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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 19, 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, Senator Erin Hennessey, Dan Powers, Bob Ward

1. Approval of the minutes from 1/12/21. Justin moved and John seconded to approve the minutes of 1/12/21 Selectmen's Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Public Input
 - a. Bob Ward presented Intent to Cut Timber for Approval. All approved the form.
 - b. Dan Powers was in to discuss the tree cutting project. Justin stated the decision has been made to have the stumps left. The surveyor was in and located the corner pin. All trees from the silo to the property line will be marked for cutting. Only the trees will be removed. The project will be rebid out as no stumping, removal of the trees and then chipping and clean-up of the brush.
 - c. Senator Erin Hennessey was in to give an update on the happenings in Concord. She noted that they have voted on SB2 which gives the authority to have a virtual town meeting. May need to hold a public meeting to see if the Town Meeting should be virtual or in person. She also noted the budget should be set by the end of June – some focus is on broad banding expansion and matching funds may be available. John stated the Town of Monroe is concerned about the following items: Utility Taxation (transmission and generation) and DOT Funding (will email exact location of several areas of concern on Route 135 N). Keith

Merchand added a concern regarding Cemetery Perpetual Funds and only being able to use the interest.

Justin moved to go into closed session. Oren seconded the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 7:30 p.m. per RSA 91-A 2(c) Reputation.

Oren moved to reopen the meeting at 8:23 p.m. John seconded the motion and the meeting reopened.

3. Discussion items

- a. Coppermine Road project – Culvert replacement – advertisement has run.
- b. Budget– after discussion the following was determined
 - i. Minor changes were recommended by the Selectmen. Changes will be made and then sent to the Selectmen for approval prior to being sent out to the Budget Committee.
 - ii. Meeting with Budget Committee - Members will receive copy of the budget, income and warrant articles to review.
 - iii. Public Hearing – will be set for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 downstairs at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with the Town going first – Just waiting on approval from the School.

4. The following items were approved

- a. Payroll Manifest
- b. Accounts Payable Manifest – General Fund/Water Fund
- c. Building permit – pulled for discussion
- d. Letter to employees – will be attached to next payroll.

The building permit was for a temporary dock on the Connecticut River – the decision was to have the applicant check with the State for the correct process.

John moved to adjourn the meeting and Oren seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Gibson Smith, Administrative Assistant