**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**January 29, 2024**

**7:00 PM** Selectman John **Quinlan** called the meeting to order. Also present was Selectman Jack **Esposito** and Selectman Howard **Brown.**

The Board reviewed the 2024 Proposed Warrant Article submissions. **Quinlan** read through each Warrant. Randy Wilson and Lucien Soucy were present to go over details on their Articles.

**Esposito** questioned the Library Article; it states that this article has no tax impact in 2024 since the first payment on the bond would be due February 2025. We still need to raise the amount for that first payment; where is that supposed to come from? The cost of the sprinkler system has been incorporated into the Library bond amount. The Board discussed the amount for the Access Road Warrant; it includes a 15% contingency amount. The Board next reviewed the final budget numbers. **Quinlan** noted that we will need to bring in a representative from Meridian and the engineering firm that designed the access road the night of Town Meeting. We will need to pay them for being there.

Brown motioned to accept the road bid from Preston Excavation for $594,000 seconded by **Esposito.** All in favor. **Esposito** noted that if this goes through, the money won’t be available from the Bond Bank until August. **Quinlan** stated that the library was talking about having sufficient funds to get the road started until the funds are received from the Bond Bank. **Esposito** said he would not start anything until we have bond approval. **Quinlan** noted that we have to break ground before the end of 2024 or else they lose the million-dollar donation.

The Board signed the contract for our full statistical revaluation. The Board reviewed the minutes from 1/22/24. **Esposito** motioned to accept the minutes of 1/22/24 as amended seconded by **Brown.** All in favor. **Brown** brought up opening up the position of Recreation Director. **Esposito** feels this is a slap in the face to our current Director; he feels she has done an outstanding job. **Brown** says he has been going through all the budgets, Committees & Commissions and we need to have a defined plan in place as to how we replace people on these Committees and Commissions. The Rec Director term is supposed to be for three years; our current Director is in her 6th year. It’s time to open it up and she is welcome to apply.

**7:50 PM Brown** motioned to go into non-public session under RSA 91: A to discuss a personnel issue seconded by **Esposito.** All in favor.

**8:05 PM Esposito** motioned to come out of non-public session seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**Esposito** motioned to seal the minutes of the non-public of 1/29/24 seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**8:10 PM** As there was no further business before the Board **Esposito** motioned to adjourn seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary