

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes August 30, 2021

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance was Selectman Tim Berry and minute taker, Laurie Brown.

Esposito led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Esposito said that Bonnie Angulas wanted to hold a Covid Vaccination Clinic in Town, tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Angulas explained that a representative from Nashua Division of Public Health came in to the library and offered to hold a clinic. This is really the purview of the Health Officer, Rich Masters.

Angulas has given all the info to him, and we will speak with him at our next meeting.

Fire Chief Wilson asked the question of traffic control, what it means to have unvaccinated people entering our buildings etc... These questions are to be asked to Masters.

Wilson asked the Board to nominate him as co-chair of Emergency Management together with whomever they choose for the new Police Chief.

Esposito said that he feels it would be a good idea, and that the Board will take that under advisement.

Esposito said that the Police Chief Search Committee meetings are open to the public, and that the Committee has returned the names of 3 candidates that will be interviewed for the position. There were 8 resumes that came in. A few did not qualify because they have not been certified by the NH Police Academy, one candidate passed away last week, and one is on disability and thus, could not be a working chief like we need him to be.

The interviews will be conducted on Wednesday the 8th of September and are not open to the public. This Wednesday the Committee will meet to discuss the questions that they will ask each candidate. During the last meeting, there was much discussion over selecting an interim chief. The Committee took all under advisement and came up recommending that the Board choose Sargeant Slavin.

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito, to accept the Committee's recommendation and appoint Sargeant Mark Slavin as Interim Chief effective immediately. All in favor.

Esposito also stated that Chief Furlong said that one of the Part-Time officers would be willing to step up to Full-Time if he had the opportunity.

Town resident, Eileen Naber asked if the 3 candidates recommended by the Committee have been certified by the NH Police Academy and was told that they were.

Town resident, David Hall, came before the Board to ask if placing the conduit for utilities while roughing in a driveway would trigger a current use assessment. He was referring to 2 lots on Coggins, and 3 on Hazen.

L. Brown said that she would look into that and get back to him.

Berry asked L. Brown to send the Library Trustees a letter formally asking them for the square footage of the proposed new library along with the actual cost of the building. They should know that the Selectmen support the project, but want to be brought in on the facts of the project.

Esposito said that he would like the Board to have a meeting with the Building Inspector. Berry agreed. L. Brown to request that the Building Inspector attend the Selectmen's meeting of September 20, 2021.

Esposito stated that the Board needs to know how to move forward on the property at 54/56 Weston Hill Road. Berry acknowledged that the use of the property may have been misrepresented by the seller. It seems that, along with having two residences on the property, they are also in violation of having more than 2 unregistered vehicles stored on the property, and are conducting a business without permission from the ZBA.

Esposito offered to call Town Counsel tomorrow.

On another note, Esposito reported that the Town has received \$139,184.88 in American Recovery Funds. This represents ½ the award; the rest will come in 2022.

Berry said that either he or L. Brown should attend the webinar regarding these funds on September 14th.

Berry spoke of the RFP that DPW Director Crosby has come up with for the Brook Road culvert project.

Esposito will go over it when he gets home tonight.

Berry said that Crosby has 4 contractors that will be invited to bid on the project.

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito, to accept the minutes of 08/09/21 as written. All in favor.

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Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito, to accept the non-public minutes of 08/23/21 as written. All in favor.

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito, to seal the non-public minutes of 08/23/21. All in favor.

Esposito said that Crosby would like to rent a roller for the dirt roads for a month to get ready for winter. He will get in touch with Crosby to see if the work can be done in less time to reduce the cost.

Berry said that he is looking for the Fire Chief to come in with a clearer plan for the 911 festivities.

8:00 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Brown