

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the February 15th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Justin Furbush
Molly Chapman

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Meredyth Tuttle James Dinkle
Hans Rasmussen
Jo-Anne Bushey

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summary of the February 1st, 2022, meeting minutes was approved as typed. Justin Furbush motioned to accept the meeting minutes from the February 1st, 2022, as typed. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MMA Hazard Survey Responses-FD

The department has scheduled Lynn Martin to come in and help update all the required paperwork needed for the department to be in compliance with the state.

2. Town Meeting Warrant Articles-Review

The board went over the draft Warrant articles.

3. Assessing Agent Request for Proposal (RFP)

The board received two proposals for Assessing Agent position. RJD Appraisal Company submitted a proposal for \$625.00 per day for services with an estimated 24 to 30 days a year. Maine Assessment & Appraisal submitted a proposal for \$24,500 for a twelve-month contract.

Justin Furbush motioned to accept RJD Appraisal is for \$625 a day with an estimated 24-30 days annually. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. ACO Dog Warrant

Meredyth Tuttle, Town Clerk reported to the board that she has no names this year to go on the annual dog warrant for individuals not having their dogs licensed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing

Richard Moore opened up the public hearing for the 2002-23 Fiscal year proposed budget. Also on the hearing agenda are the following three items;

- Changes to the S.V.F.D By-Laws
- Additions to the SLZ Ordinance, section 15, Land Uses, sub sections to be added Q, R, & S.
- A Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities

2. James Dinkle, First Park, Executive Director

James Dinkle, First Park executive director was present to discuss with the board updates with the ongoing plan to bring businesses to the development. Mr. Dinkle also gave the board the amount of the 2022-23 assessment that will be due from the town.

3. Request from CMP for Snow Removal

CMP has been replacing the town's street lights with LED and a pole located at the corner of Lake View Drive and Village Rd has an abundance of snow, making the conversion work impossible. The board was asked if the snow could be removed in order for the work to be done. The board decided to wait until the snow melted due to the time of year and the town having to hire out the removal if done.

4. Answers from Auditor (2 questions from Budget Meeting)

The budget committee had two questions for the board to find information on, for the creation of articles. The AA sent the two questions to the Town's Auditor.

- If surplus is appropriated for a Reserve Account and no all of the amount is needed, can the surplus stay in the reserve account? I know that in regular accounts only the amount needed is taken from Surplus, not the whole amount appropriated if not needed to pay.
Auditor's answer: Yes, it should stay unless it is a reserve for a one time only item. For instance; If the vote is to put 100,000 into the Fire Department reserve to purchase the American laFrance pumper... This reading could be that if it is not all needed, then the excess would go back to surplus. If the vote is to move like this; Vote to put 100,000 into the fire department truck reserve, then it should stay in the reserve account.
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Auditor's answer: You can certainly vote it this way if you wish. However; I prefer regular votes to set money aside rather than "accidental" amounts. Two problems arise, one it creates an incentive to budget more than needed as it will still be available later, and it also can create an incentive to put off purchases as maybe there will be more available in the coming year if you let it carry forward.

5. Proposed Ordinance/By-Law Certification Signatures for Clerk

Justin Furbush motioned for the board to sign the three proposed ordinance/by-law certifications to the Town Clerk. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Appeals Board Hearing February 28th for Map 15 Lot 4

The board was made aware of the upcoming Appeals Board meeting for a Hardship Variance.

7. Board Discussion

The board had a discussion on a phone call from Virginia Anderson, property owner of Dude's Ranch about her removal of snow on Eagle's Nest RV Site.

8. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #2-22

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #2-22. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.