

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 6, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman McGarry: All right, an update on the paving.

Selectman Dill: It's not good.

Chairman McGarry: Good evening.

Selectman Dill: Hey Ray.

Ray Ellis: So, I talked with the, Joe Gasparro from Pike Industries and they've fallen behind on their scheduling for paving South Road so now he wants to wait until after the Deerfield Fair so it would be approximately the first, end of the first week in October. He still wants to get it all done before October twenty-second, obviously, but...

Chairman McGarry: October twenty-second is a substantial completion date.

Ray Ellis: Right, the completion date or they start getting fined.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Is it going to be possible for them to get all that paving done between the first week in October and October twenty-second?

Ray Ellis: He figures it will be about eight days.

Selectman Huebner: For all the paving?

Ray Ellis: Well, that's what he's saying. The other thing that come up was, we went over where we're going to start grinding the road, and on the route forty-three end of, where the state meets South Road, there's a high corner there and he doesn't want to grind right up to it because there's potential damage that come to the state road because when they grind it's gonna settle and he's afraid we may get into problems with that road. So, he wants to come in and start fifty to hundred feet in and start the grinding there all the way down through and then do the overlay from forty-three to make an approach coming onto South Road a little less dramatic, So I told him we can certainly discuss that when he comes out.

Chairman McGarry: So, is he going to cold plain that section of, coming into the intersection?

Ray Ellis: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Ray Ellis: Right, and then they'll overlay it. So, I talked to **Dan?** for our roadside mowing as well and he is, both tractors had broke down all in the same day, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and he's been having a hard time getting parts. He said he will have them up and running this week and he's planned on starting the sixteenth next week. So, we'll hopefully get that done real soon so we can get it done before the fair starts.

Chairman McGarry: Alden.

Selectman Dill: Two things, is there anything we can do more to prep for paving to just make it go faster?

Ray Ellis: Well, the one thing that I wanted to do is put up a sign on both ends of South Road, you know, where we're gonna start, to warn the public so that they can plan ahead, in case they have plans or just to let them know that they are gonna be held up on these dates but I don't have the dates to put down on the sign, I have the signs prepared. I was gonna try to get a variable message board, but they are quite expensive to rent.

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Ray Ellis: So, we're gonna try a four-by-four sign with the dates and letting them know when we're gonna start and to prepare or adjust accordingly. So, I mean, most people of the town of Deerfield know how to get around it, so...

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Ray Elli: I just want to give them a little fair warning so it's not all of sudden, tomorrow we start...

Selectman Dill: The other thing, Russ Simons called me the other day and said that he had hauled a load down South Road and had knocked some lights off his trailer, so he said there were some low branches and I figured I'd let you know before Pike was trying to run pavement through there.

Ray Ellis: I will check that out.

Selectman Dill: Cool. That's all I got.

Chairman McGarry: What's...

Ray Ellis: We've been doing some graveling, cause of this last rainstorm, in a few spots.

Selectman Dill: At least it didn't all come at once. It was slow enough that it didn't wash everything out.

Ray Ellis: The roads are holding up pretty good. Most of the ditching work that we've done is working so we're getting the water off the pavement.

Selectman Dill: Oh, um, snowplow bids.

Ray Ellis: Snowplow bids. I have to get the paperwork from Pete and start on that. Talked to a few people and they're asking if we're going to give any kind of a stipend for diesel fuel. So, I called the state and asked them, and they are doing it.

Selectman Dill: How much are they doing?

Ray Ellis: Twelve dollars.

Selectman Dill: An Hour?

Ray Ellis: Yep. Diesel only. I called Lee. Lee doesn't have any private trucks at all. They do it all with their own.

Selectman Dill: Check with, Northwood's running private trucks this year too so...

Ray Ellis: Yep.

Selectman Dill: ...they may have something.

Ray Ellis: I'll check with other towns. I can call Barrington too.

Selectman Dill: Wow. What are we paying an hour now, it doesn't matter cause it's bids, so it doesn't, yeah, never mind.

Chairman McGarry: Once we find out the dates they'll be starting, John can we get that on the towns website just to announce?

John Harrington: I have it prepped... (inaudible, coughing)

Chairman McGarry: Good.

Ray Ellis: One other thing I wanted to talk you, in your packets you'll probably find them, but the three two hundred seventy-five gallon oil tanks that we took out of highway shed when we put the new tanks in, they're pretty much empty, there's probably a little left in them but they're sitting outside on the sand and I wanted to get rid of them so, I called Townsend Energy and tried to find out what it would cost to get rid of them and he said it would be five hundred dollars a tank which would be fifteen hundred dollars and that includes cutting them in half, sucking out whatever oils left in them, and putting a report into DES that we properly disposed of the tanks. So, I don't know what you guys want to do with that. Right now, they're just sitting outside.

Selectman Dill: We've got to dispose of them. That's the whole reason why we go them out of the highway shed.

Ray Ellis: Correct, I would like some guidance if you guys have.

Chairman McGarry: Right, we've got that, basically, on our agenda to look at.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Should we do it right now if everyone's here?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to go with Townsend Energy for price of fifteen hundred to remove...

Chairman McGarry: to dispose of those tanks.

Vice Chairman Pitman: ...dispose, chop up...

Selectman Dill: of the three

Second: Selectman Dill
Discussion:

Selectman Dill: Just make sure that's for three in the motion.

Chairman McGarry: It says three.

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

Selectman Dill: So, are we getting new tanks to replace those or what's our plan right now?

Ray Ellis: Well, we have the new tanks we just bought. The two hundred seventy-five-gallon tanks with the...

Selectman Dill: With the totes. My thought with that was those were kind of the temporary fix to get the oil out. I think we outta look at putting in some barriers and bladder tanks in there for a long-term fix.

Ray Ellis: Correct. I mean, according to DES as long as they are inside and not outside, they're fine unless they're leaking then we gotta do something right away. But they seem to be working fine. They're inside. The only ones outside are the empty ones.

Selectman Dill: Okay. We've got some sort of barrier to keep them from getting backed into?

Ray Ellis: Yeah, for now.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: Anything else Ray?

Ray Ellis: I think that's it.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, thank you very much.

Selectman Dill: Thank you.

Ray Ellis: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: All right, next is Scott Bryer who's running for state senate and, I guess, Dick reminded you that you have three minutes.

Scott Bryer: First off, I want to thank the Chairman and the members of the board for allowing me a few minutes to talk to you this evening. I've actually surprised, I worked with your chairman on an off for a couple years on the oil fund disbursement board and I also had the privilege of serving with Alden on the Northwood selectboard. So, I've done, I did what you're doing tonight for twenty-one years in Northwood. Currently I serve on the Northwood police commission as one of the police commissioners. I'm employed at the New Hampshire department of safety. My primary function there is, I'm the administrator of the road toll bureau, which the name is a little miss leading, the road toll bureau is actually the motor fuel, gasoline and diesel taxes and I'm also responsible for collecting a lot of the environmental fees for the oil fund disbursement board. I've also had, I'm a certified public accountant and a chartered global management accountant. I have over thirty-five years' experience in local, state government finance and budgeting. With that being said I'm also very familiar with the legislative process because in my capacity as the administrator at the road toll bureau I dealt with drafting legislation testifying before ways and means, mostly ways and means in public works and highways, on fuel tax works and so on and so forth. And I've been involved in revenue projections for the highway fund during my tenor at the department of safety. My main issues are, I support personal liberties and parental rights. I will also, I'm opposed to any sales tax or personal income tax on individuals. I support the second amendment and gun owners' rights. I'm also particularly concerned that with the highway fund and making sure that we have adequate funding to go into the future. A lot of people, if you don't notice, right now in New Hampshire we're got around five thousand and ten thousand registered electric vehicles. Currently those electric vehicles are unlike us, gasoline or diesel powered, every time we fill up our car, we contribute to the highway fund. Right now, other than the registration fee these types of vehicles aren't contributing to the highway fund and highways funds, kind of, in a precarious state because of the more fuel efficiency of the cars the revenues, kind of, flat lined. So, with that I just wanted to introduce myself. I'd be representing your town. I also want to let you know that if you need anything, if I get elected, call me. If you need me to attend a board meeting, I'm right next door in Northwood, I can be over here. If you need anything just reach out to me if I get elected.

Chairman McGarry: Anybody have any questions for Scott? Alden. One minute left.

Selectman Dill: Well, I had asked Howard about down shifting, especially, on the state retirement system so I might as well ask you about it as well because that's hitting us locally.

Scott Bryer: So, as you know, I am also a member of the retirement system, I also served in the position that you're doing here tonight and I'm well aware of down shifting to the towns and municipalities especially and I'd be very cognate not to do that. so, I wouldn't support any legislation that would push anything down to municipalities.

Chairman McGarry: Any other questions? Okay. Thank you, Scott.

Scott Bryer: Thank you and thanks again for the opportunity to talk before you.

Selectman Dill: All right.

Selectwoman McHugh: Thank you.

Scott Bryer: Yep. Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Budget review.

John Harrington: Do you want to do the fair before the budget?

Chairman McGarry: Oh. Yeah. Okay.

John Harrington: Since there's so many...

Chairman McGarry: All right. We have Fire Rescue fair agreement. Don, you want to speak?

(Inaudible conversation)

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy brought up a good point.

Chairman McGarry: Yep. Go ahead Dick.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Form the last meeting, John Dubi, did Matt review with you what they propose?

John from the audience: Sorry?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Did Matt review with you what they proposed at the last meeting?

John from the audience: (inaudible, not at the mic) ...watch the last meeting on YouTube ... (inaudible, not at the mic).

Chairman McGarry: Don, I guess, short term, we'll swap you guys out and have (inaudible, papers being shuffled)

Selectwoman McHugh: Musical chairs.

John from the audience: (inaudible, not at the mic)

Selectwoman McHugh: You have to be on camera.

John Dubiansky: Oh. So, yes, I have a copy of the fair's proposal. I have a copy of the MOU that Matt proposed, and I did watch the last Monday's meeting as well.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think what happened was, Matt was going to take the fairs proposal and review it and then we were gonna see what he thought of their proposal, so I think what Dick was asking, if you had a chance...?

John Dubiansky: No. so, I think, Matt left last week thinking this was going to occur Wednesday when he was going to be able to Zoom in. He's just not able to do that tonight. So, that's sorta, I mean I have a general idea. You have specific questions.

Selectwoman McHugh: No. I...

Selectman Huebner: I got a report directly from Matt who told me that he has digested the proposal from the fair committee, fair association, about what they had read into the record last meeting and that he had put it into a spread sheet to try to compare to what he had proposed himself and he has that part of it done. What he's doing now is he's going to meet with the state fire marshal on the same subject and get some advice from them about the decision to input into his decision and that he can't do that though until Friday this week, so another three days before he can meet with the fire marshal, that's the earliest opportunity that Matt could get a meeting with the fire marshal, state of New Hampshire.

Chairman McGarry: Alden, did you have something to say?

Selectman Dill: That was pretty much what I was going to say.

Selectman Dill: And so, Matt is suggesting that he can make his decision once he's made this final meeting with the fire marshal. So, he's taken in the advice what the fair association is proposing, he has his original proposal, he's gonna meet with the fire marshal, come up with a final decision based on the Friday meeting.

John Dubiansky: It's, yeah, it's my understanding that we have a Microsoft teams meeting scheduled with the state fire marshal's office on Friday.

Chairman McGarry: Oaky. So, it's a, I guess we're a little premature at this point until he has that meeting with the state fire marshal.

Selectman Dill: Unfortunately, I think we are.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: the fair has something.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, yea, I was gonna have...

John Dubiansky: So, apparently this on-camera thing is gonna make this kind of awkward, right? I have a question for Don in reference to...

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, Don will sit next to you.

Chairman McGarry: why don't you come forward.

John Dubiansky: The one that jumped out, just by coincidence, on the fair proposal was the trailer booths or the temporary booths already having been inspected by the state and I was wondering what inspection that was referring to.

Don Wyman: From everyone I've talked to, state inspectors and different places like that, the state does a state inspection when the campers roll into the state of New Hampshire. The campers don't just come to New Hampshire and stop. So as these are going through, whether it be Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, these campers, these vendors have to go through a state inspection, so they've been inspected by state inspectors particularly the fry vendors. When Rockwell or Smokey's (inaudible, papers being shuffled) ...come into the fair in the state they've already been inspected. Two years ago, correct me if I'm wrong, two years ago we started inspecting them through the town, it's, to me, it was done, I wasn't gonna buck Matt at the time. It's kind of a waste, they already been inspected by the state. Why does the town have to reinspect when they've been inspected by the board of health and by the fire people, the fire marshals themselves. So, we redo it again, the town, the fire marshals, we go back through it, reinspect these people all over again, it's kind of a waste of time. Now we're talking about hours and what not, this is what takes the time. Our private booths, now, our hard booth, the ones people have to pay taxes on, absolutely, we should inspect those because, John and I have been doing this for many years together, we find issues, we say, you have until next year, you have two years, depending on the hardship they say they have, we give them that waiver. The fair does and the fire department does, but when the tie comes to say this is the last year to that waiver, you're gonna be down, either it's done tomorrow or you don't open at the fair, ninety percent, ninety-nine percent of the time it's done. So that's what I'm referring too.

John Dubiansky: Yeah, cause I'm not familiar with a fire marshal's office program that does that. I know mechanical does for the rides and health does for the booths themselves but I'm not familiar with someone else checking to see if they have their hood system is properly tagged and stuff like that so I can, when we have our meeting with the fire marshal's office on Friday, I will...

Don Wyman: I guess that's another one of my questions, we're relying on the chief in town to set our precedence, to set the precedence for ten people, that's what he's saying. He's saying our guidance is. Our guidance is less. We're relying on him to do that but now he is unsure of himself enough that he has to go to the state to get guidance? So, we're sitting here, the fair is sitting here, and we're saying this is what's gotta be done and what we should have. Now the chief for two years has mandated this is what we do but now all of a sudden when we're bumping up against him saying show us an RSA, which he cannot, we've asked that a couple times, he cannot, so now he's going to add more leverage to himself by going to the state. The sad thing is, I stated before the meeting, a hundred and forty-five years we've never bickered. The town and the fair never had, you know, they might have had some issues, but we've never really come to this before. We're talking about ten people or six people, right? And I don't understand why it's being so hard other than the fact that somebody is telling the chief, hey, we don't want that. This is what we're doing, you now, because originally the dollar amount it went from very low to very high in a short amount of time. So, we're trying to stop, you know, we're talking business world, you have a hemorrhage, well you try to slow the hemorrhage down to a bleed, that's what you do, that's how you work that, so you don't spend that much money. You're never going to stop it. You're not going to put your finger in the dyke and stop it. It's always going to come out a little bit. That's an expense everyone knows we're gonna have to pay. All we're trying to do is cut that down a little bit. You know, going from ten people to six people and going from four officers during the day to one officer during the day, I don't really think that's such a hard as, such a hard lift for the town to do. You know, John's been here many times, I'm very superstitious, I hate to say this but I'm going to, all right, in the past eighteen years that I've been involved in the fair, we've had three issues with fire, one car, battery, and last year we had a french-fry booth that had an issue and then we had Donna's, I hate to say names, sorry about that, we had a sausage booth, but the Ansul system put that out. Never was the fire department, other than John and I walked over, you all good? Yep, we're all good.

John Dubiansky: We'll call it one and half fires.

Don Wyman: Yeah, one and half, right, so then we had a foolish hock try to eat his lunch on a transformer, that was the fourth fire. Eighteen years. All right, we've had four incidences that we needed fire coverage. I couldn't count how times we need a rescue because of bee stings, people that don't take their insulin on time, all that kind of stuff so again, going from ten to six it's not a huge lift, you know, I just don't understand, you know, why it's such a huge, huge issue, you know, we went from a twelve-thousand-dollar bill two years ago to twenty-eight to thirty-three-thousand-dollar bill last year and the same exact thing last year is being done this year. We did not get to see the

contract prior to. He came up the week before the fair, guess what, this is what you're doing, you got no say, I'm not budging, I'm not moving, so you held us to the fire. So, we did that. We paid it. You know, I came in last year and I spoke to you guys, will not pay, we owe a bill we pay it, but I'm trying to avoid that this year and it's getting dragged in because now he has to talk to the fire marshal, now he has to talk to this one, now he has to do that, do your homework. I did. I've got my homework done. So, I'm not understanding, you know, you ask us to compare, you know, Hopkinton. Hopkinton has sixteen people. That's fire and rescue. You asked us to look for that, if I remember correctly from the last meeting. Sixteen people. We have twenty-six fire fighters alone. Ten each night. So, think about that, twenty-six fire fighters, ten each night or sixteen for the whole Hopkinton fair. That's rescue and fire and they have a demo derby, they have tractor pulls, they have just as, more issues with stuff like that, you know, potential issues, excuse me, with stuff like that than what we do. I don't think last angle, I've never seen a horse catch on fire, so what do we do? We do a tractor pull, you know, and there's fire down there. It's well guarded, it's well protected. We have EMS down there. We have hot saws with the woodsmen. We have a rescue ring right there. We don't, we don't fall on, on safety. We take it very seriously. That's why we're still here. I just think we're being taken advantage of and want to try and stop that nicely and easily with the town. I don't want to fight with the town, you know.

Chairman McGarry: Alden, do you have a question?

Selectman Dill: The only, on Hopkinton, they do bring in extra at the demo derby, but I agree, I checked on the numbers too and that's what they had for numbers. I just wanted to point out that's why we wanted to meet in June and why we wanted to plan ahead so we didn't have the time crunch. We did get an email Friday, May twentieth, saying, the board of directors held a meeting last night, decided to postpone the meeting with the town selectmen and chief Fisher. I'll be back in touch as I hear more from them regarding a meeting. So, we did try to do this earlier, and I agree, and I want to do this earlier next year. I really do. I thought we ought to do this in January. So, I agree that there is a time crunch now, but I don't think we can do anything right now until the chief has his meeting and comes back to us. So, I think I'm going to make a motion to table this.

Chairman McGarry: Let me get Cindy first.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just want everybody to understand too, we need to think about town coverage. Having all the fire fighters at the fair on detail, that puts us, the town, in jeopardy. Um, I think in, in the past it's what we've always done, and everybody's left the fair and gone to, we had a very serious accident on Epsom, the Epsom line once, everybody left to go to that. That left the town unprotected and the fair unprotected and the fair is the ones who's paying these people so, I think the chief's gonna have to look at it too as to, who's covering the town this year at central fire and not at the fair and who's going to be detailed at the fair.

Chairman McGarry: Don, a quick, another comment.

Don Wyman: Yeah. Again, this is, this was originally the town and fair talking this over, why are we bringing the state in?

Chairman McGarry: Personally, I don't have any problem with him, the state fire marshal. More information that the chief has is better. Alden?

Selectman Dill: I made a motion, so...

Chairman McGarry: Okay, is there a second?

Selectman Huebner: I'll second the motion.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to table this and they will address this at the next meeting after the chief has had his meeting, on the twelfth.

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Do we have a date?

Selectman Dill: Well, we have a meeting Monday, correct?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's the one you're thinking.

Selectman Dill: That's what I was thinking. I don't think we can really...

Vice Chairman Pitman: That should be in the motion.

Selectman Dill: Okay. So, I'll change my motion to, say that we will address this at the next meeting after the chief has his meeting on, what's date?

John Harrington: The twelfth.

Selectman Dill: The twelfth.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is the chief available on the twelfth?

Selectman Dill: Yes, I spoke with him this morning.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Movement seconded to table the action on the fire rescue fair agreement until the twelfth and anything to say?

Selectwoman McHugh: Can we change that to fire cause rescue's all taken care of?

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Change to just fire. Any further discussion?

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

Chairman McGarry: Thank you.

Selectman Dill: Monday.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Budget review. So, John you want to address these or?

John Harrington: Page one. Everybody there?

Selectman Huebner: John, could you, just for my sake and maybe the audience...

Selectman Dill: How this works.

Selectman Huebner: ...just give an overview of the process that we're doing now so...

John Harrington: Okay. What the board has in front of them are the budget worksheets which have been turned in by every department head in the town. These are proposed budgets. There are multiple information on here. There's the actual of what we are year to date. The current year's budget is numbers are also in here and if there are any backup materials needed those are behind the budget worksheets as well as the detail of the budget.

Selectman Huebner: So, who prepared this?

John Harrington: This is done by me.

Selectman Huebner: Okay, with the input of the department head?

John Harrington: No, this is just your budget, the board of selectmen, and the only item in here that has changed year to year is the trustee of the trust funds line and that was a decision made several years ago to pay for the annual oversight of the trust funds because the current cemetery trust funds cannot support those fees. So, this is the only line in the budget for the trustees of the trust fund in order for them to...

Selectman Dill: To clarify in what you're saying though, is the ones we're working on tonight are the ones that are unchanged and that you didn't go to department heads on some of the other ones we will as the process goes.

John Harrington: well, you're going to hear from cemeteries. You're gonna hear from Deb Murphy for heritage commission. Joanna Waring from the supervisors of the checklist. They prepared their own budget.

Selectman Dill: Okay. That's what I just wanted to clarify when...

John Harrington: I'm speaking to this one because there really isn't a department head for the board of selectmen.
Selectman Dill: But on the other ones we sit and talk and discuss.

Selectman Huebner: So, what about the other departments, the police department, the fire department?

Chairman McGarry: Those will come later.

Selectman Huebner: Those will come later. All right.

John Harrington: This is a scheduled presentation of department heads. We don't do them all in one night.

Selectman Dill: So, when the police come in, Gary will have set his budget, we'll discuss and if you...

John Harrington: You have all the budgets that have been submitted so you have a chance to look them all over prior to those department heads coming in and there's a schedule of events that I did send out for all the presentations so you will know when they will be coming in.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And you'll be getting updated page five or whatever after as they change and as Cindy will point out, they change rapidly as we go.

John Harrington: If you make changes and vote to make a change then those changes will be put into the software, and I will generate new pages for you and hand them out. If there are no changes you won't get any new pages.

Selectman Dill: And the other thing is, so, you have page five but then you have justification on the budget page five for a couple pages.

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Selectman Dill: Behind it.

Selectman Huebner: Right. And so, this process will go on until we turn the budget over to the municipal budget committee.

John Harrington: Correct. It ends in...

Selectman Dill: December.

John Harrington: ...last meeting, October twelfth, you'll hear from the last grouping of department heads and then once you vote to approve the final bottom line then the budget is turned over to the municipal budget committee.

Selectman Huebner: Okay. Thanks for that.

Selectman Dill: And then you'll be presenting this budget to the budget committee.

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Selectman Dill: And they're gonna be asking you questions...

Selectman Huebner: All of us.

Selectman Dill: ...on what we, why we voted the way we did.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You want a motion, Fred.

Chairman McGarry: Yep.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to go with the budget for this coming year for seventeen thousand five hundred and one dollars

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Selectman Dill: That's why that page hasn't changed in forever.

John Harrington: Page five for the supervisors of the checklist. Joanna Waring is here tonight to speak to that.

Chairman McGarry: Good evening, Joanna.

Joanna Waring: Good evening. So, I'm Joanna Waring, supervisors of the checklist and the budget that we have for you, our budget is pretty much standard every year. It does fluctuate in the first area of the stipends and that fluctuates based on how many elections we have. Twenty twenty-three is going to be a quiet year. So, we just have the normal two deliberative sessions and the town election and so the year end is a little bit lower than what other years are like this year and in twenty twenty-four we'll be back up because of the extra elections.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve two thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars.

Second: Selectman Dill to approve the budget of two thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars for the supervisors of the checklist.

Discussion:

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you Joanna.

Selectman Dill: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Cemeteries.

John Harrington: I don't believe I see anyone from cemeteries here. Page twenty-four.

Selectwoman McHugh: I really have an issue with that. These people know they should be here. You have questions, you don't have anybody to ask.

John Harrington: If you look at the details, that's the detail, that's maintenance and I think that is, basically for any maintenance needed for fencing, damage caused by trees...

Selectman Dill: Basically, they haven't had enough money to cover this stuff in a long time.

John Harrington: Correct. You'll see an increase in their tree care line as well.

Selectman Dill: We want a table so we can get a cemetery trustee.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to table so we can get a cemetery trustee.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: We'll hold off on that one.

John Harrington: Next is advertiser on page twenty-eight.

Selectman Dill: which I don't know why it's advertising.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to in the amount of forty-five hundred fifty-two dollars.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: It is what it is. They tell us what it costs.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is, advertising for what?

Selectman Dill: No, this is the municipal association deuce.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Oh.

Selectman Dill: It's been under the...

John Harrington: (inaudible, other talking) ...the association, this is the only place it fits when you're looking at the financial categories that DRA offers.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And this is under, it, it's a cost break down on the population.

Selectman Huebner: So, this is just dictated to us, and we have no choice?

Selectman Dill: Pretty much.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: But what I will say, because that does come up quite a bit in the MBC, we do get a lot of bang for our buck on that because they answer a lot of questions that we can hit that level before we have to go to the legal level.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: So, we do get something for that but no we can't adjust the amount.

John Harrington: Advertising isn't far off because we do post all of our job openings throughout New Hampshire.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

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

John Harrington: (inaudible, papers being shuffled) ...page seventy-three.

Selectwoman McHugh: You said they were in order.

Selectman Dill: They are in order, kind of.

Selectman Huebner: Six pages from the back.

John Harrington: They are in order for the grouping that is scheduled for tonight.

Chairman McGarry: So, the budget, proposed budget of six hundred dollars which is the same as it was last year.

John Harrington: That is used for American flags at the cemetery. Should they not be donated by different groups throughout the year. Some years we get all the flags donated and some years we have to buy some.

Selectman Dill: I'll second your motion if that was a motion, Fred.

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Motion: Chairman McGarry make a motion to approve the budget of six hundred dollars for Memorial Day patriotic purposes.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Selectwoman McHugh: Who does this? Who is this you? Are you in charge of this?

John Harrington: If we get contacted that they, someone needs money to purchase flags, they'll usually go through my office.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is this also the holders? Like the fire department holders and stuff?

John Harrington: Yes. Any equipment needed to put the flags in.

Selectwoman McHugh: And we have enough money for that, usually?

John Harrington: When it's used.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: So, my impression is that this is normally not used because there's private donations?

John Harrington: Sometimes there is. Some years it has been used.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Inaudible talking from the audience.

John Harrington: But we keep it on standby we need it.

Selectman Dill: Yes, the Legion and the Boy Scouts together usually handle that but in case they don't.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: So, this primarily cemetery flags not the flags on the telephone poles?

John Harrington: Correct.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: And like Cindy said, the various holders that go out as well. Fire, what do you have, fire department?

Selectwoman McHugh: Fire department.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, she's also showing new large U.S. and POW flags for the cemeteries. Any further discussion?

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

John Harrington: Page seventy-four.

Selectman Dill: Heritage commission.

Selectwoman McHugh: Somebody's here.

Selectman Dill: Hey, this is a very active committee.

Deb Murphy: I'm Deb Murphy, chair of the heritage commission and I would respectfully request a six-hundred-dollar budget which helps us pay our membership to the New Hampshire preservation alliance and run various small-scale programs throughout the year.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve the budget of six hundred dollars for the heritage commission.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: I was gonna say, and because we're members of the heritage preservation alliance we have opportunities for grants and other things as well.

Deb Murphy: Correct.

Selectman Dill: So, there is some, again, bang for our buck in that.

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

Chairman McGarry: Thank you.

Selectwoman McHugh: Good job Deb.

Selectman Dill: And they have some cool stuff planned for next year. That's the selectman rep.

John Harrington: Page seventy-nine is forestry commission.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Six dollars or eight? I can't...

Selectman Dill: I got six.

Selectwoman McHugh: I got six.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve the forestry commission budget in the amount of six dollars.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: It's a place holder in case we need it.

Selectman Huebner: Okay. That was going to be my question, what are we doing here?

John Harrington: In order to expend money out of any line you need a minimum of a dollar so should there be a forestry commission that is actually formed and is active, the board could choose to allow them to spend monies from other areas...

Selectman Dill: The conservation commission has been largely functioning as the forestry commission but in case that we look for a, form a forestry commission.

Selectman Huebner: So, this is really because we have a bottom-line budget philosophy we can, since it's in there as a dollar...

John Harrington: You could spend out of those lines.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: To anything we use. Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: What does the forestry commission do?

Selectman Dill: They would oversee cuts in town forests or any other business in the town forests. Like I said, the conservation commission...

Selectwoman McHugh: (inaudible) ...trees?

Selectman Dill: No. It's more of management. We can cut a limb for six bucks.

John Harrington: Dick and Alden second.

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

John Harrington: And I'll direct you to turn to page eighty-five. It shows a range here but those are all zeroed out budgets. I'm saving the pages.

Selectman Dill: I'll move them each and of the amount of one dollar.

John Harrington: Those don't have any amounts in them. You only have page eighty-five.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, papers being shuffled)

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I thought we have a dollar. I thought we had eighty-six as well for our tax anticipation.

Selectman Huebner: Can I have a little bit of an explanation about what this is, tax anticipation?

Selectman Dill: That is in case we run out of money we can borrow money before we get taxes in. So, again, we have to keep a dollar in there to keep it open in case we have to use it.

John Harrington: Or if there were ever a warrant article with a, excuse me, to take on a loan for large project the debt service would go in this.

Selectman Dill: If we were to do...

John Harrington: If we were to bond.

Selectman Dill: ...bond.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

John Harrington: Anything. That's where the payments would go.

Selectman Huebner: But the authority to approve the town borrowing money lies with who?

John Harrington: It would have to be in a warrant article and should that warrant article be approved...

Selectman Huebner: Certainly, a warrant article...

Selectman Dill: For debt service but not for the tax anticipation note.

Selectman Huebner: So, that would be the authority of this board?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Selectman Huebner: But it can't be done just because it's here at one dollar?

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: But it couldn't be done at all if we had zero dollars.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: All right. We have a motion?

John Harrington: No.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to approve the debt service tax anticipation for one dollar.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. (Inaudible, others talking in front of their mics). All right. Review of outstanding minutes. Twenty-sixth and the twenty-ninth.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to approve the outstanding minutes from August twenty-sixth and twenty-ninth.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. Payroll manifest. Gross payroll of the week ending August thirty first of seventy-six thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$76,960.69) with a net payroll of forty-nine thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents (\$49,567.76).

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to approve the payroll manifest for week ending August thirty-first.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. We have accounts payable manifest in the amount of eight hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$855,734.79) of which eight hundred thousand is for the school.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to approve the manifest of September sixth.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. Signatures and correspondence. We've, uh, already took care of the Townsend Energy for the setting up of those three tanks. All right, we have a proposal for services for Keech and Nordstrom in the amount of Sixteen thousand five hundred dollars for (inaudible, papers being shuffled) ...for replacement of the pipes on Haynes Road (inaudible, papers being shuffled and talking) ...box culvert and also going through the permitting process with DES. Any discussions?

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, papers being moved)

Chairman McGarry: In fact, it's going to be from that block grant that we...

John Harrington: Yes, a hundred and twenty-eight thousand highway block grant that we received as surplus, I would recommend that we charge that.

Selectman Dill: Was there anything, can, did you check on if we can use the bridge money for a box culvert?

Chairman McGarry: No.

John Harrington: No, it's not a bridge.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: You know, somebody had mentioned using ARPA money for some of this road repair too. Is that...?

Chairman McGarry: Don't know.

John Harrington: You can. The board has previously earmarked the remaining amount of ARPA for purchase of an ambulance. If you want to change that priority that's your...

Selectwoman McHugh: No, I was just curious.

John Harrington': Yep.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What was the total for that, sixteen?

Chairman McGarry: Sixteen five.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to go with Keech Engineer for sixteen five Haynes Road Culvert.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

John Harrington: And to use the highway block grant money that we've received.

Chairman McGarry: One of the things we'll have to give them guidance to is to for a twenty-five-, fifty-, or hundred-year storm on the design of that box culvert. So, that'll, we don't need to make that decision at this point but...

Selectman Dill: Do we have any ballpark of what something like that's going to cost?

Chairman McGarry: Did Steve give anything?

John Harrington: He did not.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Okay. But it's a pretty big job, right?

Chairman McGarry: Yep. It's, it'll be tens of thousands for sure.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: How did we have in that? Was that like eighty-four right.

Chairman McGarry: It's a hundred and twenty-four thousand.

John Harrington: A hundred and twenty-eight.

Selectwoman McHugh: Bridges was eighty-four?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

John Harrington: Eighty.

Selectman Dill: Now that, well Cindy brought up a bridges, since we can't use bridges on this. Is that bridge money lapsing.

John Harrington: No.

Selectman Dill: Okay. So, we can hold that until next year or when we have a bridge project.

John Harrington: Right.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: We have a bridge project, don't we?

John Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah on (inaudible, multiple people talking) ...road. Right, so we'll have to look at... Steve was going to give us the name of that, the other engineer that was a guide to the bridge.

John Harrington: Right.

Chairman McGarry: Maybe have them come out and take a look at, what the possibility on that would end up being. What the ballpark cost might end up being.

Selectman Huebner: I thought we had said that we wouldn't jump to the conclusion to do Blakes Hill Road because there might be a lot of other bridges that might have a lot more people served in the town by them, and we should make some kind of a prioritized look at that to decide which bridge to give the money to.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I think that's probably one thing we'll have to do but we were looking at trying to get an idea of what the cost of that work on the Blakes Hill Road might end up being.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: And if just with a ballpark estimate on that and we can decide where we want to go from there.

Selectman Huebner: So, who would be making this kind of analysis of the other bridges that are needing repair so that somebody could finally say, this is the one that should have the priority or these two or whatever it might be?

Selectman Dill: Could that be a Southern Planning issue, for Southern New Hampshire Planning?

John Harrington: Well, the state of New Hampshire does a red list, a bridge red list report every year.

Chairman McGarry: So, we'd get that information from DOT then we'd go from there on the bridges in town.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: We don't have that many, do we?

Chairman McGarry: No, I don't think we do. We have a motion and a second...

John Harrington: Who was the second?

Selectman Dill: I was.

Chairman McGarry: ...to proceed with Keech Nordstrom doing the design. This would authorize the chair to sign.

Selectman Huebner: And what's the cost of that?

Chairman McGarry: Sixteen thousand five hundred.

Selectman Huebner: Just to do the design?

Chairman McGarry: Design and permitting with DES because...

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible)

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, because the committee, Steve had said and I guess John got confirmation from DES that it would not be considered in their view as an emergency and so consequently we have to go through the entire process.

Selectman Dill: And also, that we just couldn't replace it with like because it's a bigger project.

Chairman McGarry: Right. Clearly the pipes that are in there now are insufficient in size so. Any further discussion?

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

Selectman Huebner: Just a procedural question, John, in these folders for the payroll manifest and the accounts payable manifest there's quite a lot of sign here tabs but we're not supposed to address these here?

John Harrington: No, those are for department heads.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

John Harrington: A lot of the invoices come in electronically to Pete Lemay, he puts them in, includes them and then has the department head come in and sign them afterwards.

Selectman Dill: We just want to make sure we're not missing something in there.

John Harrington: Nope.

Chairman McGarry: All right, the next item is, notice of grant requirements. What's this for?

John Harrington: Those two documents is, there's a map and there's a deed. That is the final step in closing up the Hartford Brook project with the state grant and once that deed is signed, we will need record it and submit that to the state. The map itself needs to be signed and then I will electronically transmit that to department of forestry, and they will close out the remaining grant monies to us which is another three to eight thousand dollars for some late invoices.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. All right. It has your name on it as Vice Chair, do you want to sign it?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sure.

John Harrington: At the time it was prepared Dick was going to, was chairing the meeting.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. I'll make a motion then.

Motion: Chairman McGarry makes amotion for the board to approve and authorize Dick to sign on behalf of the board for the grant.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

John Harrington: And there's two places to sign on the deed and then on the map itself. They should both be tagged.

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

Selectman Dill: So that whole project is finalized? Done?

John Harrington: There is still some work to do on behalf of the town but as far as the state's involvement, they're done.

Selectman Dill: Okay. It just feels like that's been going for years.

Chairman McGarry: All right. We have the paid time off for part-time employees' policy. Board has discussed this, and the policy consists of, anybody working. To work thirteen hundred hours or more in a part-time position would be eligible for this and after one year you'll be able to receive one week of vacation entitlement and after five years it would go to two weeks.

Selectman Dill: I want to make a motion. I do want to clarify I don't believe it's just vacation. I believe it's anytime, day.

John Harrington: They are just general paid days off.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion that we approve this.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectwoman McHugh: I don't think we should, oh sorry... I, giving part-time people vacation time, I know it's a benefit, but I don't see many companies doing that.

Selectman Huebner: That's exactly what my comment was.

Selectwoman McHugh: Then go ahead and finish up.

Selectman Huebner: I think, I question doing this, unless this is necessary to retain employees, you know, if that's, then, the reason for it is, is because we need to retain employees and we're in danger losing, we are in a competitive work environment, a market, that we have to attract workers.

Selectman Dill: I just find this hilarious because we're just moving the same covet down the line. I was going to say I was in favor of this because I think we need to retain part-time employees and we're limited in pay because we have such a tight budget that I see this as a retention, as a fringe benefit with, that doesn't cost us extra money.

Selectman Huebner: But it does cost us time on the job.

Selectman Dill: It does but we don't have to put a direct salary increase to give a benefit, in my opinion.

Selectman Huebner: But other companies in business aren't doing this kind of thing in general, I don't think, and maybe, so I don't know, I just question it.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think it just gives the full-timers, it's a little less for them, I think. It seems a little less benefits for them, working full-time.

Selectman Dill: But we don't have to pay the benefits. You know, now we can give part-time something else without having to pay full full-time benefits.

Selectwoman McHugh: Well, I just don't think that a couple hours vacation time is going to keep anybody here on the job.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, any further discussion?

Selectman Huebner: Well, we've three selectmen give their opinion, I'm curious what Dick might think of this.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We'll vote, and you'll see.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

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

Chairman McGarry: All right, personal action request. This is for Ray Ellis to, because he's now working in a role as, no.

John Harrington: This would take affect after he steps down from his position as interim road agent. This would be a wage increase for his role as facility supervisor.

Selectman Huebner: And this was brought to us before he agreed to take the other position. Step up first...

John Harrington: And it was tabled at the last meeting so it's coming back.

Chairman McGarry: So, it goes from twenty-four forty-six and hour to twenty-seven forty-six an hour and from twenty-nine hours a week to thirty-two, is that correct?

John Harrington: Actually, it would be thirty-two to thirty-two.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: It's going to make him work more hours.

Chairman McGarry: No.

John Harrington: No, he's currently working thirty-two now. That is a typo, thank you.

Selectman Huebner: So, strictly a wage increase not a round...

Chairman McGarry: Right. Correct.

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectman Huebner

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: I think this is warranted.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Selectman Dill: And again, it doesn't happen...

John Harrington: It doesn't take effect until he steps down...

Selectman Dill: ...until we hire a road agent.

John Harrington: ...from his current interim role.

Selectman Dill: Which, speaking of which, are we, do we have any more, do we?

John Harrington: I was going to speak to that in about thirty seconds.

Selectman Dill: Perfect.

Chairman McGarry: All right. (Inaudible, others talking).

John Harrington: (inaudible, multiple people talking) ...you want to do correspondence and then I'll ... (inaudible, others talking).

Chairman McGarry: We have a letter from the Coen's at one fifteen Mountain Road with regard to, and this has come to the board of selectmen and the code enforcement with regards to the activity occurring on the logging, basically, adjacent to their property conducted by property owner Mr. Blaisdell and, John, the building the inspector is looking into their letter?

John Harrington: Yes. He has a copy of the letter. He's currently researching their comments in the letter.

Chairman McGarry: And this, is this, any of the board members want to take a look at this, you may, and...

Selectman Huebner: I think we've already had it to ready already, right? And this, for clarification, is not the same complaint about the same property that we heard before. This is now a different property?

Chairman McGarry: I think it's the same property.

John Harrington: No, this is now a different property. This is regarding a separate and new intent to cut.

Selectman Dill: There was a very small intent to cut last week which I believe that's what that is addressing.

John Harrington: Point three acres.

Selectwoman McHugh: it's the same...

Selectman Dill: It's adjacent to the original.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: All right, John, town administrator.

John Harrington: Okay. A couple of items for you. Coming back to the ten-year plan and the mention of putting intersection of Candia, Church and 107 on the ten-year plan, it was a comment to add the South split or 43, 107 to that plan. Because of a deadline we cannot submit that this year. We can reapply next year when the ten-year plan comes up again and I was asked to check with the police department regarding any serious injuries or fatalities at either intersection and for the last five years that information came back that there was none. That they could report on and because of that information that the state may deny putting them on the ten-year plan for any upgrades.

Chairman McGarry: Yep.

John Harrington: Okay. Secondly, there has been a request by the incoming new tenant, for the hair cutter space, there's quite a few ceiling tiles that are broken, sagging, stained and she'd like to know the possibility of getting those replaced coming in as a new tenant. They are in pretty poor shape. I had Ray give an estimate to purchase all of the tiles needed, would be about twelve hundred dollars. So, I just wanted to get a sense of the board, if you were in favor of getting those replaced.

Chairman McGarry: Definitely. Yeah.

John Harrington: Okay. Thank you.

Selectman Dill: That's way more then I thought it would be, but we ought to do it.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that form leaks?

John Harrington: I can't tell what it's from but they're very discolored. A lot of them are cracked. And to Alden's point, I've just received a second viable candidate for the road agent position. I'd like to, if the board would like, start scheduling interviews so that we can at least talk to these folks.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: We only have two?

John Harrington: We have a total of three applications. Two are viable and actually have qualifications we're looking for.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, do we want to do it with everybody, with some of us, I mean...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Everybody.

Selectman Dill: We got to do these.

John Harrington: Okay. So, I'll contact both of those people and get them in here as soon as possible.

Selectman Huebner: I'd like to comment that we're trying to pick between the two, we're to see if any of the two are...

John Harrington: I have a total of two possible candidates that you'll be interviewing with.

Selectman Huebner: Right, but we're not trying to pick between these as to who's going to be the next...

John Harrington: No, I just think it's prudent to get back to these folks in a timely way. And lastly, if you remember, back about a month ago, I came to you speaking about a 0.3-acre town owned piece of property that was off Millstone Road, using the intersection of three abutting properties and the board had me contact all of the abutters. None of the abutters were interested in purchasing that land. There's been an update, the landowner that has the bigger property right at the end of Millstone Road, that was going to be sold to a family member, that's no longer happening, however, the current owner, Mr. Mitchio is interested in buying that property. I've already spoken to him and relayed what the town would be looking for, for the price and he's still interested, he'd like to move forward with that so, if the board is in approval, I'll start the deed process with the attorneys.

Selectman Dill: And he's one of the abutters to that property.
John Harrington: Yes. Three of them. Two of them are not interested.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes. Should be great.

Chairman McGarry: You need a motion for that.

John Harrington: Yes please.

Motion: Chairman McGarry
Second: Selectwoman McHugh
Discussion:

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

John Harrington: The next thing you'll see is a deed coming forward to be signed.

Selectman Huebner: And did we already discuss the price being offered?

John Harrington: The price that was offered, and that was through an analysis by avatar, nine hundred fifty dollars total for the point three acres. Six hundred is for the land and three hundred fifty for legal fees to process the deed.

Selectman Dill: But it was totally land locked for anybody except those three abutters so it has a low market value.

Selectman Huebner: Okay, I was just curious.

John Harrington: Well, that's the deed price that I'll be moving forward with. All in agreement?

Chairman McGarry: MmHm.

John Harrington: That's it for me tonight. Thanks.

Chairman McGarry: we had somebody inquire with regard to the space that's currently occupied by Yannis.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That was my next question.

John Harrington: Yes, and I did get back in touch with that gentleman and I said that the board would have to review the space and find out if any improvements or corrections needed to be made before we could move forward with the lease. Yannis has paid their last month's rent. They have until the end of September until their lease expires so my recommendation would be, whichever board members are interested, to come in and review the space and look at what is in there and whether any changes need to be made before you open it up to lease again.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We still got him on the hook though, right? He still wants to...

John Harrington: He didn't say anything different. All I did was tell him we received it. Board was interested but needed to review the space.

Chairman McGarry: But he's interested?

John Harrington: Yep.

Chairman McGarry: Is that on the hook?

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's not how I remember it. I thought John was supposed to start negotiations for a lease.

John Harrington: There's no way I can start negotiations without the board first looking at the space, because as I pointed out, the understanding of the tenant paying all the electric is not the way it's currently set up.

Selectman Huebner: I thought we agreed we'd estimate...

Selectman Dill: No, that was the hairdresser.

John Harrington: That's the hairdressing at the barbershop.
Selectman Huebner: Why wouldn't we do the same...

John Harrington: There is actually a meter at Yannis, but the wiring is not such that it captures all of the electrical usage.

Selectman Dill: It basically the pizza oven and the walk-in cooler.

John Harrington: There's several big items on there. I'm not sure which ones are in there that...

Selectman Huebner: Are not accounted for.

Selectman Dill: That are accounted for and then rest of it isn't accounted for from I understood talking about it with the building inspector. It looks like the town was paying for AC, for the small coolers, for a number of f other items that we thought was not.

John Harrington: So, I can't really move forward with negotiations until the board decides what their comfortable with for leasing the space.

Selectman Huebner: Well, I think as we did for the hairdressers, we said we were going to have an electrician estimate the usage.

John Harrington: We are having quite a bit of difficulty getting an electrician to come in and take a look at the space.

Selectman Huebner: I would have been comfortable estimating what's missing from the meter at the previous Yannis.

John Harrington: Not knowing what would be plugged in because the space will be relatively empty. I don't know if that's possible at this point.

Vice Chairman Pitman: As long as he doesn't go away.

Selectman Huebner: I suppose one the tenant moves in, as long as they understand we're going to make a fair judgement to see...

John Harrington: That is a call the board can make. Nut I think we need to wait until the current tenant is out, take a look at the space.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: And also, that would give us a one-month idea of electric, you know, it's only one month idea of electric, you know, it's only a one month but of...

Selectman Huebner: of not having anything plugged in, right?

Selectman Dill: Yes. But...

Selectman Huebner: We don't know how many pizza ovens...

Selectman Dill: No, but it would also show us what is happening with no use down there as well.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Dill: You know, compared to the use we had with them there on the GBW meters. So, it does give us some info. It doesn't give us great info, but it gives us some info.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

John Harrington: That's it.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you John. Unfinished business we've taken care of.

Selectman Huebner: I have a matter of unfinished business.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: so, recall we wrote a letter to DES asking for help with the two fifty-six North Road and I did the, the inspection did take place on the three items that we asked them to do, on Friday last week and the letter should be out by this coming Friday.

Chairman McGarry: Excellent.

Selectman Huebner: And they're addressing all three of the issues as much as they can, and I've had a preview from the guy about what he thinks but I'll wait until his letter comes out. But that's moving forward, it's being done, and we should have the guidance by next Friday that we can share both with the board and with the planning and zoning boards as to what the state is saying.

Chairman McGarry: I think we probably should, I'm, seriously, I'm surprised they responded as quickly as they did and I think we probably should end up following that up, once they give us that report, with a letter of thanks to them for responding as quickly as they did.

Selectman Huebner: They seemed to be quite interested in it. Not only because of the dispute about the property that we're having but also to protect the lake. So, I was pretty happy, myself personally, I was very happy with their response.

Chairman McGarry: That's good. All right. Any new business? And no other business. Do we have any non-public?

John Harrington: No.

Chairman McGarry: Citizens comments. Mrs. Cady.

Harriet Cady: I have said it before and I'm going to say it again, you aren't talking into the mics. You can hardly hear you and you're telling me, so, I will get the thing that goes up at the desk and hearing aids and then I can hear you, but when I have people asking me what you said, Will you don't talk into the mic, about the only one I hear is Alden.

Selectman Dill: I do talk a lot.

Harriet Cady: Well, it's not that you talk a lot at least you talk so I can hear you. I didn't say anything. And it's frustrating to the audience when they cannot hear the people speak and Fred was better with a mask on than he was tonight without the mask.

Chairman McGarry: I'll put a mask on, I guess.

Selectman Huebner: Is there anything technically that can be done to...

Harriet Cady: But you have a box that I know has to go up on the desks so that persons with hearing aids can hear you and I guess that's what I'm gonna get.

Selectman Dill: It is available.

Selectwoman McHugh: These can't be turned up?

Selectman Huebner: Are other audience members having the same trouble.

Someone in the audience: I have the same trouble ... (inaudible, couldn't make out the rest as they are not near a mic)

Vice Chairman Pitman: We'll try to do better.

Selectman Huebner: I mean, all we can do is pull the mic closer to us.

Chairman McGarry: Any other citizens comments?

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman makes a motion to adjourn.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

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

Next Meeting: September 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm

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