

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the January 18th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Moore
Justin Furbush
Molly Chapman

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Hans Rasmussen Robert Crosby
Erik Rasmussen Jo-Anne Bushey
Bruce Winegardner Joni Gould
Jeremy Norton Jeff Pelletier
Louie Batista

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

The summary of the January 4th, 2022, meeting minutes was approved as typed. Justin Furbush motioned to accept the meeting minutes from the January 4th, 2022, as typed. Molly Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FD Pre-Paid Skowhegan Savings Card

The board discussed the prior subject requested by the Fire Dept Officers to have some type of credit card available to purchase supplies needed if businesses were not open. The board discussed a few different options and explained that any type used one of the departments officials would be responsible for the card with their social security number associated with the card. The board talked about a pre-paid gift card and having the receipts come to the board to watch use. The FD and board agreed to wait until after March and discuss it at that time.

2. MMA Hazard Survey Responses

This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. James Dinkle, First Park, Executive Director

This item was tabled.

2. Town Meeting Warrant Articles & Budget

a. Parking Lot at Ballfield/Sand Shed

The board discussed how the article for the proposed extended parking lot at the ballfield would be written. The board took the higher of the estimates re-

ceived along with the cost to add an entrance off from Route 8 and will ask the residents to vote on raising the money.

b. Revaluation & Assessing Agent Amounts

The board discussed and decided to raise the money for a revaluation in a three-year plan. An amount of \$33,000.00 will be proposed for this upcoming budget.

The AA is still waiting on an estimate for the Assessing Agent position.

c. Fire Department Salary Discussion

The board discussed the fire department salary increases and confirmed the numbers to be added to the budget. The board agreed on keeping the \$6,000 for FD Secretarial position in the budget.

d. East Pond Rd & Bickford Rd Budget Estimates

The board reviewed the estimated paving numbers. To repave the East Pond Rd, it would cost approximately \$505,000 and to pave the Bickford Rd it would cost approximately \$115,000. The board agreed to change the Pave Reconstruction reserve amount from \$150,000 to \$200,000 to proposed to raise.

The board is in hopes that when the time comes to put the project out to bid the price will be less.

e. AA Meeting & Travel Stipend Discussion

The board discussed putting the AA's meeting hours that occur during the fiscal year into a stipend type of pay rather than an hourly, per budge committee discussion at a prior workshop meeting. After discussing the proposed numbers with the AA and the Tax Collector, the board agreed to leave the AA's hours at a per hour rate, but to budget for 40 hrs. a week rather than the 37.5 that has been budgeted for the prior years.

f. Mowing Maintenance Town Property Contract Changes

The board discussed adding the mowing of two town intersection grass areas that are no longer mowed and maintained by the MDOT to the current Town Property Mowing Contract. The board also discussed an area of bamboo on the Oak Hill Rd that needs to be addressed yearly. The AA will talk with the contractor and see what the increase would be.

g. Trio Software

The AA discussed two upgrades needed for the Trio Software the town uses for RE & PP Assessing. The first upgrade being an additional \$3,675.00 to upgrade from TrioSql to TrioWeb. The second upgrade would be an additional

one time \$2,020 is a sketching upgrade needed to be installed prior to a re-valuation being done.

The board agreed to add an additional \$2,020 along with a yearly increase of \$424.35 to the software maintenance into the proposed budget.

3. Fire Dept By-Laws Draft

The board and the Fire Dept Officers reviewed the proposed changes to the FD Bylaws, and all agreed that the changes looked as they should.

4. PB Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities

Erik Rasmussen, PB chair, Jo-Anne Bushey, PB member presented the board with a proposed Moratorium Ordinance regarding Commercial Solar Facilities. The board will put the proposal in an article to the residents.

5. 2021 Town of Smithfield Scholarship

A representative from KVCC called the office and discussed receiving a check from the Town for the recipient of the Smithfield Scholarship. The Scholarship has requirements attached to it. The recipient was missing some of the required class credits. Rick Moore spoke with the recipient and explained that the classes required for the major are not available until next semester and they will be picked up. The board agreed to allow the scholarship to be applied.

6. ACO

The board requested that the Animal Control Officer, Robert Crosby attend the regular meeting so that the board can see how the past few years have been going.

7. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #24-21

Molly Chapman motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #24-21. Justin Furbush seconded the motion. Motion passed.