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Selectmen's Meeting

December 2, 2020

In attendance: D Berry, B Carter, J Trafton (Zoom), A Hamblet, G Falzetta, P Pendergast, T Veazie

Approval of Minutes:

11.18.2020's meeting

Edits: Include names of people making motions and seconding. D Berry motioned, B Carter seconds, J Trafton abstains. Motion passes 3-0

D Berry addresses how an Agenda is created:

If someone wants to address an issue at a Selectmen's Meeting, please inform clerk by noon at Monday for review at Selectmen's Workshop. D Berry motions, B Carter seconds and the motion is passed, 3-0.

Per MMA, any complaint about a Town Official can be in writing or verbal. An executive session can be called. The town officials is allowed to attend. It is an HR issue.

Fire Department:

- The Fire Department has not heard back from the garage about the truck. D Berry asks if the delay of service is rendering it inoperable. T Veazie says that it is not at the moment, but that it could start to slip gears without notice. They will seek guidance on repairs.
- Fire Department furnace- table 2 week post

Old Business:

- Chromebook vs laptop
 - Chromebook will work for a few years, then 0 update
 - HP laptop will last longer, but is over budget.

D Berry mentions the possibility of working with the Fire Department to pool monies. D Berry motions to purchase and split the cost with the Fire Department Office Operations and the Town Office Equipment account. B Carter seconds and the motion is passed, 3-0.

Event Room sound panels

- J Trafton and C Greenberg will visit school to view application.
- Mr. Vashon came to look over materials for wall hangings. During the day, D Berry makes a motion to accept donations of fabric, B Carter seconds it and it is passed, 3-0.
- Office cleaning supplies. Request is made to allocate \$89.49. D Berry makes a motion to approve this. B Carter seconds the motion and it is approved 3-0.

- **Mill Rd Promissory Note**

Discussion on wording of agreement. R Nelson stays with verbal agreement. D Berry notes that the current board carries over the verbal agreement that the previous board stated.

- **Salt and Sand Shed**

- Selectmen reviewed the 3 firms that answered the RFP. The board was unanimous. Letters of unaccepted bids and a letter of acceptance with questions of negation were drafted. The Selectmen will review letters. D Berry reminds everyone that the contracts will not be going forward until the Public Hearing for Q&A. Then a Special town meeting will be held. AE and the Selectmen will work until then on workload and pricing. B Carter explained how bids were chosen: cost, reputation, and proposal. D Berry states that they hit 12 of the 15 asking points. Others hit 5. D Berry makes a motion to sign and send one acceptance letter and two unaccepted bid letters, B Carter seconds the motion and it is passed 3-0. A Hamblet will mail letters.
- UMO asked us to do a survey of basic road/salt and sand shed information. This was filled out by R Cater and sent back.

New Business

- B Carter mentions that the sand pile is uncovered; it is to be covered back up after the storm on Saturday. Also, acknowledged that Mr. Fowler has been working to clear trees on Fowler Road after the windstorm.
- MRC, Waste Removal Management, board reviewed candidates on ballot. D Berry makes a motion to vote for Melissa. J Trafton seconds the motion and it is passed 3-0. A Hamblet will mail ballot ASAP.

- **Property Taxes to Amber Hamblet**

Motion to recommit current outstanding tax to Amber Hamblet is made by D Berry. Seconded by B Carter and passed 3-0.

- **Abatements**

- Michael Clark: D Berry motions to table this for further research.
- Wren Farm: Will exhaust abatement funds and use emergency funds for the remainder. Include abatement application in letter. D Berry makes a motion to approve \$2561.53 in abatement. B Carter seconds the motion and it passes, 3-0.

Warrants

D Berry motions to sign. R Carter Seconds. 3-0 passes

Discussion: Parent voices concern that the town is paying too much to the school, considering the level of educational services that are being provided.

D Berry motions to adjourn at 8p. B Carter seconds the motion and it passes, 3-0.