufacturer on the tank or the installers of the tank. It sounds like the installation wasn't done very well.

Mr. Harrington: The installation was actually done by two separate companies. The first company was unable to finish the installation from what I understand and we had to bring, the town had to bring in another company to finish the installation. They weren't the original contractors to do so.

Selectman Barnes: All right, so no opportunities there. Okay. Thank you.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to progress with Phase 3 of fixing the tank of \$10,750.00

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: And it's a vote unanimous.

Selectman Dill: I just texted Serita. She meant to tell you today, John, that they got pushed back so they're not ready for doing the conservation easement tonight.

Mr. Harrington: Okay. Thank you.

Selectman Dill: I just figured we'd get that out and not leave it.

Chairman McGarry: Anything else, Ray?

Mr. Ellis: No. Just that the town hall has been shut down. There is no water in the town hall and there's no heat in the town hall and I've been monitoring that.

All the bathrooms have been, antifreeze put in the toilets and everything's been drained and flushed with the air pump from the highway department over so I'm monitoring that and making sure everything's going to go well.

Hopefully this works out well and if we need to turn it on again in February for the Deliberative Session, it will only take me a matter of hours to get it up and running.

Chairman McGarry: Very good.

Selectman Dill: Very good.

(Multiple members thanked Mr. Ellis and Mr. Pappas)

Chairman McGarry: And Steve, are you hear for the plowing contracts or ...

Do you want to take those up next or what?

Selectman Dill: You just pop over there Steve. That way we don't get yelled at for you not having minutes here.

Vice Chairman Pitman: If you just what to read them and w make one motion.

Chairman McGarry:

Okay.

Do you want to have an explanation initially, Steve or we'll just go through them?

Mr. Rollins: Well, I'm obviously short one contractor. Still looking for somebody to fill that position or a truck to fill that position and still short one town guy.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

All right, I'll go through these and then we can have a motion to approve.

We've got and the rates are the same as last year, is that correct?

Mr. Rollins: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

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| DTown Sitework: | \$92.00 per hour |
| East Coast Signals | \$71.00 per hour |
| Kevin Fisher | \$99.00 per hour |
| Kevin Fisher | \$86.00 per hour |

It's a different truck.

Selectman Dill: Different truck, yes.

Chairman McGarry:

The first one was an International. The second one is the Ford F-550.

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| Deerfield Sand and Gravel | \$99.00 per hour | Mack |
| Deerfield Sand and Gravel | \$75.00 per hour | Ford F-350 |
| Waldo Twombly | \$99.00 per hour | Mack |
| Jonathan Winslow | \$78.00 per hour | Ford F-350 |
| Kevin Young | \$83.00 per hour | Ford F-350 |

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the plow contracts read by the chairman

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Glad we have them.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote is unanimous.

Selectman Dill: I assume we're advertising for the open spot.

Mr. Rollins: Basically, knocking on doors. I mean, I haven't actually put out, you know, everybody, had that, I mean obviously we know everybody that does it around here.

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION ON THE BOARD WAS NOT TRANSCRIBED AS THEY WERE TALKING DURING MR. ROLLINS SPEAKING AND WASN'T CLEAR TO TRANSCRIBE)

The only other thing I have for you is the loader, also.

Selectman Dill: Cindy was just asking on the different hourly rates. I know that it's by truck and ...

Mr. Rollins: State rate. So, it all depends on and we went over this last year also. It all depends on their equipment. Whether they're hydraulic, electric over hydraulic or the yardage of the spreader or the size of the blade. There's a bunch of variables so and that's how the state does it and we've just followed the state's...

Selectwoman McHugh: They all know it. I just don't want somebody coming back and saying, hey Joe's getting paid this ...

Mr. Rollins: Now the only, also, just to let you know, the state did go up on their rate this year. We did not but nobody has said anything yet so ...

But we went up last year and I believe what we went up last year is more than what the state went up this year so, and the one truck that we did lose, we did lose to the state.

Selectman Dill: I was going to ask you that exact question if we were losing over a bid price or if it was just somebody who got out of doing it.

Mr. Rollins: No, it's somebody that went to the state, unfortunately.

Do you want this now, John?

Mr. Harrington: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Do you want to vote on this?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

And, while you're doing that, we have a contract for, with Deerfield Sand and Gravel for the four-yard loader for \$3,000.00 a month for December through March of 2022.

Do I have a motion to approve that?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to sign the contract with Deerfield Sand and Gravel for the rental of the four-yard loader from December through March, 2022

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Selectman Barnes: Can you tell me what that's about?

Chairman McGarry: For \$3,000.00 per month for December through March.

Selectman Dill: You mean, what it's for?

Mr. Rollins: To load the trucks at the shed plus mix the sand, salt. Push up the sand pile. Work around the town shed.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's exclusive for town work. It stays at the pit.

Mr. Rollins: Yes. It did last year.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Is that, Steve, is that with fuel and everything or ...

Mr. Rollins: No, you guys supply the fuel and the operator. That's just the machine. It's the same as it's always been.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, any other questions?

Vice Chairman Pitman: How's that going to work, the size of that, Steve, with the new mix area? Are you going to be able to get in there?

Mr. Rollins: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: Any further discussion?

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote is unanimous. One more to sign.

Selectman Dill: While we're doing that, I do have a question for Steve, Fred.

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Selectman Dill: Paving the salt shed. We didn't discuss it.

Mr. Rollins: We did a year ago.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Rollins: We didn't this year but we did a year ago when we decided to build it.

Selectman Dill: I have to say I don't remember the discussion a year ago. You've got to brush up on the bid procedure there because what did that end up, what have we

Mr. Rollins: \$1,700.00.

Selectman Dill: I think and I think John can back me up on this that's over what we need three bids on, correct?

Mr. Harrington: Anything over \$1,000.00 requires three written quotes.

Selectman Dill: Well ...

Mr. Rollins: Okay, what about all the paving we did last year like all the little patches we did around? We didn't get quotes for those and that was like \$2,900.00.

Mr. Harrington: Those were an addition to an already existing bid ...

Mr. Rollins: Different company, different company.

Selectman Barnes: Well, they should have been. It should have been

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Mr. Rollins: That's why I didn't ask for bids because we didn't do it last year and it was the same two companies as last year. The handwork has always gone to whoever we have locally to do it because obviously the big guys aren't interested in coming out here to do a little bit of handwork.

Mr. Harrington: I'm sorry. I thought you meant this year.

Mr. Rollins: No, last year and this year and it was the same big company last year. Same big company this year. Same little company this year doing the handwork as the little company that did the handwork last year.

So, if you want bids from further forward, I'll get bids. I just didn't get them last year so I didn't think I had to this year. I just wasn't asked to last year.

Chairman McGarry: I think certainly from here on in, it should anything over \$1,000.00, that you should be doing.

Mr. Rollins: All right.

Chairman McGarry: Dwight, did you have another question?

Selectman Barnes: No.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And, if we're doing a building improvement like that, you probably should come in and talk to us about it first.

Mr. Rollins: Well, like I said...

Selectman Dill: Over two years ago, I don't remember that we were going to pave that, whatever we want to call it, on the salt shed, floor or mixture ...

Mr. Rollins: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: What's on the other one?

Mr. Rollins: Unfortunately, nothing but there needs to be one when we can. When we flip the material over ...

Selectwoman McHugh: You can remind us of that ...

Mr. Rollins: We're not going to be able to do it this season unfortunately but yeah, we're digging up rocks and gravel and the water is running in there and right now, the water is running into our salt so the whole thing has to be addressed but what we did in the new bay is set up for correcting for the old bay and the loading dock and everything is all going to be set up to correct everything so that we won't have the water running into our salt in the future.

Unfortunately, we have one more bad year because it was so late getting stuff going down there.

Chairman McGarry: Anything else for Steve. I, we have, do have one item that again, I'll take this one out of order too from the people at the intersection of Candia Road and Ridge Road on the, I guess it's on the east side, they were, the letter that they had sent to their concern with regard to the sand running off the road and affecting their grass and they're concerned about the potential for salt getting into their well.

I was wondering if you could go out there and take a look and give us a recommendation of what your thoughts would be to try and correct that, to correct the situation.

Mr. Rollins: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We've got some really nice colored pictures here that you can ...

Selectman Dill: It's the house right there on the corner of Candia and Ridge. They caught me and talked to me about this and basically what she did was that as, they've lived there a long, long time and the road just keeps getting bigger and it's just drifting all down through so I'm glad they sent the letter in.

Mr. Rollins: Yup.

Selectman Barnes: It's that white house.

Mr. Rollins: Yes, they're nice people. When we did the bridge right there, they were really nice, you know, with the town and helpful when we did that so I don't see any problem with going out and taking a look and seeing what they'd like.

Chairman McGarry: Dwight

Selectman Barnes: One other thing on that. They also mentioned that the stonewall gets whacked by the plow. They have to keep reconstructing it. Is there, do you have a thought about that? Is it, how to stay away from that situation?

Mr. Rollins: Unfortunately, cross the street from them, there's the, it's like an incline so if you meet a car there, it's kind of narrow with a truck with a wing. I mean, obviously, we could put a few grade stakes out there or tell the drivers to be careful but I mean, can I guarantee we're not going to hit it? No, I can't. We can do our best but ... And if we have to go back and fix a rock or two for them in the spring, then that's what we can do but as far as like the actual right-of-way through there, it's fairly narrow.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You can go check it out.

Mr. Rollins: And most of the time it is a pickup truck or a one-ton that plows so it isn't really too much of a problem. It's probably towards the end of the storm where we're pushing back is where it becomes a problem so ...

Selectman Barnes: Okay, well, I guess it would be good to let your guys know, all know about that.

Mr. Rollins: Yep.

Selectman Barnes: Another question on that issue, I think we got that information a couple of weeks ago. I was just wondering what the procedure is for handling requests from a citizen like that. I mean should a selectman or two get back to them immediately when they send that in? Has anyone reached out to them yet?

Mr. Harrington: No, I haven't. The Board hasn't even discussed it until tonight but I can certainly write back to them tomorrow and let them know that the road agent's going to go out and take a look at it and give an assessment.

Mr. Rollins: Yeah, this is the first I've heard of it so.

Selectman Barnes: Okay, well, we have been sitting on those pictures now for, is it two weeks?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah, we got it. We didn't bring it up last week. You know it's limited.

Selectman Barnes: I just suggest in the future if we get some sort of communication like that from somebody that somebody responds to him to let him know we got it and that we're going to work on it.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. So, appreciate if you get back to us with that. It's probably too late in the season to really do anything significant out there but give us your recommendation.

Mr. Rollins: All right. If not for this season, we'll definitely have something better for next season.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Mr. Rollins: I mean, if you do much work out there now and don't get something growing, it's not going to amount to anything.

Chairman McGarry: Definitely not.

Mr. Rollins: Unless maybe wood chips or something but I'll talk to them and see what...

Chairman McGarry: Good. Okay, thank you.

Mr. Rollins: That's all for me.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you.

Mr. Rollins: Have a good night.

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of November 8, 2021

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021 as modified

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Barnes: I was listed as being here and not being here so I just wanted to correct that. I was not here.

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 2 – Motion Carries

Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:

Payroll Manifest - \$101,393.13 (gross), \$69,487.20 (net)

Chairman McGarry: And apparently the reason for the higher amount on the payroll amount is the payments for the fire department people at the fairgrounds. Is that correct?

Mr. Harrington: Correct.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, that \$32,000.00 is in this?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the Payroll Manifest as presented

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

Accounts Payable Manifest - \$39,453.18

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest as presented for November 15, 2021

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Barnes: Questions.

Yeah, if you don't mind, I'm a little new at this and I do have some questions.

The Deerfield Fair details that are listed on here. Is that what you just referenced about the fire department?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah, so I wondered how it could be on under Pete's list and then be under this list.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can I see that for a second? Can I see your paper? Somebody's paper. That one. Not that one. What you're reading the detail from the fair.

Selectman Barnes: There were probably dozens of lines on there that dealt with that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: There were a lot. It was probably more like 30. But Pete gave us the payables and had them all listed under that and tonight they're under the payroll. I don't get it.

Selectman Barnes: Are they one in the same?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Selectman Barnes: So, the question on that was, how does that all work? Those details? Looks like there's a revolving fund involved?

Mr. Harrington: The town has a revolving fund for every detail and that counts for both police and fire and we pay out of that and then we wait to get reimbursed by either a utility company or a tree cutting company or in this case, the fair association because the detail is at the fair so it is a revolving fund.

Selectwoman McHugh: That'll come back.

Selectman Barnes: Right. Okay.

Great, a couple other questions. Franklin Associates Septic Design? What is that for? Is that for a town ...

Mr. Harrington: That's at the landfill. We have impact fees that we need to utilize up at the transfer station and the Board approved putting in a well and a septic field and that's the design for the septic field.

Selectman Barnes: So, will there be restrooms up there and ...

Mr. Harrington: No. This will be in place of the current porta potty that is used by staff. We're going to locate a bathroom inside the barn area in the back corner.

Selectman Barnes: Okay. Great.

Fire department testing. Hose, ground ladder. \$3,100.00. What is that?

Mr. Harrington: That's the annual testing that they do.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

North Coast Services Disposal? Electronics?

Mr. Harrington: That's our recycling program. We have to pay to have that hauled away.

Selectman Dill: Out of the Transfer Station.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

Rags and Roses?

Mr. Harrington: That's our cleaning company for the George B. White Building and the Library.

Selectman Barnes: Total Climate Control?

Mr. Harrington: That was South Station's gas propane install at South Station.

Selectman Barnes: That's the fire department on Birch Road.

Mr. Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Barnes: Upton and Hatfield?

Mr. Harrington: That's our legal counsel.

Selectman Barnes: Monthly fee or ...

Mr. Harrington: No, when we utilize them. They usually bill monthly for whatever is used.

Selectman Barnes: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Harrington: Glad I can answer them.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

Signatures/Correspondence:

Chairman McGarry: Next is signatures and correspondence. Under signatures we have a project work agreement for the work that had been done at Sweat Road and this is, and this allows the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to obtain the grant from DES and we have two documents.

One is the project work agreement itself giving several conditions which the property owner and the town agrees to and among those is to sign and mail in the federal permits, install storm water controls as described in the design and specifications and I believe Steve has already done that.

Provide documentation for Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to substantiate the cost to install the storm water controls and properly operate and maintain the storm water controls according to the operation maintenance plan and there's also an operational maintenance plan agreement, itself, both of which end up requiring the approval by the Board and signature by the chair.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association submittal

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: Did it work this weekend?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Looks good when I drive by. I haven't walked that to check it but it looks good.

Selectman Dill: I drove by before the rain and noticed it was done but I haven't checked it after that rain.

Chairman McGarry: I've driven by a couple of times but I didn't notice it.

Selectman Dill: On that maintenance agreement, I haven't read it yet. John, was there anything substantial or is it just saying that we're ...

Mr. Harrington: There are a couple items which I actually questioned the PLPA on such as replacing any vegetation that didn't take the first time, over seeding, watering and given the remote location and we don't have watering equipment to do that and also the potential cost to the town long term for replacing vegetation and grass seed, I was told that it is recommendations. It can't be enforced but that's the language that is in the agreement itself.

Selectman Dill: Okay. Yes, I kind of have the same question on, it's a roadside now. I don't really see us maintaining vegetation with the town maintaining vegetation on a piece of road.

Mr. Harrington: That was my concern when I got the documents and those are the answers I received.

Selectman Dill: Can we change it?

Mr. Harrington: I don't think so.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And right now, I don't know if any grasses started growing in there but it's ...

Selectman Dill: All I could see that there was mulch down and I assume we, they probably hydroseeded it but it's kind of late in the season.

Mr. Harrington: I think they bought seed.

Selectman Dill: Okay. It's kind of late in the season to know if it's going to come up or not.

Chairman McGarry: I agree.

Selectman Dill: So, we might have to reseed this in the spring.

Chairman McGarry: Possibly.

Selectwoman McHugh: Do we want to sign this and we have to maintain it, is that what, is that what you said, Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes, maintaining a regraded, replanted area and it says the planted area may be periodically mowed however the taller grass or plants are the greater capacity. They have to filter and slow the transport of sediment and debris and uptake water.

The grass or plans should be maintained by filling patches in each year and watering during dry periods to ensure proper establishment and aesthetic appeal.

Mr. Harrington: Again, those were my concerns when I received the documents and when I asked, they are recommendations. They're not enforceable.

Selectman Dill: We watered the heck out of it this weekend.

Vote: Yea 2, Nay 2, Abstained 1 – Motion Fails

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, the problem is it's already done.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I don't

Vice Chairman Pitman: Unfortunately, we still own that road.

Selectman Dill: I mean, I thought our move was to make that piece not a road anymore.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It isn't.

Selectman Dill: So, my whole thought on this whole thing from the beginning is if we can get this done and then wash our hands forever of that little piece of road but I don't want to be in a long-term maintenance of something that we're not having vehicle traffic on it anymore.

Chairman McGarry: I think the only thing would be seriously responsible for getting that cut during when we do roadside mowing.

Selectman Dill: We don't even roadside mow that road I don't believe to begin with. I'd have to ask the road agent who just left but ...

Chairman McGarry: All right, we have a 2 to 2 tie with one abstention and as such, the motion fails unless we want to take it up again.

Selectwoman McHugh: Do we want to put it on the table and look into it more? Can we do that?

Mr. Harrington: What would you like me to look into?

Selectman Dill: I'd like a change in the maintenance agreement myself. I have no problem with the first half. I have a problem with the eternal long-term maintenance of something that was no longer a road.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Send it back to the president.

Mr. Harrington: I'll do so.

Chairman McGarry: All right. The next item is the Anthem Health Insurance program and I guess we discussed this, was it last week.

Selectman Dill: We voted for it last week.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. So, we need a motion to authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to have the chair sign the agreement with Anthem Health Insurance

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

We also have another form here from Anthem and how is this different than the first one.

Mr. Harrington: The first one was the actual proposal. This is the enrollment form for the employer.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to authorize the chair to sign the Anthem Enrollment Form for the town

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

And, we also have a document from HealthTrust and this is the flexible benefits plan that we have for the town and has some changes in the wording of the current agreement. Is that correct, John?

Mr. Harrington: The document you have in front of you is an amendment to the 2020 and the current 2021 plan with HealthTrust. There was a change in some of the laws governing that. They are making amendments to the contract and they just want to get the approval by the town and it will be followed by the 2022 plan with those amendments already included in but they want to capture last year and this year with those amendments by the first documents.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to authorize the chairman to sign the documents as presented

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

And we also have a Flexible Benefits Plan and we need a signature on this one also.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to authorize the chairman to sign the Flexible Benefits Plan documents

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote unanimous.

All right. That takes care of the signatures.

In correspondence, we have the letter from the Zhan's who are the folks at the corner of Candia and Ridge Road.

We also have a report from Executive Councilor Gatsas. We have minutes from the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board agenda and Board of Adjustment decision and also a notice for the next Board of Adjustment meeting.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harrington: I have several items for you.

First, I want to bring the Board's attention to the waste oil burner that is in the highway garage that's been used for quite a number of years.

We've been made aware that NH DES has statutes that guide waste oil burning and it has become apparent that the town has not been following those guidelines and I had Ray check into it further and he spoke with someone up at NHDES and we would have to substantially change the way we are using that burner if we're going to continue burning waste oil starting by extensive record keeping which is not happening currently as to how many oils we're burning, I mean, how many gallons we burn. Where the oil comes from. A log of how often the burner is running. The burner would need to be regularly inspected and the oil would no longer be able to be transported other than by a permitted, waste hauler which would incur a bill every time that oil was transported from the transfer station to the highway garage and more substantially, we would need to comply with all DES regs on storing waste oil which is not currently being done in the highway garage.

Those drums would need to be behind a protective barrier, labeled and in spill proof containers which is not happening right now.

This could all lead to quite a bit of expense on our part to use that as a waste oil burner.

Some options that I have for the Board to consider. We could install a propane heater similar to what we just installed at South Station. We already have a tank that is there at the highway garage that could be used as a supply or we could convert that burner to a heating oil burner and use the same tank that feeds the office area oil burner and just run another feed line over to that. Have all that waste oil removed and we would be in compliance.

Selectwoman McHugh: What do we have to do to get rid of the waste oil at the transfer station?

Mr. Harrington: We would have to hire a permitted, licensed hauler to come pick it up.

Selectwoman McHugh: No, to get rid of it. If that's the way we're using it now.

Mr. Harrington: We would have to have it hauled away to a proper facility and the same thing at the transfer station.

Selectwoman McHugh: We'll have to hire somebody to haul it away, anyhow.

Mr. Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Dill: So, we'll have to pay for it.

Mr. Harrington: It would go from the Transfer Station to a permitted facility moving forward.

Selectman Dill: What do we do with the stuff that we collect at the Transfer Station?

Mr. Harrington: Typically, I think the highway garage takes as much as it can.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: There are contractors in town that may be interested in it.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, but then I think we would be back into the same situation.

Mr. Harrington: It would have to be only picked up and delivered by a permitted hauler of waste oil.

Selectman Dill: Is it limited on just municipal heating or is it ...

Mr. Harrington: What we were told is any waste oil burning system.

Selectman Dill: Huh, that stinks. I really like the free oil aspect of this so whatever we end up doing is going to cost us two ways because now we have to dispose of the oil that we're creating and we have to buy the heat.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: How often do they use it?

Selectman Dill: All the time.

Mr. Harrington: I think throughout the entire winter.

Selectman Dill: That's what heats the whole garage area.

Selectman Barnes: Question. Has an analysis been done on those three options; keeping the waste oil, using the propane or using the heating oil?

Mr. Harrington: I have not put any of those figures together. It was just brought to my attention at the end of last week. I'm just alerting the Board. I could certainly put more research into it and come back with some pricing options with all three.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think we need to.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Where we have an oil burner sitting there that won't be using waste oil, we should get an up-to-date price on hooking up to the tank.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. And in the meantime, we're going to have to ask Rick, too, about what it's going to cost to get rid of our waste oil situation because I'd rather have an outlet for residents to get rid of waste oil at the transfer station than not.

Mr. Harrington: They could still drop it off there. I think what would happen is Rick is limited to the maximum amount he can keep stored there before it's picked up.

Selectman Dill: Yes. I'm just saying in my opinion, I think it's very important that we provide a place for people to get rid of waste oil.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, maybe in the research, we could have it, could we have a drop off at the highway shed?

Selectman Dill: Well, no, because that won't help us any because ...

Selectwoman McHugh: No, I mean if we do the research, what it would take to get it up to spec and just have the residents drop off their oil at the highway.

Selectman Dill: Okay, yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: And that would alleviate us from having to transport it.

Selectman Dill: I think the big issue is record keeping on it though. If they need to, you know, John Smith, of Old Centre Road dropped off four quarts and you know it would be a lot of record keeping that we'd have to, that's the other end of it, correct?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Selectwoman McHugh: And then it's a matter of having somebody do their job.

Chairman McGarry: A matter of somebody at the highway garage to accept that coming in.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: But, let me do some research. I'll come back with some pricing options for you.

Chairman McGarry: Good.

Selectman Barnes: Thank you.

Mr. Harrington: And I believe last week there was a question by Cindy as to how much we've put into the salt shed addition so far and I have those numbers for you.

The foundation wall which was the first step had a price tag of \$6,410.00. The paving costs which you just heard tonight was \$1,700.00 and the roof construction bid which you just approved last week was \$27,994.00 for a total of \$36,104.00.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Just double what it should have been.

Mr. Harrington: And that's all I have this evening.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Unfinished Business:

Approve 2022 Town Budget

Chairman McGarry: We have unfinished business, the approval of the 2022 town budget.

Selectman Dill: Yes. Well, we have to approve the bottom line. We're not going to approve the whole budget tonight.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the bottom line for the Selectmen's budget in the amount of \$4,654,278.00

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion:

Selectman Barnes: I know we got some communication. I think it might have been today from a department head relative to his interaction with the MBC.

Selectman Dill: That was my next discussion after I got this one done.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

Selectman Dill: That what my, was my plan.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, that won't affect the dollar amount.

Selectman Dill: It won't affect the dollar amount. I mean we're going to have that I, ... Let's get this number moved and then I wanted to have the MBC discussion.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: It's a vote unanimous.

Selectman Dill: I just didn't want that getting messed up and then us not having a number on Tuesday.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

Selectman Dill: So, that was my next part of the discussion.

We had moved and passed to do a bottom line only budget in the same vein as the school board has done.

It's been, I would say, contentious at the Board of Selectmen meeting, I mean the MBC meetings over that and the decision.

I discussed with the chair of the MBC on Wednesday about reaching a compromise between just doing a bottom line and not having department heads and doing it the way we've done forever and having every department head come in.

The compromise that we both reached that I, that we thought would make the most sense is to have the four heavy hitters of the of the, to use his phrase, the four heavy hitters of the town budget come in and be available for questions to one night to the next night not presenting their entire budget but being available for questions by the MBC. Those four being, police, highway, fire and transfer station. Those are the four biggest dollar amounts in the MBC, of, in the town budget.

We did get the email from the police chief this afternoon. I would point out that there is no RSA saying that we have to bring these people in. John and I have checked on a couple things. The responsibility we have to the MBC is the governing body must present their budget to the MBC.

The police chief was correct. This was a compromise that I thought would be smart to make to try in the middle of it and see where it would go so that's where I had left it. I had asked John because of the holiday Thursday, we had a really compressed time frame so John and I had agreed that we have to talk about this and vote on this as the MBC, I mean as the Board of Selectmen because we had voted on it before.

But I had asked him to send an email out to those four department heads about their Tuesday availability for this week and for next week just to get the ball rolling on that. So, that's where we're at right now.

Our current, the last vote we did as a Board of Selectmen was to do a bottom-line budget and with a bottom-line budget, I'll point out as we point out, both John and I that we are both in attendance. We have a lot of back up in the budget already and that, questions can be posed to both of us and questions that we cannot answer that day, we can find out the answer from the department head to bring back to the MBC.

But, like I said, it's been a very contentious couple meeting over this so that's where it's at now. That, so if that addresses your ...

Selectman Barnes: Yes, I just felt that it needed to be brought up again and discussed some more. When I was on the budget committee years ago, I think all the department heads came in and a lot of times it was a waste of people's time so I can understand not necessarily having everybody come in but I think if the MBC needs some answers and you feel that yourself and John, you know, maybe you'd be better to have a little bit of back up in the form of the department head there with you. They should be there but that compromise sounds kind of good to me.

Selectman Dill: I was at it simply from a compromise. I think it's time. We spent two meetings butting heads and it's time to get it done from both ends so I, my take was if this made the whole process move forward faster and I know from that email and I've spoken to the other department heads involved, they would rather not attend.

So that's where we're at.

Chairman McGarry: So, do you want to make a motion to that effect to have those four department heads be available?

Selectwoman McHugh: Sounds like they already made that decision.

Selectman Dill: No.

Selectman Barnes: Could I get clarification? Did you say those four department heads do not want to attend? Is that what you said?

Selectman Dill: Well, I would take from the police chief's one. I haven't talked to two of them. I've talked to two of them and I've talked to, I haven't talked to the other two.

I know that, judging by the police chief's email that if, I'm not saying he doesn't want to attend, but he's saying that if we bring in any that we ought to bring in all and when I spoke to the fire chief, he was initially, when I told him we were doing a bottom-line budget that he was glad that we were going to handle it that way.

Selectman Barnes: So, he really didn't want to be there either.

Selectman Dill: I would say it that way, yes.

But I will make the motion because we do have to vote officially as a Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves that we have the fire chief, the police chief, the highway department, I mean the highway agent and head of the transfer station attend one of two meetings to answer questions if provided, I mean, if asked but not to present an entire overview of the department

Chairman McGarry: Is there a second? We don't have a second so the motion fails.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Have any of those four departments been asked questions that you and John couldn't answer?

Selectman Dill: We haven't had an official discussion of any of the budget because we just moved the bottom line tonight.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, you were just doing that just because you were getting heat from the committee?

Selectman Dill: Yup.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Glad it failed.

Selectman Barnes: So, what's been the recent history here? Have the department heads all come in.

Selectman Dill: Yes. I mean, Andy's been the head of the BOS rep to the MBC for ever and yeah, nothing has really changed. My take on it was and I came from the MBC, you know, before I was elected to the selectmen. My take was the school changed how they were presenting their budget to this way about five or six years ago and I think it's a much more efficient way to do the budget.

That was why I made the motion to do a bottom-line budget when I took over as the MBC rep. To present it the same way that the school presents. The school does come in with some more people. They have a SAU and finance officer at the SAU that they bring in and the principal. The town has John and I.

But I'd also point out that we are not even a third of the school budget.

Selectwoman McHugh: I vote against this last week because I think the department heads should be at these meetings and it should be transparent on what they need this money for and just to do a bottom line and say okay, here's your money and it just, it doesn't make sense to me.

And, I know, I understand that people may think it's a waste of time but it's also a waste of time for the MBC to sit there and have to wait another week for an answer if you guys can't answer it. Now they have to wait another week or another meeting for the department head's answer so who's wasting more time.

Selectman Dill: We do provide ...

Selectwoman McHugh: I've been to a lot of the MBC meetings and presented the rescue budget for years and it doesn't hurt you to sit there for ... We each had a scheduled time and it was usually pretty on time. We didn't, weren't waiting for hours to present the budget but if somebody had a question, it was transparent what you're spending the money on.

Selectman Dill: I don't think this involves transparency at all. On top of that, we provide extensive back up in this budget. Far more than anything I've ever seen for backup out of the school budget. There are pages and pages behind every department in here which I think answer about 90 percent of the questions that come up.

The reason those four people came in or came up in the discussion I had with the chair was those were just simply the bigger budgets that quite often have more intricacies than the other budgets but that motion failed so that's, that was my thought there.

Chairman McGarry: Do you want to consider this again or ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: I guess we move on.

Chairman McGarry: I guess, unless we have any change.

Audience member 1: Mr. Chairman, may we address the Board, the chair and the vice chair of the Budget Committee?

We have some information that might be, we'd like to share our views and the views?

Chairman McGarry: What's the Board's ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Citizen's comments.

Chairman McGarry: Do you want to do this under Citizen's Comments?

Audience member 2: We can do it under Citizen's Comments or if it qualifies, we prefer to do it under non-public.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Definitely not that.

Selectman Dill: Non-public is ...

Audience member 2: If it qualifies.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I don't know if would just because it's got to be a direct, what the heck's the word here I'm looking, an impingement on character that would come out in effect.

Audience member 3: Impeach the character or ...

Selectman Dill: I was close. Public reputation of anybody besides "us".

Audience member 2: Throwing that out as an option.

Audience member 3: Well, it's written in the, it's written in the Right to Know law that probably the only one that shouldn't have non-public sessions on the budget committee.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We don't need a non-public for that.

Audience member 3: And that is from the NH Municipal Association.

Selectman Dill: I would leave that up to the chair on where he decides to do it.

Audience member 2: If he doesn't, we're more than happy to talk here.

Audience member 1: We believe that there is potential reputational damage.

Audience member 2: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: So, you would request that we do this under non-public?

Mr. Harrington: Excuse me, Fred. If people are talking from the audience, it will not be picked up in the minutes.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Audience member 1: May we address the ...

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, go ahead.

Bill von Hassel, MBC Chair and Joanne Bradbury, Vice Chair of the MBC.

Mr. von Hassel: So, if it qualifies, we feel there may be the potential to have some harm if we don't talk about this in non-public, if we speak openly about this. So, if it qualifies, we'd like to go into non-public. If it does not, then we're more than happy to try to work around that and couch our words accordingly.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What do you think, Joanne?

Ms. Bradbury: What do I think? I think it's an appropriate non-public session and to the extent that you conclude that you do not want to go into non-public session, we would, if we wait for Citizen's Comments, we would not be addressing the Board as citizens. We'd be addressing the Board as the chair and the vice chair of the Budget Committee.

Selectman Dill: I'll make, are you making the non-public motion, Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Ready when you just tell me which one you want it under.

Selectman Dill: Well, it's under a, isn't it?

Mr. Harrington: If you're referring to the non-public section that you can go under for adversely affecting the reputation of any person, that would be "c". That's what you're thinking.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's what I had down.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A 3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: No decisions were made at the non-public session and would like a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: All right.

Selectman Dill: I would like to revisit my motion again to bring, to request our four larger department heads to come in. Police, fire, highway and transfer station.

Chairman McGarry: Are you making that a motion?

Selectman Dill: I'm making that as a motion. I'm still planning on presenting the \$4,654,278.00 as a bottom-line number but I'd like to provide those four department heads two different nights for to answer questions relative to their departments.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to request the four largest departments, department heads to be available two different nights to answer questions for the MBC regarding their departments

Chairman McGarry: It's outside of the usual but I will second that motion.

Second: Chairman McGarry

Discussion:

Selectman Barnes: I think I'll go along with that. It sounds like we might have some time constraints here but I just like to say that in the future, I would be in support of all the department heads being available to go see the MBC. So, I'll support this right now but I think going forward, I would side with having all the department heads made available.

Selectwoman McHugh: I would agree with Dwight on that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I agree with Dwight. We just a week ago voted. Now we're changing our mind.

Chairman McGarry: I think it's based upon the information that was, been provided. Any further discussion?

Selectwoman McHugh: Wait, are we changing the motion to temporary or so it's not a ...

Selectman Dill: I would rather not. You could make another motion.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We're not voting on the money, we're noting on ...

Selectman Dill: No, that's why I wanted to get that done, voted before this discussion.

Chairman McGarry: For department heads to be present.

Selectwoman McHugh: For this year because of the time constraints.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: But in the years coming, come back to all the department heads coming?

Chairman McGarry: You can certainly make that a motion in the next year.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 2, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: So, 3 to 2 in favor of the motion.

Selectman Dill: Tomorrow. 6:00 pm. Right here.

New Business:

RFQ/RFP Draft for Police Department Build:

Chairman McGarry: The RFQ/RFP Draft for the Police Department Project.

Everyone has received a copy of this and it's a two-step process which would consist of a review of the qualification of contractors or design-build teams to bid on this particular project and then we would select the ones who we feel are the most qualified and entirely possible we may interview them as well.

And, following the interview, assuming that we take that step, we would then open the bids and then read those bids aloud and so it doesn't necessarily mean that the low bid would be the one you would choose. It's entirely possible you could choose somebody other than the low bidder.

The only problem that we have with this is that it's a very, very tight time schedule on this. We're looking at having to put out the advertisement as soon as we possibly can with the proposals due on the December 17th and then we have to have the warrant article ready for January 11th. Is that right, John?

Mr. Harrington: ...

Chairman McGarry: So, it's entirely possible that we're going to have to meet and potentially interview people during the Christmas week or right immediately after New Year's so ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: That should work.

Chairman McGarry: So, you think we can do that?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I say we get it out and get it going.

Selectman Dill: That was my main question if we were shooting to get it done for this budget, so you know, this warrant article cycle so yeah, if it's what we have to do, let's get it done.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Barnes: Yeah, again, I'm a little late to the party here.

Can you explain to me where this came from? I'm asking because I was on a committee that disbanded about a year and a half ago that was looking at a possible new location for a police department and to discussions about the building itself and then that just disappeared, went away. I never heard from anybody so where did this particular thing get its start?

Chairman McGarry: Well, the person who ended up putting this together was actually, well, we, let's take another step back.

I had looked at RFQ/RFP project, documentations, documents, I should say and it was very, fairly extensive and somewhat similar to what we've got here.

We had looked at the at what Farmington had put out and it was basically just a one-page document and that's all they had and they really didn't provide any guidance so I know an architect with the Warren Street Architects by the name of Jonathan Halley. He used to be on the Planning Board here in town when he lived in town and he was kind enough to put this together and the Board pretty much had decided that we would, wanted to go with a design build project rather than design, then build.

So, this type of project would bring a design and construction team in to interview with the Board and the whole concept here is based on an approximate bottom-line budget, the designer and the contractor could get together and put together a proposal which would hopefully guarantee that we stay within the budget that we're talking about.

Selectman Barnes: Okay. Another question. I didn't see anything in here about site work. Is that also within this maximum price?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, that would be, that would be included as well.

Selectman Barnes: That would be. Okay.

I know when we were looking at a site, there was potentially substantial site costs. Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And the other thing too is that I think in this, we're seeing a budget of 2 million or less and the initial bid would end up being for the design alone and this is what we'd bring to town meeting for a vote. It would be next year's town meeting, the 2022 town meeting, no, 2023 town meeting that would actually be voting on the actual construction budget for the project.

Selectman Barnes: Well, I must say I'm glad to see this. I really feel we need it.

Chairman McGarry: I would like to be able to take and have members of the building committee be able to sit in on the interviews if that's something we could do.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That would be great.

Chairman McGarry: One, a couple of things that had on here that we on the proposal pricing. This is on Page 3 of the document that we're going... We have to make that 90 days instead of 45 days where they'd hold their price for that period of time.

Would need to be able to take and hold the price for 90 days to get us past the actual vote for town meeting and then we can enter into a contract but the way it was written her was only 45 days so they'd be, it wouldn't be held to that time frame.

The other thing, too, is that we would be providing the floor plan that would have been prepared by the previous architect.

We should also end up providing the site plan for across the street and also the cost estimate that the architect put together and making all that information available.

And, I know I had spoken with John. It is a possibility that we could look at another site that might be less expensive to, for construction than across the street and we can discuss that with the architect/contractor team to see what their thoughts might end up being on that as well.

Selectman Barnes: So, your choice, I guess, your first choice at this point would be across the street.

Chairman McGarry: Well, we have some work done with regard to that, yes.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: But it isn't necessarily cast in concrete to do that.

Selectman Barnes: Thanks.

Chairman McGarry: So, do we want to have a motion to proceed with this or I think we probably should.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, we probably should.

Motion: Selectman Barnes moves to proceed with issuing the RFQ/RFP for the Police Department build

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: So again, just for clarification because we've gone all over the place but just for the minutes or for the public discussion, we're looking to just get a design ready and that's what we're going to be putting forward in the warrant article for this year, or for January, not for the entire thing.

Chairman McGarry: Correct.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Correct.

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: The vote is unanimous, John.

Mr. Harrington: This is to publish the RFQ.

Chairman McGarry: Yes, that's right.

And just change the date from November 3rd to whenever we end up putting this out.

Selectman Dill: And the 45 to 90.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, and the 45 to 90.

Community Power:

Mr. Harrington: I'm going to postpone that until the next meeting.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Good, because I didn't understand that at all.

Mr. Harrington: Okay.

Selectman Dill: I'm going to need an explanation.

Selectman Barnes: Yeah, I had a question on that if I could ask it.

That's just for Eversource customers, is that correct?

Mr. Harrington: That is just the example. It would be for any power customer whether it's NHEC or Eversource.

Selectman Barnes: So, anybody within the Town of Deerfield.

Mr. Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Barnes: Could participate in that.

Okay.

How many, like what's the percentage of Eversource verses Co-op?

Mr. Harrington: I don't have that figure.

Selectman Barnes: Okay.

All right. Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Any other new business?

Selectman Dill: I just wanted to bring up that there is redistricting for our local state reps going on right now. There was a listening session the other day.

I would, I'd like to remind, as a Board, that we've had overwhelming support from the town on two years ago it was independent redistricting which failed but last year we had overwhelming support for petition warrant article for our own representation.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: And I think that's important. We did send a letter up but if everybody else is in agreement, I'd like to send another letter up reminding the state reps that it was overwhelming community support on that warrant article.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Good idea.

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Yes, I had provided testimony over in Brentwood and ...

Selectman Dill: I just fail to see what we share with Auburn.

Chairman McGarry: Yes, I know.

And it's very clear in the state constitution that if you have the number of people, you have, you should have your own representation and the proposal that they had submitted does not reflect that at all.

Selectman Dill: And it's clearly been reflected by the voters of Deerfield.

Chairman McGarry: Absolutely.

All right. I did have one item under new business.

I looked at the COVID cases that we have in Deerfield and we were at 68 as of the 12th of November and which I believe is probably the highest we've ever been at and I think I would like the Board members to think about the possibility of reenacting a mask requirement in this building for our meetings.

Possibly can discuss that at the next meeting and I would like Denny to pull together some statistics as to what we had for case counts last year when we had the mask mandate requirement in place and how that compares to what we have right now which I think is probably far surpasses what we had previously.

Selectman Dill: On Friday, we were the second highest per capita in the state.

I have one other item to bring up.

Chairman McGarry: Alden.

Selectman Dill: Public, the streaming stuff. Where are we at?

Mr. Harrington: I plan on having a discussion next week.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

I've just, that in my short term as selectman, I have never received so many calls and emails about so...

Chairman McGarry: (Agrees)

Selectman Dill: Just wanted to make sure we're still on track.

Chairman McGarry: Dwight?

Selectman Barnes: Tag onto that. Could you make sure John, that you bring some more description of that money that's available, that federal money? You know, how much, are there any other projects that are vying for that money? What happens if the money doesn't get used and just a little more background.

I know I haven't heard all of it myself and maybe some other folks would like to know a little bit about how that would be funded and how that would all work.

Mr. Harrington: I can give you general overview but there is so much paper out there on this, I would not be able to go into every small detail of everything that could be covered.

They've been putting this material out for months.

Selectman Barnes: Overview is fine. Thanks

Other Business:

None

Citizen's Comments:

Mrs. Cady – Old Centre Road.

Back, I guess in the spring, the selectmen voted to set up a committee because we had two years left on our cable contract and we had one meeting that I was at and then I had the stroke so I haven't been able to be at the meetings and I haven't seen any postings and I don't know where we're at.

But, in today's paper, there was an article by one of the board members from the NHEC. They're starting a program on getting like cable tv all over their territory so I thought maybe we could either get that information to the committee or maybe John could write a letter to NHEC asking them to come down and speak to the selectmen. Would they consider coming into Raymond? What I mean, do you feel and what would be some of the things they need from and so on and so forth.

I think this is an opportunity to get us out of the cable contract we're in so we've got what, another year and a half?

Mr. Harrington: 2023. Yes.

Mrs. Cady: Because it was there and the article was in the paper, I think it's a good idea for us to contact and get that information here and because we have NHEC in Deerfield.

So, if you would consider doing that ...

Selectman Dill: I think John contacted them back in, probably four or five months ago on that already so I know he's been in contact with NHEC because they're doing a fiber expansion over their territory.

Mrs. Cady: It's something we might be able to do.

Selectman Dill: Yup.

Selectman Barnes: Was that no only cable tv but internet as well that they're working on?

Selectman Dill: It's a broadband expansion through the co-op and there's been some talk of other fiber being run in town as well so we're expanding.

Mrs. Cady: And John, if you could notify the other members of the committee. Probably the middle of December, after that I could attend meetings after my surgery and so forth.

So, if they can email me the minutes. The other thing is they're not posting meetings.

Mr. Harrington: They are. They're all posting in the Minutes and the Agendas ...

Mrs. Cady: They're not at the post office.

I haven't seen them there and I've looked and I haven't seen them up on our board here.

Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Any other questions or comments by the citizens?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 7:10 pm

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries