

Selectmen's Public Meeting Monday, March 4, 2024

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was present.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM (after recessing from the work session.)

Discussion:

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then opened the meeting to public input.

Edwina Boose spoke and thanked Selectman Eldridge for her many years of service. Chairman Smith presented Martha with a plaque to commemorate and thank her for her two terms.

Smith presented the 2023 annual Town Report and announced Edwina Boose as the Ossipee Citizen of the Year and read her award page in the Town Report. Edwina thanked everyone for the award and recognition.

Selectman Simpson read the dedication page from the Town Report, which was dedicated to former Selectman E. Morton Leavitt.

Selectman Eldridge read the financial totals for the week ending 3/2/2024:

Payroll	\$47,461.78
Gen. Fund AP	\$78,869.99
Water Fund AP	\$20.00
Sewer Fund AP	\$295.00

Eldridge motioned to approve the total of \$126,646.77. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Eldridge motioned to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes for 2/5/2024. Smith seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Eldridge motioned to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes for 2/12/2024. Smith seconded and the vote passed 2-0. Simpson abstained as she had been absent.

Simpson read a Resolution letter regarding the Selectmen's intention and resolve to continue to hold and use the area known as Constitution Park for recreation purposes consistent with prior grants. Simpson motioned to approve it. Smith seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Simpson motioned to approve a warrant for map 92 lot 100, 88 Main St for \$9,686.81 to recover costs of court case 464-2023-cv0071 regarding the removal of a ruined building. Smith seconded and the vote passed 3-0

Public Works Director TJ Eldridge spoke about the installation of the new gas pump electronic system for record keeping.

Town Administrator Matt Sawyer explained House Bill 1254 is a bill being considered in Concord that would give NH municipalities the ability to adopt a provision to add a \$2/night fee for short term rentals which would be used to offset the cost of municipal services. Smith motioned to support HB1254 and allow the Town's logo to be used on content created to support the bill. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 3-0.

Smith opened the second public input session. Frank Burke complained about Ossipee Mountain Road.

Smith reminded the public that Meet the Candidates Night was at 6:30 later in the day. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge Selectman