

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 4, 2025

### MINUTES

**Present:** Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez, Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator),

Also present: Steve Beaulieu, Keegan Card

#### **5:00 Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance**

Below is the link to view the meeting on YouTube:

[https://youtu.be/JLptm\\_W0aiw?list=PLzGryVtWOBk8maGIwV0C7-1OgfqwrDIjQ](https://youtu.be/JLptm_W0aiw?list=PLzGryVtWOBk8maGIwV0C7-1OgfqwrDIjQ)

#### **5:05 Round Table Discussion:**

- Shawn reminded the audience that Candidate's Night is tonight, March 4, 2025 at 7pm in the Mascenic Auditorium.

- Shawn reminded the audience that voting is on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 7am-7pm in the Mascenic Gymnasium.

- Debbie informed the Board the ballots have been counted and the voting machines have been tested. All absentee ballot requests to date have been overnighted.

- Lou said he has received emails from residents through the website. One was a resident asking about the truck repairs for the DPW stating the numbers on the quotes didn't match what was stated in the minutes. Jason will respond to this. The same resident asked why we take our trucks to Reeds for repairs when there are local repair places. Jason replied because Reed's is an International truck dealer and we purchased the truck there. He added sometimes the local repair shops say no.

Lou will forward the email to Jason.

- The second email was from a company from Massachusetts that can lease vehicles in NH. Lou will forward this email to the BOS, Debbie and the DPW.

- Debbie will ask Jenny to fix the link on the website for Shawn and Jason's emails.

- Jason said the Fire Department had asked Peter to get quotes for wiring at the Fire Station for the Cascade system and trucks. Statewide bid \$6,450, Grace Electric bid \$7,000 and Shane Rautiola bid \$5,800. Lou said he thought Gemini had bid on that as part of the generator quote. There was some discussion about this.

Debbie said Peter had asked about using Capital Reserve for this to get it done ASAP. She added he would have to make sure he had the funds in the GGB Maintenance budget in case the Trustees of the Trust Funds said no to the Capital Reserve request.

Shawn said he would need more clarity and information. Jason agreed and would like to see the quotes. No vote was taken.

- Jason said he would like to be working on a social media policy as soon as possible. He feels all Town business should be handled by the Town Administrator. All employee posts should go through one person. Elected officials can do whatever they'd like. He added social media is not a proper place to conduct town business. There is no decorum on social media. This will be discussed on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Debbie said Evelyn is working on the Employee Handbook which will include a social media policy.

- Steve said the internet needs to be installed at the Transfer Station. Keegan replied that the DPW installed a booster there today. The internet cable needs to go from the upper building to the trailer.

- Jason asked to have Carlene at the meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the investment presentation.

**5:32 Non-public RSA 91-A:3, II (c)-** Shawn made a motion to go into Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 6:17, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shawn made a motion to seal the minutes. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 6:17, Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board will go to the Mascenic Auditorium for Candidate's Night.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deaton  
Town Administrator

**Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Shawn Talbot, Chairman:

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Jason Somero:

A black ink signature of Jason Somero, appearing as 'JS' followed by a horizontal line.

Lou Alvarez:

A black ink signature of Lou Alvarez, appearing as 'L Alvarez' followed by a horizontal line.