



Town of Dublin
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, Chris Raymond, Roger Trempe, Judy Knapp, Sterling Abram, Police Chief Tim Suokko, Geoff Pinney and Keene Sentinel reporter, Chris Cartwright

Select Board reviewed payroll, accounts payable and the correspondence file.

CALL TO ORDER: Carole called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Highway Department review of repair estimates for Upper Jaffrey Road Bridge-**
Roger stated that the entire department is keeping busy and progressing slowly in addressing all the issues that inordinate amount of rain has caused. Monument Road took the brunt of the damage and the department will repair it themselves with materials on hand. Several beaver damns have let loose and although roads were not flooded, many ditches needed attention. Roger informed the Board that culverts are being maintained and are handling the runoff. Check-dams had been installed earlier on Old Common Road and are operationa;. It was mentioned that at one time that Beech Hill Association along with Lake Preservation Society thought that they would be able to offer money towards more erosion control efforts, but, so far, nothing has been put forward. The Board said that they would support erosion control efforts but can not contribute money to these efforts. The bridge repair is still waiting on a quote for cement, however, the person for the liner is all set to start. The Highway Repeater system is broken and Joe Sangermano is looking into fixing it; Beltronics will be called in to evaluate the issue. The Highway Department's 2022 Warrant Articles have been completed with the exception of Chip Sealing which had to be put off due to the heavy rains. It will also be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- 2. Acceptance of withdrawal of proposed Police Department Training Facility-** Chief Suokko formally withdrew the Police Department's Training Facility proposal as written. Research will continue to find the best solution for insuring that the Dublin Police Department can participate in the proper training necessary to serve and protect Dublin residents. Discussion ensued about the need for a special Town meeting, requested by petition, about the facility. Geoff Pinney insisted that they still needed the special town meeting because of the potential for a future proposal. It was pointed out that the signed submitted petition is specific to the current proposal. The Board stated that a special

Town meeting will be scheduled if the Board receives legal advice requiring it. An amendment could be put forth for a vote at that meeting but the Board is concerned that the attendance may be skewed because residents will be thinking that this meeting is about a withdrawn proposal. Early fall was the suggested time frame for the meeting and Geoff Pinney objected saying that many residents are snow-birds and will not be in Dublin. Geoff thinks the meeting should be held in August. It was explained that logistics simply does not allow a meeting of this nature to be held that quickly. Geoff disputed the estimated cost of holding a special meeting and he was also adamant that the Public Hearing be “properly posted”. He was assured that the Town always follows the state RSA’s on properly posting meetings. Chris told Geoff that if for some reason that the information was not properly posted, that “he (Geoff) should address the Select Board and hold the Board accountable”. The entire discussion, witnessed by a Keene Sentinel reporter, was summarized the following day in the newspaper. A copy of the article is attached to these minutes.

3. **Choose date for the Special Town Meeting-** Sterling Abram, Town Moderator mentioned that he had been looking into the proper conduct for a special meeting. Sterling thinks this will be a meeting in futility with nothing to vote on because the proposal was withdrawn. In his findings, he noted that if a Select Board fails to schedule a meeting, then the State Court must hold the meeting. Sterling wonders if that might not be the better path to take. Legal counsel may also be present to advise the Town if any amendment put forth at the meeting is, in fact, legally acceptable. An example used was that if an amendment is put forth to paint all stop signs in Dublin purple, it is not a legally correct amendment that can be put to vote because State laws mandate red stop signs. Carole does not want to have the Court take over holding a special town meeting for Dublin. The Board will consult legal counsel. Tentative date will be a Saturday towards the end of September.
4. **2nd Quarter Budget Review-** Kate presented printouts of the budget expenditures and revenues for the first half of the year. Line items were reviewed. It was noted that lines are mostly around the 50% mark, where they should be at this point. Kate informed the Board that all of the Town’s larger one-time bills have already been paid for the year. Kate also reviewed 2022 Warrant Articles to account for that money. Once again, most Warrant Articles have been completed and paid for. The ones still outstanding are scheduled for completion.
5. **Acceptance of new Library Trustees-** The Board approved to accept the recommendation from the Library Trustees to have Lawrence Graves and Pam Bator join their committee. Chris Sprague-chair, will advise the Board of the assigned term dates. The Select Board acknowledges the resignation of Library Director, Rachael Lovett.
6. **Fire Extinguisher Contract for discussion-** The Board reviewed fees submitted by Life Safety for maintaining Town extinguishers. Although the Town is not under a current contract for these services, Life Safety’s charges were equal to or less than the current company. Carole made a motion to accept the recommendation from Fire Chief Tom

Vanderbilt and enter into a contract with Life Safety. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.

7. **Federal and State Forest Land Reimbursement for signature-** signed by the Board

8. **Building Permit for signature-** signed by the Board

- Map 8 Lot 31- 71 Boulder Drive

9. **Approval of the Minutes for June 26, 2023-** Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.

10. **Miscellaneous:**

- Susan reported that the committee visited several possible site locations that might be acceptable for a Solar Array. John Kondos, from Clean Energy NH was there to voice his thoughts. Discussion ensued about possible grants funding a project. Currently there is government grant that would cover about 30%. Discussion also included future management if an array were to be installed.
- One bid has been received to remove trees in the cemetery. The committee is waiting on others. The Board is interested to know if the cemetery has budgeted funds for this project and if the amount available is sufficient to cover total costs. If not, possibly splitting the project into two phases makes sense or taking this problem to the Town in a Warrant Article would be prudent.
- Kate informed the Board that the approved abatement for Map 6 Lot 10 may be challenged.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Carole made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06pm. Chris seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller and Pamela J. Cox

Carole Monroe (Chair)

Susan Peters

Chris Raymond