

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 13, 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, and Cynthia McHugh, Selectmen.

Absent: Dwight Barnes, Selectman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of December 6, 2021

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes of December 6, 2021

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries

Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:

Payroll Manifest - \$89,997.64 (gross), \$58,498.87

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh moves to approve the payroll manifest as presented

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

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

Accounts Payable - \$46,225.20

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the accounts payable as presented

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Signatures/Correspondence:

Chairman McGarry: Signatures.

Selectman Dill: We have a lot.

Chairman McGarry:

Notice to Intent to Cut Wood – Tax Map 413, Lot 59 – South Road – E.R. Eames Forestry – Owner of the stumpage.

And we have from Avitar Associates, what is this one, John?

Mr. Harrington: That is a supplemental tax bill.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, okay and ...

Mr. Harrington: Sherburne Woods.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, for \$21.00?

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to send the supplemental tax bill to Sherburne Woods
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:
Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote is unanimous.

All right. Then we have some, all of these are solar?

Mr. Harrington: Yes, they are.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. So, we'll read the property owner and the address and the amount.

Gary and Susan Ulin	22 Cole Road	\$12,000.00
Frank and Brenda Minikin	116 South Road	\$16,800.00
Ashley and Brian Moulton	48 Raymond Road	\$12,000.00
Robert and Jane Miller	216 North Road	\$21,600.00
Francis and Maureen Quinn	47A Nottingham Road	\$ 8,160.00
Robert and Barbara Mathews	47 Candia Road	\$48,750.00
Daniel L. Perkin	193 Mt. Delight Road	\$12,000.00
Leavitt Family Revocable Trust	157 Middle Road	\$14,400.00
Sharon French and Timothy Janowitz	52 Middle Road	\$22,800.00
Andrew French	225 Raymond Road	\$19,800.00
Nancy Whitehead and Eric Gross	18 Nottingham Road	\$12,000.00
Thomas and Tracy Currier	54 Cotton Road	\$ 8,160.00
Paul and Wendy Belling	15 Francis Drive	\$19,800.00
Paula and Tom Dunnigan	169 Mt. Delight Road	\$14,400.00
Christine and Jeffrey Jones	35 Raymond Road	\$18,000.00

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the solar exemptions as read by the chair
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:
Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: We are finding out there's a lot of solar in this town.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, I'm surprised that we had that many.

Selectman Dill: One at a time we're finding out.

Are we live streaming this John? I don't want people to miss out on this excitement.

Mr. Harrington: I would take credit for it but this is Cindy's idea.

Chairman McGarry: Thanks, Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: It works easy that way.

Selectman Dill: The whole thing's not upside down. That's what I was worried about.

Now we know why Kelly has these neat little stickers saying it just meets the requirements and she doesn't have to write that out every time. Good thinking, Kelly.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, so this is a proposal from Interware Development in the amount of \$10,373.00 and this is for software?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And this is for software?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: For the town clerk's office and ...

Mr. Harrington: We have the town clerk her tonight. She can talk more about it.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Ms. Roberts: So, I've reached out to Interware Development and they have offered to allow us to split this payment among two payments so we can cradle 2021 and 2022.

This software is needed and it will benefit everyone.

Did you guys get the memo? Did you all get the memo?

Mr. Harrington: It's in your packets.

Ms. Roberts: Okay. So, I'll just go over that real quick.

So basically, I'm asking the Board of Selectmen to approve my request to upgrade the department software. This will greatly increase efficiency with processing dog licensing, motor vehicles and boat registrations.

This is a proprietary software from Interware Development that will be tailored to our town's needs. This will also allow us as a town to offer and expand web-based applications for permits for other departments.

Because of budgetary constraints, I was able to get them to split the cost into two bills and for December, I would like, with your permission, to whatever's remaining in my budget, apply that to this bill and then the bottom line picks up the rest and then in January, I'll absorb the additional \$5,000.00 within my budget and make the necessary changes where I need to.

This will make things very efficient and it will also make our accounting a lot easier to decipher for the auditors or the finance department or anyone that wants to look at our accounting.

Right now, because I'm processing directly through the state site, I have to basically reconcile that, reconcile us and then put it all together so if get this upgraded software, the end of month reconciliations is going to be a breeze. Right now, they're like that thick and they can go like that with the click of a button.

I am aware that the town does have a bid process and I'm asking that for anything over \$1,000.00, but I'm asking that the Board waive that requirement as I don't think this fits the scenario as it's proprietary software, where it's unique. We're building on what we have and it also is going to extremely modernize, continue to modernize our services and again, bring those web-based services to our residents.

So, what I'm looking for is for three motions, I think and I could be wrong. One to approve the cost. One to approve the initial invoice and then one for the Board to sign the updated contract.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Do you have figures, Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: I have a letter but there's no dollars.

Chairman McGarry: No. So, the first payment would be \$5,186.50 is that correct?

Ms. Roberts: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: And it's going to be signing the agreement itself.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (Couldn't hear what he stated)

Chairman McGarry: I guess, what's the ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: What will be the balance, Kelly?

Ms. Roberts: It'll be the same as they split it in half so the total cost is \$10,373.00 and their dividing that into two payments so in December, I'd pay the \$5,186.50 and then January I'm going to ask again for another \$5,186.50.

Selectman Dill: Fred, if you don't mind?

Vice Chairman Pitman: What if we signed the contract, we're locked in anyway?

Ms. Roberts: Yeah, well we would have to sign the contract.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: So, do you have the \$5,186.00 in your budget?

Ms. Roberts: I have, I think \$4,000.00 remaining and then the additional would be absorbed in the bottom line.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, your bottom line is still going to be okay?

Selectman Dill: No town wide ...

Chairman McGarry: Town wide bottom line.

Ms. Roberts: Town wide.

Selectman Dill: So, back up just a tad. So, we're currently using a product from this company.

Ms. Roberts: We're currently utilizing it for dog licensing and our online payment options so for our credit, debit card and our online credit payment options.

Selectman Dill: So, what are we adding with this?

Mr. Roberts: So, what we're adding is we're adding motor vehicles which is right now, when you come in and you do your registration, we're logged into the state site. So, we're logged into the state and we're processing the motor vehicle transactions directly through the state. There, it's not the most efficient way to do it.

This software is by far, the best and it's more efficient and it offers, not only does it offer the efficiency but it also offers the whole accounting part of it that we need.

So, right now it's kind of like we're something over here but then we got to put it in over here so what we want is to funnel everything through one thing and eventually, should the town, if the town is thinking about future revenue, it might be a good idea to funnel all revenue through the clerk/collector's office.

Selectman Dill: So, do you have the \$5,186 in next year's budget?

Ms. Roberts: I will find it.

Selectman Dill: Sorry Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: That's okay.

Is there a yearly fee after this?

Ms. Roberts: I think it's like \$1,500.00. I think we're paying \$600.00. There is a yearly maintenance fee.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, it will go up from \$600.00?

Ms. Roberts: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: This also allows us expansion if we want to add other payments, permits, certificates to go online. It'll allow us to do that. Right now, it's limited to what Kelly just said.

Selectwoman McHugh: We would just add on to that contract if we were to add a different, another service on there?

Mr. Roberts: We can make it completely tailored to us so let's say you wanted to pay transfer station fees online or you wanted to do building permits or you wanted to buy a Veasey Park sticker or basically, we would give the residents an option to be able to not go to the clerk's office but pay it online and it's just a convenient, it's a big convenience for the residents and it given, given and one of the things that this is really important is where it's just me and Kim and we have such a heavy transaction load and we're using a very slow system, if we had the ability to have something that was more efficient ...

In this package, for example, is our scanners and so what would happen is instead of if someone comes in with a list of renewals that's this long like 20 renewals, we key in every single one. We can now just take a scanner. It pulls it right up so the efficiency will help us because there's only two of us and we have a lot of paperwork to do like, so this will allow us to keep up with everything else we're doing because eventually we're going to need a third person and until then, we're going to make things as efficient as possible.

Chairman McGarry: So, we have one, two three, four, I guess, four motions, is that correct?

Vice Chairman Pitman: She has three down here.

Ms. Roberts: Three. We could do four and do the January payment tonight, too.

Chairman McGarry: I've got the payment for December, I guess. We've got the software contract itself and we also have the license agreement...

Selectman Dill: John, quick budgeting question. If we enter a contract now, would that be included in the default for next year?

Mr. Harrington: Nope. Any contract entered by the Board of Selectmen outside of the town meeting is not in a default budget.

Selectman Dill: Okay, that's what I thought.

Chairman McGarry: And we have a, I guess, this is a software maintenance support agreement which is different than the license agreement.

Ms. Roberts: I put it; I had a packet that had a post-it with each motion.

Chairman McGarry: I've got three of those and then they've got additional places where for me to sign under the license agreement and the maintenance agreement and support agreement.

Ms. Roberts: Maybe you can do that under one motion.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We could probably do the whole thing under one.

Ms. Roberts: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: You want to do that?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the contract with Interware Development and sign the first invoice professional services agreement, license agreement and maintenance and support agreement.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Let's hold up on the motion. Isn't it within two weeks we have what you have left in the budget?

Mr. Harrington: There's enough, I believe there would be enough to cover whatever she doesn't have in her budget.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Because if we're going to sign a contract, we might as well do it in December and get it done.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: You're saying pay the, pay both in December.

Vice Chairman Pitman: At the end of the month.

Selectman Dill: I agree with you there, Dick.

Vice Chairman Pitman: But, is there any advantage to waiting to the first of the year, Kelly or do you need it now.

Ms. Roberts: The only, I think the advantage would be I could use my funds towards it so I think we do want to do it now and I think also if we, I guess, what are your concerns or what are your questions because I don't want anyone to be foggy?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, you can't go out to bid if you're already on the, using this system so that erases my only ...

Ms. Roberts: Yes. Correct.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I'm sure you...

Ms. Roberts: I learned a new work. It's called "proprietary".

Vice Chairman Pitman: You did your homework.

Selectman Dill: I just wished we had got it before we were doing the budget.

Ms. Roberts: Yeah, I do too.

Selectman Dill: Because I don't want to change the budget that we just went through the budget committee on it and that's my only concern.

Ms. Roberts: So, if we stick to the original plan where we do, if we cradle the two years, it's really going to have a minimal effect because my budget would absorb the majority of it and whatever's left over would be absorbed by the bottom line and then in January, my entire budget bottom line would absorb the bill.

So, there's really minimal impact to the bottom line.

Selectman Dill: We had enough extra in your software line too, not only the payment but the software fee?

Ms. Roberts: We do. In the bottom line, yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden, I think we can clean it up all then at the end of the year.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

I'm willing to go with you on that Dick. I'm just saying that was my one thing was just that they just went through all of this on the budget.

Chairman McGarry: Kelly has the notes here. We'll need a motion to accept the proposal from Interware Development for \$10,373.00.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to accept the proposal from Interware Development in the amount of \$10,373.00

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: The only comment that I would like to make Fred, I'd rather see us put it into this than a third person in the office right now if this will speed it up.

Ms. Roberts: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Be much more efficient.

Chairman McGarry: And then on with regard to the payment, do we want to try ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Try to clean it up in December.

Selectman Dill: I would move to make the first payment now and then we revisit it. When are we going to have ...?

Chairman McGarry: Next week.

Vice Chairman Pitman: 27th

Selectman Dill: or the week after.

Vice Chairman Pitman: One meeting of the year, usually we have a special, we hold a special one...

Mr. Harrington: For a second invoice?

(Multiple members of the Board stated yes)

Mr. Harrington: The second invoice won't be invoiced until 2022. You're going to be paying the first half.

Ms. Roberts: You can approve it tonight if you want and then, but I won't pay it until January.

Vice Chairman Pitman: But can we pay in December?

Ms. Roberts: What?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can't we pay in December?

Ms. Roberts: You can. I was just trying to absorb it mostly from my budget, that's why I was ...

Chairman McGarry: I think what Dick is saying is to try to get it all paid in this year.

Ms. Roberts: If you guys want to do it?

Vice Chairman Pitman: You might be able to, that's all.

Ms. Roberts: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: Well, we'll have a better idea of what the ending balance will be by the last meeting.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: So, we'll dispense with the first one which is \$5,186.50

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the contract and first payment in the amount of \$5,186.50 and have the chair sign on behalf of the Board.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote is unanimous.

Selectman Dill: And then we'll just hold off on the other one until two weeks from now.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Make sure John that gets put on our year-end list.

Chairman McGarry: And then a motion to accept the software contract which there are three different sections on it but I guess it's the contract overall so we don't have to make three motions.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to accept the software contract from Interware Development and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: So, we're going to have a meeting the 27th then, right?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, we usually have one even after that.

Selectman Dill: That's the last, I think that's the last ...

Mr. Harrington: That's the last scheduled meeting.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It might not necessarily be on a Monday.

Selectman Dill: True, true. Just trying to make my Christmas plans here.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Christmas will be over.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can I just make a comment about contracts? I mean, I'd of liked to look at this contract before now. Is there ...

Ms. Roberts: They're, ... just so you know, I've been trying to get this information to you. I've been working with Interware and the girl, her name is Marge that was putting this together didn't get this to us until today.

Yeah, of course, I would want to get that to you sooner.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just, I don't like doing contracts without, signing contracts without even looking at it. I mean I know you did.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Especially if it affects you somewhat if it's got dog licenses.

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, any contracts. I mean, the policy is where we're not allowing town department heads to sign contracts anymore. They have to come here. The town department heads know what it is but we don't and we're the ones signing it.

I just wanted to put that out there.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Good point.

Ms. Roberts: A lot of it has to do with their role. They're not a town employee. They're a vendor. It talks about privacy. It talks about like if there's an issue with the software, how to go about fixing it, that sort of thing.

It is very...

Selectwoman McHugh: How's your computer system? Able to handle all of this?

Ms. Roberts: Yes

Chairman McGarry: All right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All set, Fred, on that one?

Chairman McGarry: All set on that one.

The next item is another one for Kelly and this is multiple refund requests from a tax bill caused by overpayments.

Ms. Roberts: So, what happened was, what I think happened, the lending institutions and closing companies were utilizing the prior tax rate and what you'll see is a lot of like \$200.00 and \$300.00 overpayments.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, we got 30, 32 of them all together, it looks like.

Selectman Dill: Can we do them in one fell swoop?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah. There's only one place.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the 32 refunds brought forth by the tax collector

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Chairman McGarry: I think they range from \$9.00 to \$5,166.00.

Mr. Harrington: And what I will do is what I've done in the past for the transcriptionist, I'll just send her a scanned document of that document so she can include all of those names and numbers in the minutes.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

ORIGINAL.

Town of Deerfield
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office
P.O. Box 159
8 Raymond Road Deerfield, NH 03037
(603) 463-8811 Ext. 312

Multiple Refund Requests 2nd Half 2021 Tax Bill Caused by Overpayments

From: Kelly Roberts, Certified Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Date: December 13, 2021

Explanation: I am requesting a refund for each of the parcels listed below for overpayment of property taxes. It is the recommendation of this office that they are refunded the monies owed to them. Total amount of refunds = \$24,210.23

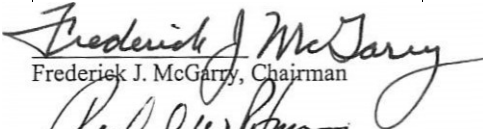
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208-39	John Poitras, 19A Hammond Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037	227.00
208-39	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760	1929.00
416—44	Surety Lender Services, 16000 Horizon Way, Suite 200, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	962.50

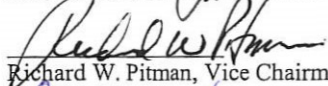
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208-27	United Title & Escrow Services, 1892 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03104	256.00
204-23	Red Door Title, 47 Constitution Drive, Suite 400, Bedford, NH 03110	388.00
416-7-2	Accurate Title, 116 South River Road, Bldg A, Bedford, NH 03110	318.00
419-10-1	Home Key Title & Closing Inc, 276 Turnpike Rd, Suite 219, Westborough, MA 01581	323.02

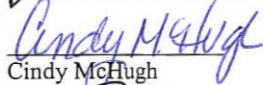
408-41	Law Office of Richard Shea, IA Commons Dr, Unit 5, Londonderry, NH 03053	300.00
419-10-2	Summit Title Services, 120 Bedford Center Rd, Bedford, NH 03110	297.00
414-1	The Title Team, 184D Rockingham Road, Londonderry, NH 03053	288.00
409-65	Kelle Mackenzie, 59 Nottingham Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037	176.48
208-81	LoanCare LLC, PO Box 8068, Virginia Beach, VA 23450	119.00
207-7	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760	5143.00
206-32	David Moore, 14 Kennaday Rd, Mendham, NJ 07945	419.00

414-82	Law Offrices of Anthony Pesce & Assos, 220 Main St, Malden, MA, 02148	303.00
406-5-1	Gauthier & MacMartin PLLC, 123 Elm st, Milford, NH 03055	238.00
424-24-2	EOR Realty Development LLC, 63 Route 27, Raymond, NH 03077	17.45
208-2	Liberty Title & Escrow Company LLC, 275 W Natick Road, Warwick, RI 02886	596.48
418-103	St Marys Title Services, LLC, 116 S River Rd, suite 2B, Bedford, NH 03110	333.00
204-38	Brokers Title & Closing LLC, 1 Verani Way, Londonderry, NH 03053	288.00
416-2-1	Mackenzie Johansmeyer, 108 Nottingham Rd, Deerfield, NH 030374	404.00
424-93-13	The Title Team, 184D Rockingham Road, Londonderry, NH 03053	266.00
208-8-1	Bernadette Patterson, 10 Twins Rd, Raymond, NH 03077	108.00
414-66	Leonard Carleton, 51 Range Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037-1621	80.00
205-48	Christy Bouchard, 58 Pleasant Hill Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037	4129.00
414-63	Gerald Magiera, 61 Range Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037	9.00
413-39	Richard Vorster, 1 Deerhaven Drive, Exeter, NH 03833	19.78

405-65	Stewart Title Company, 1360 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77056	225.52
411-15	Compass Title And Closing Inc, 900 Hanover St, Manchester, NH 03104	345.00
414—	Service Credit Union, po Box 1268, Portsmouth, NH 038021268	5166.00
414-80	Crystal Settlement Agency LLC, 20283 State Road 7, Suite 333, Boca Raton, FL 33498	288.00


Frederick J. McGarry, Chairman


Richard W. Pitman, Vice Chairman


Cindy McHugh


Alden Dill

Vice Chairman

Dwight Barnes

Enclosures

Mr. Harrington: Who made the motion?

(Camera wasn't on the Board so I could see who held up their hand)

Mr. Harrington: Second?

Selectman Dill: Cindy.

Mr. Harrington: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: All right. We have, is a copy of the letter in the packet, too?

Mr. Harrington: No. I just made the original.

Chairman McGarry: With regard to the easements that DOT that DOT is looking for on the Freese's Pond bridge or box culvert, they had a value of \$0.37 a square foot for property values in Deerfield and I sat with John and we ended up putting a letter together.

It says:

"The Deerfield Board of Selectmen have reviewed the proposed land value prices used in developing the compensation for the easements on Route 107.

The value used of \$0.37 a square foot appears to be below current land values for the sales in Deerfield.

The values we have seen are in the range of \$0.60 to \$0.90 a square foot.

The Board has no objection to granting the requested easements but believe that the values used in the calculation of the compensation should be more reflective of the recent sales in Deerfield.

We look forward to your timely response"

Does that sound all right to everyone else?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve and sign the letter as read

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It will be interesting to see their response.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I know.

All right. We have a, there's a contract with Granite State Analytical to do the sampling at the transfer station ...

Mr. Harrington: Nope, this is for George B. White.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, George B. White, okay, for sampling at George B. White.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the contract with Granite State Analytical to do sampling at the George B. White in the amount of \$1,437.50 and have the chair sign of behalf of the Board

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: The vote's unanimous.

And then the last one is a Memorandum of Understanding between Good Energy, LP, Standard Power and the Town of Deerfield. I guess Wes is here to address that.

Mr. Golomb: Hi and thank you. I understand you folks had some questions last time. I've spoken, along with John, to Standard Power and I have a little bit of background in this so I guess my question to you is what, what do you need to know or should I start right from the beginning and just ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: No, I don't think so.

Selectman Dill: Well, what are we signing here?

Chairman McGarry: This is a Memorandum of Understanding. It does not commit the town to any payments or anything.

Mr. Harrington: What this MOU represents is a teaming together with Standard Power. I don't know if you were here for the presentation when ...

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Mr. Harrington: Okay. He went over the program. This partners us with them to help create a power committee.

Selectman Dill: I was about to say, so we sign this and then you make the committee ...

Mr. Golomb: Wait, wait, wait, wait, I will help. I've committed to helping by being on the committee ...

Selectman Dill: Sorry, I meant your group.

Mr. Golomb: It's not, no according to the RSA as I understand it and please understand I'm the middle man here okay but as I understand it, there's an RSA that says the Energy Committee and this Power Committee must be separate groups.

We can have some of the same people in there but presumably there would be other people from other walks of life, so to speak, in the town and as I understand it, what that committee would do would be to send out questionnaires basically to the town to see what people want for services.

And Keene is doing this now among others but the idea is that this is basically it's called group net metering or community power and what that means, so regular net metering you've got solar on the roof, you have excess. You run the meter backwards and then you have a credit. This is basically an accounting setup where a group of people can do the same thing.

So, Standard Power has contracts with a variety of companies. Some green power and standard power and what, for example, Keene is doing is there will be a variety of options for people. Nobody's forced into this. This is all, you know, an individual choice or a household choice but there will be an option for inexpensive power which will be essentially the same mix as you get from the utilities now but will be a couple of cents cheaper so at one end of the scale, people could just opt for that, get the same power they're getting now for a discount, a couple of cents as I understand it per kilowatt hour.

And then, depending on what the community wants and what the results, we could put in tiers.

So, for example, if somebody wants to keep their cost about what it is now, they would get a larger percent of green power and pay about the same and then there would be options presumably up to a 100 percent green power.

So, this is a way that we can, that people can make the choice to have green power without having to put solar on their roof and it's their choice alone. The only thing we're doing is enabling it and enabling group pricing by getting involved in this and as I understand it, and this is not committing you to anything. It's not committing you to any, well, it's committing you to working with these people to try and get this going but you're not paying anything. There's no, as far as I can see, there's no major downside except the time we invest in it.

I've, I have not been able to get ahold of anybody in Keene to specifically ask details. I know a couple of people there and actually I've got a meeting, a local energy committee, this Wednesday where I may get some more information.

But, as I understand it, we've been working with Standard Power, buying our power from them for several years and from what I could see, they're a solid company. They've been around a while. They're the biggest group doing this in the state and in talking with the fellow who, was he, is he the CEO?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Mr. Golomb: He's very, very knowledgeable and he responded. I really, by the time I was through, I had confidence in what he was saying. He really knew his stuff.

Again, I'm the middle man here and I'm just trying to bring you the information as I see it so ...

Chairman McGarry: So, this would be the electricity supplier and not with regard to the delivery of the electricity so there's ...

Mr. Golomb: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: If you're currently on Public Service, Eversource or Coop, Eversource would still be delivering the power but it wouldn't necessarily be supplying that power to you.

Mr. Golomb: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Mr. Golomb: That's based on the deregulation of better part of 20 years ago.

Chairman McGarry: Yep.

Selectman Dill: Well, this is just the next move so that something can happen so ...

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Standard Power

Second: Chairman McGarry

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, it doesn't commit us to anything then.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, this is just the next move.

Selectwoman McHugh: To form a committee?

Selectman Dill: To form the committee.

Mr. Harrington: This helps us form the committee. They help us with getting the word out through different social media advertising to promote getting a committee together. They're just partnering with us, trying to move this forward.

Selectman Dill: And there's no way this is going to be done before next town meeting.

Chairman McGarry: Oh no.

All right, any further discussion?

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectwoman McHugh: That's something else we should have read ahead of time.

Selectman Dill: Well, this is the one that we had the other day. About two, three weeks ago we met with the guy. This is just the thing ...

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, the guy came.

Mr. Golomb: Could I please bring something else up while I'm here? Just two seconds?

I'm on two different, I'm on the Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission and both of these commissions, committees canceled their meeting this month because of COVID and I would just like to ask you to please contact Governor Sununu and ask him to reconsider the ZOOM regulations.

We have work that really, we'd like to be doing and if people are scared to come and do it, it's, it slows everybody down so I would just like to make that request please.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Dick asks if we can take up the location of the deliberative session and voting sessions.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That'll be next week.

Mr. Harrington: Thank you, Wes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: The fair did not... communication breakdown.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, we're going to have to wait. Just wanted to make sure that was clear before I left.

Selectman Dill: So, that's next week we're going to talk about that Dick?

Mr. Harrington: Yes, I'm going to contact Don and see if he's available to come in next week.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harrington: Just have one item.

I wanted to let you know that all the repair work has been completed on the sprinkler tank. It's been filled but to update you on one thing that they did find.

During their work and getting the system back up and online, they were having an issue getting adequate pressure from what they call the jockey pump and what they found out is that there was a corroded pipe within the tank that was leaking water as it was pumping and probably a good idea that we found it and we

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... repaired. It's a piece of galvanized pipe because it could have broken off and let the pump float freely in the tank. It would have just kept running but obviously no water would have come out.

So, by a small ice blockage, it allowed us to determine that this pipe was broken and probably saved us quite a bit of future expenses, to be sure.

Selectman Dill: So, they were able to fix it then.

Mr. Harrington: It was a, they just replaced the pipe.

Chairman McGarry: Good.

Selectwoman McHugh: Nice.

Mr. Harrington: So, it was a good thing that it happened and we found that and that's all I have to report.

Selectman Dill: And it looks like they were able to coordinate with the Rec department.

Mr. Harrington: We had all the water delivered at the same time. We saved on our per tank cost so they got their water. We got our water.

Selectman Dill: Now we just need it to freeze.

Mr. Harrington: Yes. I don't have any effect on that.

Unfinished Business:

And just a note. I'm going to continue putting draft warrant articles on the agenda just to, as a placeholder to allow us, to remind us that we haven't finished those yet.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

So, we don't have those to take up tonight?

Mr. Harrington: No.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: Because we are waiting for the bids.

Chairman McGarry: All right.

New Business:

Chairman McGarry: Dwight had suggested the possibility of having a meeting with Mr. Thompson, Mr. Adams and the Board. Is that, how does that sound to the other board members?

Selectman Dill: I went out there. I think this is a big adieu over nothing in my opinion.

I, looking at the maintenance agreement, I see this as road maintenance. I don't see why this has exploded into such a thing as it has.

I don't know if Steve's going out and looked at it but to me, a water bar is routine road maintenance that falls under that maintenance agreement and I would be willing to have the Board of Selectmen send a letter out to Mr. Thompson say that but that's one member of the Board of Selectmen.

I don't think in my mind, I don't think we all have to go out there and look at it. It's a water bar.

Chairman McGarry: I'll got out and take a look at it, too so we can have a couple of ...

Selectman Dill: I mean, we had a, the first couple letters I thought it was major excavation.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: That's why I went out and looked at it and I didn't think so.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

All right. Anybody else have any new business?

Selectwoman McHugh: I'm not, getting back on that one, just at some point though, I mean, it could have been which our road agent wasn't contacted so I think maybe we should make that clear.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: This maybe this specific thing isn't a problem.

Mr. Harrington: Well, I did include paperwork in all of your folders which talks about the upkeep and care of Class VI roads and I think you'll find the information valuable.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I took a look at that.

Chairman McGarry: I was remiss in not mentioning what the correspondence we had.

We have Planning Board minutes and notice of no Planning Board meeting this week and we have information from Ted Gatsas, Executive Council. Also notices of public hearing and also Notice of Decision with the Board of Adjustment.

Other Business:

Chairman McGarry: Any other business?

We have nothing on non-public so citizen's comments.

Citizen's Comments:

(Someone from the audience): 5b?

Chairman McGarry: We're going to take that up next week.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to adjourn

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm

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