

Town of Dublin Select Board Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Susan Peters, Chris Raymond, Carole Monroe, Maureen Hulslander-Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Judy Knapp, Bill Gurney, John Wood, Cameron Cashman *Monadnock Ledger Transcript* and Jay Schechter

Select Board reviewed the correspondence file

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Raymond called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

- 1. Transfer Station Stickers-Town Clerk/Tax Collector -The Board agreed that they should reimplement a sticker program. Year round and seasonal residents are allowed to dispose of trash generated in Dublin. Stickers will be issued based on car registration and/or rental agreement upon verification of residency.
- **2. BMSI/gWorks accounting software upgrades**-Susan made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract, Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.
- **3. Approval of the Minutes of March 25,2024**-Susan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Carole seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.

Appointments for 2024-Zoning Board of Adjustment- Chris made a motion to appoint the following, Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.

- Margot Sprague-Member
- Matthew Saveliev-Alternate and Secretary
- Dan French-Alternate

4. Building Permit-signed by the Board

- Map 3 Lot 62-C-320 Windmill Hill Road
- 5. First Quarter Budget Review-The first quarter expenses and revenues were reviewed.

6. Dublin Educational Advisory Committee-The following was discussed:

- The scope of work for the DEAC.
- The mission is to examine the quality of education, exploring whether we could produce better quality education at a lower cost.
- Four subgroups have been formed for research into various topics and questions.
- Future choices include: (a) stay in ConVal district; (b) maintain our own Dublin elementary school and send middle and high school students to ConVal; (c) close Dublin's elementary school and send all children to public school districts and/or to private school options (tuition agreements and/or voucher program).
- Develop a better understanding of the process we have voted on step-by-step with a timeline of goals and expectations,
- Look into legal representation for Dublin (in addition to legal support that will be available to the ConVal Feasibility Study Committee)
- April 30th Frank Edelblut will be speaking, Jay talked about refreshments and set up.

7. ConVal Feasibility Study Committee-The following tasks and questions were discussed:

- Appoint a Dublin Select Board member to the ConVal Feasibility Study Committee. Subject to vote by the Feasibility Study Committee, there may be the possibility of another Dublin resident serving on the Committee.
- Work on a minority report (in conjunction with the work of the Feasibility Study Committee) on options for how best to educate the children of Dublin.
- The study is exploring the possibility of Dublin leaving the ConVal district; Dublin would remain in SAU 1. SAU 1 would have administrative responsibilities for Dublin students, with the SAU 1 superintendent in charge. If Dublin leaves the ConVal district and is still in SAU 1, what opportunities will Dublin students have to attend ConVal middle and high schools? On what terms could Dublin students have this option?
- Feasibility Study Once the process is shared by the School Board, we will share this information with the public in a Town Hall type meeting and through the Advocate and social media sources. As the study progresses more information will be shared.
- The Committee will focus on models of public education in NH, summarizing the different models and the benefits, challenges and possibilities of each. This information will also be shared in a public forum.
- Consider how the community can best have input into the process. Develop survey for parents of school age children and all other Dublin residents use QR code, place in Dublin Advocate and other locations. What's important to Dublin residents and how would they like to participate? With survey input, develop plan for community engagement that reflects resident input and priorities.

Organize an interactive public meeting where issues and concerns can be discussed.

- 7. MS-232-Report of Appropriations Actually Voted-signed by the Board.
- **8. Department Head Schedule**-Approved by the Board. The new Transfer Station Superintendent John McManus has started working at the Transfer Station.
- **9. Water Commissioner**-The Select Board reviewed this position and historical documents pertaining to the formation of this position and decided it is no longer needed.
- **10. Update from the Building Inspector**-The concerns raised last week around the property at Map 7 Lot 51A were addressed and are in process.
- **11. Non-public for consideration of legal advice** -Chris made a motion to leave public session and enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) at 6:50 pm, Susan seconded. Chris made a motion to adjourn non-public meeting and reenter public session at 7:05 pm and to seal the minutes. Carole seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Chris, yes. Carole, yes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chris made a motion to adjourn 7:06 pm. Carole seconded.

Chris Raymond (Chair)
Carole Monroe
Susan Peters

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller