

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 12th, 2023
at 6:00PM at Town Hall**

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Dan Walker

Others Present: Sharon Penney, Jenny Monahan, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Virginia Mike, Lynn Terres, Mike Betley, Peter & Christy Gignac, Matt & Elizabeth Steele, Tim Blake

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.

Appointments/Work Sessions

6:00PM – Lafayette Recreation Committee – Matt & Elizabeth Steele – Top Notch Triathlon

Update: Matt said the 2023 Top Notch Triathlon will be the 29th TNT since its founding by the Cowles family in 1992 and this is the 2nd year he and other residents have organized and funded the TNT on a reimbursement basis.

Town resources supporting the triathlon will be the police department and recreation employees. He has reached out to Littleton Fire & EMS about EMS support.

Expenses for the triathlon include permits from the state for using Echo Lake and using the White Mountains National Forest for the course. T-shirts, swim caps, prizes and course signs will also be purchased.

All information for the TNT including links to sign up are on the town and recreation websites. \$1296 in donations have been received so far. The triathlon will be held on August 5th beginning at 8am.

Public Comment

Virginia Mike thanked Corey Rush of Buildings & Grounds for removing the tree on the Green Frog Trail. Steve Schwartz encouraged residents to participate in a wildlife habitat management program conducted by UNH Cooperative Extension. Dawn Steele asked how Littleton Fire & EMS effort to hire additional EMT's was going.

To Sign/Approve

The selectmen approved the minutes of June 5th, 2023 as as amended.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the June 9th – June 15th transaction report.

To Discuss/Review:

ARPA Funds Approval – After holding a public hearing for the proposed use of ARPA funds on June 5th, the board discussed finalizing the approval of the proposed use of the funds.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to use American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$2,921.40 for the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators and the amount of \$8,000 for retention bonuses for two of the town's police officers. Selectman Walker seconded the motion, motion passes.

NEMBA – Town Administrator Penney said she met with Conservation Commission Chair Chris Nicodemus yesterday and they share concerns about the construction of the bike trail that will in part

be built in part Fox Hill Park. She suggested reminding NEMBA that they will need to keep the board of selectmen updated with the details of their project plans and the process should be overseen by the Conservation Commission. Chairman Brewer said it is her understanding that they have a person that plans to do so and they have not started work yet.

MRI Contract – Town Administrator Penney said the town should finalize a plan to end its relationship with MRI and resume the handling of those duties at town office. Jenny will check with Belinda to find out if she is familiar with the administration of New Hampshire Retirement System.

Casella Plastics Contract – Town Administrator Penney said she met with Transfer Station Manager Tim Blake to discuss the recycling of plastics at the transfer station since the town ended its contract with Casella. There is a significant backlog of unsorted plastic materials at the transfer station currently so there may need to be a moratorium on accepting plastic for a time as there is not sufficient storage available. Tim proposed having the plastic that the transfer station is holding hauled by Casella to NCES on a per diem basis and then baling #1 & #2 plastic items at the transfer station as those items are profitable and discontinuing acceptance of #3 through #7 plastics for recycling. It was discussed that it is unknown whether NCES recycles the plastics it takes in that are not profitable as once they have taken ownership of the load they are not contractually obligated to recycle it. The transfer station will need another container to store the #1 & #2 plastics if the tri-towns opt to keep #1 & #2 plastics to bale and recycle in house.

Chairman Brewer said she will reach out to Margo Connors and Toni Woodruff about stopping acceptance of #3-#7 plastics beginning July 15th and educating the public on the new regulation.

After the discussion, Selectman Walker made a motion to have Casella haul the backlog of plastic to NCES. Chairman Brewer seconds, motion passes.

Mascoma Bank Donation – Town Administrator Penney said Mascoma Bank donated \$1,000 towards the fireworks display for Old Home Day.

Unpermitted Sign – 955 Profile Road – The selectmen discussed a complaint about an unpermitted sign at 955 Profile Road. It was discussed that this property owner was asked to remove a sign in the past by the board of selectmen as the special exception he received to have his business in that location stipulated that can be no commercial signage can be used at the property. The board decided to bring the issue to town counsel and have them draft a letter to the property owner.

Peter Gignac also let the board know that Fransted Campground put up signs offering propane refills to the public rather than just offering the service to their campers as they are supposed to. The board would like counsel to draft a letter to the campground about this as well.

Correspondence: Town Administrator Penney said Recreation Director Katie Raymond received a request to allow an organization to hold a mental health awareness walk in Franconia. This was just an FYI and the board had no objections.

Additional Discussion: There was a brief update on the status of the solar array; Selectman Meth said Eversource is requiring a new application is filled out as the plan has changed somewhat since its inception. Barrington Power will complete the application and pay the \$125 fee.

There was no further discussion from the board. Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public

session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) at 7:21PM. Selectman Walker seconded the motion.

The board left non-public session at 7:54PM. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant