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BOS – Minutes – 3.6.2023

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of March 6, 2023.

Present: Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; Emily Egan, Secretary; members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the agenda**. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Report

C. Rand mentioned that with the spring weather coming the black bears would soon be out of hibernation. He reminded citizens of our ordinance prohibiting feeding bears and asks residents to keep garbage locked up until you can go to the Transfer Station or have it picked up by a hauler.

C. Rand is looking into ways to assist homeowners who are renting an additional unit on their property in private agreements with tenants as affordable housing. He believes that there are numerous agreements in our town and perhaps there could be a tax incentive with appropriate oversight. The Selectmen's Assistant and Assessor did research and have found that CT does not offer such program. The Town Attorney is also looking into other possibilities. Other states offer Homestead programs or affordable housing owner tax relief.

C. Williams mentioned that the Town is signing a contract with Dayton to begin the work on the Connectivity project, extending the sidewalk from Lincoln City Road to the firehouse on Brook Street, including a foot bridge and flashing beacons.

C. Rand mentioned the following upcoming meetings: 3/8 – Town Meeting (Annual Report dedication & Audited Financials); 3/9 - Board of Finance (Initials Budgets presented for FY 2023-2024); 3/18 – Lakeville Village Planning Study at the Town Grove; 3/21 – Board of Finance (Final Budgets voted on to go to Public Hearing in April).

The Selectmen asked all boards, committees and commission members to come to Town Hall to pick up a token of their appreciation. They expressed their gratitude towards all of the volunteers past and present.

New Business:

a. The Selectmen received a Historic Resource Condition Assessment Report from Crosskey Architects, LLC on the former Train Station building at 7 Ethan Allen Street, Lakeville. The assessment included a visual review of the building to determine the existing conditions of various materials, components, and systems. A feasibility study was conducted to review options for protecting the building and improving use and site drainage; options include raising the structure and/or relocating the structure to a new location. Crosskey has recommended four different options at this time. The Selectmen will review the report and continuing working and updating everyone on the project.

- b. The preliminary draft budget #3 was discussed at a previous BOS meeting last week. The final percentage is a total increase of 6%, with no increases to the mill rate. C. Williams made a motion to present draft budget #3 to the Board of Finance on March 9, 2023. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Selectmen motioned, seconded and approved the following tax refunds as recommended by Jean Bell, Tax Collector: February 2023 totaling \$2,046.29 and March 2023 \$1,112.79.

Selectmen's Reports

D. Mayland mentioned the WPCA is working on their budget at this time; they expect a small increase in sewer fees.

C. Williams thanked the Northwest Hills Council of Governments for their assistance on the TRIP grants for the sidewalk extension connecting Lakeville to Salisbury.

Citizen Comments

There were none at this time.

Adjourn: 5:26pm