SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING November 17, 2022 Minutes

Present: Bill Cleary Nanette Rogers

Lee McClenny Greg Barrows
Dave Baczewski Callie Hamdy

Guests: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FAIRFAX RESCUE FY'24 BUDGET REQUEST

Michael Wheeler from Fairfax Rescue was present. Fairfax Rescue is requesting \$12,064.00, which is level funded. There has been increase in calls and volunteerism is up. Over the past year, they responded to 89 calls in Westford. They serve the more densely populated areas of Westford in comparison to Essex Rescue's service area. Fairfax Rescue received a grant through Westford Mutual Aid to provide First Aid Training to residents at a minimal cost.

SUMMER CONCERTS FY'24 BUDGET REQUEST

Michael Kirick was present. The Summer Concerts Program received a onetime grant from the Library last year for the 2022 concerts. The concerts are very well attended however finding vendors to commit has been challenging. Dave asked Michael if he receives any individual donations. Michael responded not on a regular basis but has received some contributions. Michael is requesting \$2,000 for FY'24. It was noted that the Library may know of some funding resources for the concerts.

IT MANAGED SERVICES PROPOSALS

The Selectboard narrowed their choices to local companies at their last meeting. Dave Mahoney and Mike Psaros compared their proposals to help the Selectboard with a comparison. It was noted that Tech Group's proposal did not include the current cloud system. Dave Baczewski feels the price quoted by the two companies is close enough that the Town should remain with its current vendor. He added that he appreciated the two companies providing the comparison for the Selectboard. Dave Baczewski made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by VTC Tech and to renew the Town's five-year contract, seconded by Lee McClenny. Motion passed: 2-1.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE RESIGNATION

Peggy Rodgers submitted her resignation as Library Trustee. She has served in this role for approximately ten years. The Library Trustees have advertised the vacancy. Bill Cleary made a motion to accept Peggy's resignation and thanked her for her service, seconded by Dave Baczewski. Motion passed: 3-0.

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ST. ALBANS DISPATCHING CONTRACT

The Town's contract with the City of St. Albans for dispatching services expires at the end of June 2023. A contract for services for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 was submitted with an annual cost of \$13,125. This is approximately \$600 more than the current budget. The Board has discussed looking into available options for dispatching. They will revisit this topic after Town Meeting. Lee McClenny made a motion to approve the FY'24 contract with the City of St. Albans as presented, seconded by Bill Cleary. Motion passed: 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ben Bornstein submitted a summary of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Meeting held last night. Dave thought it was a solid summary.

The Planning Commission submitted a memo addressing concerns residents have about traffic on Woods Hollow Road and the intersection of said road with Maple Tree Lane, as well as the effects of traffic patterns if the community wastewater system is installed. Nanette will forward the memo to residents who have expressed concerns. If residents have questions, they should be referred to the Planning Commission who is more familiar with the topic. Dave thinks the memo contains solid information but feels it is lacking actionable items.

Lee recently had an experience with the Westford Fire Department; he complimented them on their level of professionalism.

COMMUNICATION

There was no outgoing communication.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee McClenny, Chair Selectboard

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GUEST LIST

Michael Kirick Dave Lavallee Ben Bornstein Michael Wheeler David Mahoney Mike Psaros