



Town of Antrim
Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023
6:00PM

Board Members Present: Michael Ott, Chairman, Selectman, Donna Hanson, absent, Selectman Bob Edwards.

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the August 14 meeting minutes. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

ConVal Reconfiguration Study

Mr. Edwards spoke about the issue of the study explaining that declining enrollment may lead to consolidation of specific grade groups to different buildings. Prismatic Services is the consultant for the study and part of their services includes public presentations and resident input. Towns within the district are scheduling dates with Prismatic Services for input and presentations surrounding reconfiguration. The Board agreed to schedule Antrim for September 21.

TransAlta – PILOT & Assessments

The Board reviewed a letter from TransAlta wherein they complained about increased land values of properties they were leasing for their wind turbines. The lease required TransAlta to pay the associated property taxes. They believed that because of the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement there would be no increases in land values and subsequently no increase in property taxes. The TA explained that he had sent the letter to the Town's utility assessor for review and comment but that no response was received in time for the current meeting.

ADLS Operational Data

Mr. Ott reported that he had received and reviewed the data for the wind turbine signal beacons. The alert system in use is the first of its kind in the country. It automatically lights the beacon when its radar detects an aircraft. Overall, the beacon was on 27% of the time and off 73%.

Cemetery Issues – Time Morehouse

Mr. Morehouse wanted to compile a do's and don't list of things that you can do in Town cemeteries that can put on the website. He also asked to join the NH Cemetery Association with another trustee. The dues are \$20 per person. Mr. Morehouse also talked about budgeting for repairs, i.e.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Ott attended a Rec Commission meeting over the most appropriate place to issue beach passes, town beach, or town office was discussed. Ms. Hanson, none. Mr. Edwards, none.

Town Administrator Update

Gym Agreement

Mr. Ott suggested a few edits and the TA agreed to make them.

Server Quote

After a full review of the server specifications, the Board during their August 18th meeting, authorized the purchase.

Building Permit Extension

The Board directed the request back to the Building Inspector for review and recommendation.

PSNH vs NH Towns

The Board reviewed correspondence relative to expert utility assessment representation in the abovementioned case.

NRRA Amendment

The TA provided NRRA's amendment to the existing contract that saw an increase to the trailer rental, hauling charges, and a fuel surcharge. There was discussion and grumbling over the increases to the existing contract. The Chair did sign-off on the addendum.

Transfer Station Power Unit.

The TA provided a quote from the Transfer Attendant to purchase a refurbished power unit needed to operate the compactor. The cost of the unit is \$3,200 excluding electrical hook-up. Mr. Ott made the motion to approve the purchase of the power unit for the transfer station. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other Business

CIP Appointments

Mr. Edwards made the motion to appoint John Robertson and Helene Newbold to the CIP committee. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Fire Department Hire

Fire Chief Gale brought forward an applicant for the department, Peter Moore, explaining that he will be an ambulance driver and that is what the department needs at this time. Mr. Edwards made the motion to hire Mr. Moore conditioned on a successful background. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

TransAlta Decommissioning Report

Mr. Edwards spoke to the need to get the entirety of the report associated with the decommissioning costs and not just an abstract of the report. Mr. Edwards proposed writing a letter to ask for the entirety of the report. Mr. Ott agreed.

Non Public Session – RSA 91-A :3 II (b)

Mr. Edwards made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss an employee's performance review. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote; Mike Ott, yes; Bob Edwards, yes.

The Board convened in non-public session at approximately 1915.
The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 1940.

Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Ott made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1940.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Russell McAllister

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES FOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S Meeting
Monday August 28, 2023**

PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
PLEASE PRINT	
<i>John Robertson</i>	<i>Self</i>
<i>MARK D. MURDAUGH</i>	<i>RESIDENT</i>
<i>Linda Morehouse</i>	<i>Resident</i>
<i>Tim Moschoose</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
<i>Crin Pak Martin</i>	<i>Self</i>
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