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SELECTBOARD**

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***Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, January 30, 2023***

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, Steve Russo, and Ed Perry, along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Also present: Jeffrey Stewart, Bill Quigley, Mike Wenrich, Angela Dacey, Rich Vertullo, Linda Saari (via Zoom) and FinCom Members Brian Rater, Cindy Lacroix, and Tracey Perry.

6:15pm *Eddie opened the public meeting and moved, seconded by Brendan, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) property acquisition and (l) legal; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

6:34pm *Eddie moved, seconded by Ed, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Voted Yes 5-0.*

Public Input and Announcements

Brendan announced that the School District Deliberative Session takes place on Wednesday February 8th at 7pm.

Approve Minutes

Steve moved, seconded by Ed, to approve the public minutes from the Monday January 9th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0.

Sign Acceptance and Payment Request Form for New Police Cruiser

Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, for the Chair to sign the acceptance and payment request with Municipal Leasing Credit Corp in the amount of \$52,763.49; Voted Yes 5-0.

Approve Warrants

Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, to approve the January 23rd Accounts Payable Warrant #3 in the amount of \$141,114.00, December 31st Accounts Payable Warrant #53 in the amount of \$259,771.10, January 24th Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$81,995.54, and January 25th Police Detail in the amount of \$420; Voted Yes 4-0-1, Dana abstained.

Review and Approve Auditor's Contract

Dana moved, seconded by Brendan, for the Chair to sign the auditor's contract for the accounting of year 2022; Voted Yes 5-0.

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Notice to Reappoint

The Board gave notice to reappoint Angela Dacey as Director of Public Welfare at next weeks scheduled meeting.

Review and Approve Pierce Pond Dam Consulting Engineer Proposals

SLR Bid entire scope \$77k; GHD Bid Base \$69,900, entire scope \$134,400; Dubois & King Bid Base 50k, entire scope \$120k. *Dana moved, seconded by Steve, to accept SLR's bid for entire scope of work at \$77k; Voted Yes 5-0.* Scott said total project is 97k, \$77k Dam Grant, \$20k encumbered funds from 2022.

Review Updated ARPA Fund Numbers

Scott reviewed the updated spreadsheet of assigned ARPA funds showing a balance of between \$100k to \$105k unassigned. **Dana** said she would like to put more ARPA funds toward the Town Hall water damage repairs.

7:01pm Eddie opened the 2023 Budget Hearing

7:02pm Brian Rater called to order the Finance Committee.

Election & Registration	Linda Saari	Proposed \$4,551
Police Department	Bill Quigley	Proposed \$1,074,222
Pest Control	Bill Quigley	Proposed \$200
Highways, Streets and Bridges	Mike Wenrich	Proposed \$969,917
Sanitation	Mike Wenrich	Proposed \$510,575
Cemeteries	Brian Rater	Proposed \$24,700
Library	Cindy Lacroix	Proposed \$365,433
Communications	Scott Butcher	Proposed \$133,305
Recreation	Rich Vertullo	Proposed \$44,750
Health Agencies	Angie Dacey	Proposed \$25,000
<i>Steve moved, seconded by Eddie, to level fund Souhegan Valley Transportation at \$3,500; Dana moved to amend to \$2,500; there was no second, motion to amend failed. Original motion stands; Voted Yes 4-1, Dana Voted No.</i>		
Welfare	Angela Dacey	Proposed \$25,300
Legal	Scott Butcher	Proposed \$400,000
<i>Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, to increase the proposed legal budget to \$500K; Voted Yes 4-1, Dana voted no.</i>		
		Proposed \$500,000

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Debt Service Scott Butcher Proposed \$431,316

Patriotic Purposes Scott Butcher Proposed \$11,700

**8:48pm Eddie Recessed the 2023 Budget Hearing until tomorrow at 7:00pm.
8:48pm Finance Committee Adjourned.**

Board and Committee Updates; There were no updates.

Old or New Business

Bond Street Bridge Construction; Scott said NHDOT is asking if we would be able to move the Bond St Bridge Project up a year which means going out to bid for construction in 2025. **Eddie** said we might need to incorporate more money and suggested using Highway Block Grant Funds. **Brendan** suggested a Short-Term Bond Equity Line of Credit. **Scott** said he will contact NRPC for information.

Dept Head Evaluations; Eddie said he is waiting to receive Dept Head evaluation replies. He said possible evaluation schedule February 6th through February 17th.

Review Next Agenda

Non-Public

Road Acceptance for Countryside Drive

Review Mail Folder

Petition Warrant Articles SB2 and Request for Elected ZBA Members.

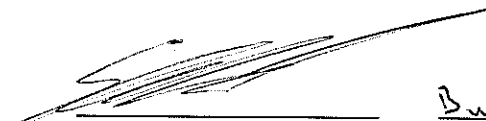
Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, to use the public works picture for the front cover of town report, and the BCC logo for the back cover; Voted Yes 5-0.


9:08pm Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c)reputation and (l)legal and potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

10:25pm Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

10:26pm meeting adjourned.

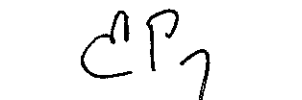
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


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