

Barbara Campbell _____

Frank DiFruscio _____

Robert Thompson _____

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Unofficial Until Approved**

Present: Barbara Campbell, Chairman, Frank DiFruscio, Selectmen, and Robert Thompson, Selectmen.

Attendees: Julie Hoyt Town Administrator, Betsy Eaton Administrative Assistant, Chief Perley, Sgt Mike Mosher, Jay Henry Fire Chief, Gary Allen Road Agent, Emily Benson EMD, Burr Phillips Town Engineer, Jason Call Town Assessor, Kevin Bennett Building Inspector, Ken Kimball, Tim Garrison, Linda Terry, Bill Terry, Fred Tompkins, and Hank Benesh, Videographer.

1. The Meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Minutes:

December 19, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Frank DiFruscio made a motion to approve the December 19th minutes as written, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

December 19, 2023 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes *RSA 91-A:3 II (a)*

Barbara Campbell explained that the non-public session was to discuss the proposed pay increase for town employees. It was decided that a 4% across the board increase would be the amount included in the budget. Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the non-public meeting minutes from December 19th, seconded by Barbara Campbell. All approved.

December 19, 2023 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes *RSA 91-A:3 II (C)*

Bob Thompson made a motion to keep these minutes sealed, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.

3. Discussion and/or Motions:

a. Town Revaluation - Northtown Associates

Jason Call has been working in Town since 1994, so he has an exorbitant amount of knowledge about the Town. He reviewed the State mandated requirement of a revaluation every five years. He also explained the equalization ratio. As the market values go up and the assessments stay the same, the ratio drops. The revaluation adjusts the values so the ratio is as close to 100% as possible. The ratio has dropped to around 50%, so the revaluation will cause the assessed values to double. He further explained how there are adjustments cyclically to keep up with changing data from building permits and other permits. Jason will be out looking at properties, permits and sales. He and the Select Board want to make everyone aware that there will be an increase in assessed values.

b. Police Department Donations

Bob Thompson made a motion to accept the two donations for the Police Department, one for \$100 and the other for \$500, seconded by Frank DiFrusco. All approved.

c. EMD Update

Barbara Campbell made a motion to sign the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, seconded by Frank DiFrusco. All approved.

d. Thorn Hill Road Ice Flow

There was discussion on a water flow issue that is causing a safety issue across Thorn Hill Road when the water freezes. It was originally believed that the water runoff was coming from a driveway, but now seems it could be from a spring that is weeping water. Gary Allen will work with the homeowner to resolve the issue.

e. Jackson Falls Temporary Trail Closure – recommended by Conservation Commission

Ken Kimball spoke about the recent storm and the damage it caused at the Falls. The water washed away all of the sod and work that the Conservation Commission had done. They closed the trail to protect the root system. If there is more traffic there will be more damage. Erosion in that area was exacerbated. This will need to be discussed in the future.

f. Annual Review of Investment Policy

Barbara Campbell made a motion to approve the annually updated investment policy for the upcoming year, seconded by Bob Thompson. All approved.

g. **Warrant Article/Bond discussion (Fire Station Engineer study - Hwy Shed Roof)**

Bob Thompson reviewed the proposed new location for the Fire Station. Burr Phillips joined the meeting in case questions came up. Bob gave a recap of the meeting that was held to discuss the engineering study. The idea is to have a Warrant Article for \$200K-\$250K for an engineer/design study. A bond will not be necessary for this year, so there will be no bond hearing. There will also be a Warrant Article for the Salt Shed for \$290K.

Pending:

a. Fire Station Discussion - N/A

b. Dundee Community Forest – MOA - No update yet.

4. Short Term Rentals: *No new rentals. FYI - The 30 Rental Limit letters have been sent for 2023.*

5. Approved Building & Driveway Permits (FYI):

NUMBER	OWNER	MAP/LOT	ADDRESS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2024-1	FICHERA	R17/L28a	379 BLACK MTN RD	REPLACE FOUNDATION WALL - CHAIRLIFT
2024-2	LARIMER	V05/L23	16 WOODPECKER RIDGE RD	REMODEL – KITCHEN/BATH

6. Public Comment:

Linda Terry wanted the Board to know that the Library Trustees did not have any concerns regarding the newly proposed location for the Fire Station.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

- **January 30th at 3:30pm: *Budget Hearing (Operating Budget/Warrant Articles)*** following Select Board Meeting
- **February 6th at 3:30pm: *Budget Hearing #3 (Petitioned Articles)*** – following Select Board Meeting

Elections & Town Meeting: *January 23rd Presidential Primary, Voting at Whitney Center 8am – 7pm*
March 12th – Town Elections – Voting at Whitney Center 8am – 7pm
March 14th – Town Meeting – at Whitney Center 7pm

- 9. Bob Thompson made a motion to go into a non-public session, seconded by Frank DiFruscio. All approved.**

RSA 91-A:3 II(a) -

The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Respectfully Submitted by:
 Erik Atwell

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