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Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire
December 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair K. Golding called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair K. Golding, Selectperson J. Spofford, Selectman K. Robitaille, Town Administrator, K. Collins, Resident and Co-Chair of the CC Broadband Committee R. Hiland, State and CCBC member Matthew Plache and Videographer L. Slit (resident D. Solomon was present for part of the meeting via phone)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair K. Golding led the meeting in The Pledge.

3. **New Business:**

A. Approval of December 7, 2022 Selectmen's Budget Work Session minutes

Selectman K. Robitaille made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2022 Selectmen's Budget Work Session, as presented. Chair K. Golding seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

B. Approval of December 14, 2022 consent file

__Review & Sign manifest(s) in the amount of \$166,297.40, this includes payroll and accounts payable for 12/14/2022

Selectperson J. Spofford made a motion to accept the December 14, 2022 consent file, as presented. Selectman K. Robitaille seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

4. **Town Administrator's Report:**

A. Review and discuss closing town hall on Monday, December 26, 2022 in recognition of the Christmas Holiday

The Town Administrator noted that when she was hired the agreement was that she would be compensated for (6) holidays. December 26, 2022 would be her sixth holiday for 2022. The Board has no issue with closing TH for the holidays.

Chair K. Golding made a motion to close the Town Hall on 12/26/2022 and 1/2/2023 in observance of Christmas and New Years Holidays. Selectman K. Robitaille seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

B. Review and discuss denial from NH DOT for requested speed limit decrease on NH Route 16 (see email)

The Board reviewed the email provided by William Lambert with NH DOT on the results of the speed survey and their denial to lower the speed limit on NH Route 16. Selectman K. Robitaille has asked NH DOT to consider other temporary measures until Project #25957 is complete. NH DOT has taken this under advisement. NH DOT may recommend signage to use headlights because that makes people think there might be something hazardous. William Lambert suggested changing legislation to change the designation of that portion of Route 16. Selectman K. Robitaille did talk to Rep McConkey about changing the designation of Route 16 and Representative McConkey is willing to help with that. Resident R. Hiland noted that there is an LSR about giving the BOS the authority to lower speed limits during tourist season if it is dangerous.

C. Set dates to meet with Chair of Planning Board and Chair of ConComm to review BOS changes to their 2023 proposed budgets

The Town Administrator noted that the ConComm requested a meeting in January and there is only one meeting left in December.

The Board is okay with meeting with the Planning Board on 12/28/2022 and the ConComm at their meeting on 1/14/2023. The Town Administrator will let them know.

Suggested PB on 12/28 and ConComm on 1/14

5. APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING

A. 5:45 p.m. Meet with Sheriff Domenic Richardi to re-cap 2022 and discuss any changes for proposed operations/budget for 2023

The Board reviewed how Sheriff Richardi thinks 2022 went and any suggestions for 2023. He did note that our rate will be going from \$70 per hour to \$75 per hour for 2023.

The increase is mostly due to higher fuel costs. Historically, the deputies have stayed off Route 16 but Sheriff Richardi thinks we should do some patrolling on Route 16. Chair K. Golding asked if he has the staff to cover an extra day per week and to use some part of each shift for patrol on Route 16. Sheriff Richardi notes that these are details and fall outside of the deputies regular duty shifts. Chair K. Golding stated at one additional patrol per week at the new hourly rate would be an additional \$15,600.

B. 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing to review and discuss the proposed Carroll County Communications District Agreement (CCBC)

Chair K. Golding opened the Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m. M. Plache and CCBC Chair R. Hiland were in attendance.

Dorothy Solomon on the phone – has been asked by people on Moat View Drive about whether they can get the Town to put speed limit signs on Moat View Drive. Chair K. Golding will ask the Road Agent, Curtis Coleman to put up speed limit signs on Moat View Drive.

R, Hiland and S. Knox started the Carroll County Broadband Committee (CCBC) and started the CC Communications District. R. Hiland has been in touch with all the internet service providers. They got NH CoOp to include the build out in Wonalancet. Fidium is building out Conway, Albany, Eaton and a portion of Madison, Jackson and Bartlett. The NHEC has electric subscribers throughout Carroll County and they will be building out more. R, Hiland would like to encourage the selectmen to put an article on the warrant to join the Communications District. R. Hiland and S. Knox will volunteer to be the liaison(s) to that district for the town. The purpose of this is to recognize this as a district so it becomes a pseudo municipality so they can apply for grants.

Broadband is not considered a utility so we either have to depend on government or private entities (who are driven by money/cost)

M. Plache was on the original Committee and was hired by the Committee to be a consultant.

NHEC may be doing Hart's Location. The Communications District will work with whatever provider(s) is interested in building out the communities.

M. Plache went through the highlights of the agreement.

Chair K. Golding made a motion to place membership in the CCBC's Communications District and to approve the Agreement on the 2023 Warrant. Selectperson J. Spofford seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Chair K. Golding closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Chair K. Golding left the meet at 6:22 p.m. as she had another engagement

6. Old Business:

A. Chapel/Historical Society – TA has emailed Town Attorney for next steps (see email response)

B. Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) – Review email Josh McAllister/Engineer with HEB sent to US DOT program manager on 10/3/2022

7. Other Business (and Board reports):

A. Planning Board – Chairperson Golding –

B. Other:

8. Correspondence:

A. Review & discuss the notice from the Town of Conway's Planning Board notice of the request for revocation of a 128 unit subdivision on the Kancamagus Highway. (the Town of Albany is an abutter)

The Board reviewed the notice from Conway's Planning Board

B. Review & discuss a Charter Communications Notice

The Board reviewed the Notice from Charter Communications

9. Public Comment: none

10. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II as necessary

A. Non Public Session under 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 or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right

B. to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Vice Chair J. Spofford tabled this item until the full Board of Selectmen could take it up at their December 28, 2022 meeting

11. Next Meeting: December 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Albany Town Hall

12. Adjournment: *Vice Chair J. Spofford made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Selectman K. Robitaille seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.*

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator