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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Oren Remick.

Selectmen Present: John Blanchard, Justin Bradshaw, Oren Remick

Public Present: Keith Merchand, George Sansoucy, Dr. Charles Hammer

1. Election of Select Board Chair. Justin moved to elect John as chair and Oren seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. John Blanchard is the Chair of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Approval of the minutes from 3/16/21 Selectmen Meeting. John moved and Oren seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 3/16/21 Selectmen Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Input
 - a. Bob DiMatties called earlier in the day and asked that “J” braking be discussed. The decision was to let the landowners know about the problem so they can talk to the truckers. Oren will take care of notifying the landowners.
 - b. Dr. Hammer handed in a Current Use application.

Justin mentioned that over the years, people have wondered about moving the Grange Hall. He noted a NH town recently was given a grant to move a building. Grants will be looked into.

Justin left the room at 7:15 p.m.

4. Tax abatement request. George Sansoucy – the Town’s Utility Appraiser, was in to discuss the request from Great River Hydro. George discussed the situation and stated that nothing needs to be done at this time as more information is needed.

Justin returned to the room at 8:00 p.m.

5. Discussion items

- a. Bid Opening – Tree Bids. The bids for the removal of trees were opened. Results were as follows:

Longto Tree Service	\$20,000
Thomson Timber Harvesting & Trucking	\$11,900
Peter Fullerton	\$23,000
ECO Burn USA	\$28,500
David Helstein	\$14,000
Bickford’s Forestry	\$24,500
Jake Stevenson	\$10,000

Winning bid is contingent on providing insurance and W-9.

- b. Coppermine Project – after reviewing the bids and verifying references, the project is being offered to Northwoods Excavating. The Selectmen would like them to start as soon as all the documents needed are in place.
- c. Diane stated an AFLAC representative stopped by and asked if members of the Town staff would be interested in obtaining supplemental insurances through AFLAC. Justin will check with the Fire Department.

Justin left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

- d. Oren had several items to discuss:
 - i. Additional way to save hours – Selectmen can sign checks as they already verify the bills. Diane will verify with the auditor that this is okay.
 - ii. Had someone ask about a cell blocker being used on Buffum Road. This is not something the Town has control over.

6. Items were submitted for approved.

- a. Building Permits (2) – Trahan, Welsh
- b. Driveway permit – Barrett
- c. Contract for Use of Town Hall – men’s basketball.

John moved to adjourn the meeting and Oren seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Gibson Smith, Administrative Assistant