

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020

At the Selectmen's meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. the Selectmen participated via Zoom:

Stanley Holz is at his home in Whitefield, maintaining social distancing.

Peter Corey is at his home in Whitefield, maintaining social distancing.

Shawn White is at his home in Whitefield, maintaining social distancing.

Chairman Holz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter non-public session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II c matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Shawn White. Roll call voice vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; White: Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 7:03 p.m.

Shawn White made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Peter Corey seconded the motion. Roll call voice vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; White: Yes. All in favor 3-0. Motion passes.

Participants: Sondra Brekke, Tom Ladd, and Robert Larson, Public Works Director.

Stanley Holz, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, called the Public Hearing pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-b, the Whitefield Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to accept unanticipated revenues in an amount over \$10,000 from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery Coronavirus Relief Grant Fund.

The Town is eligible for up to \$56,514, and we have submitted \$32,370.94. The grant period is extended from September 1st to October 15th. The amounts that have been submitted are for costs associated for COVID-19 related expenses. We have submitted for reimbursement for: face masks; zoom meeting fees; extra cleaning services; FICA & Medicare match for Hazard Pay Stipend.; Health Officer, EMD, and Fire-Rescue EMT salaries dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 emergency; rental payments; gloves; hand sanitizer, respirators, thermometers, Betco Disinfectant cleaners, Lysol sprays & wipes, Personnel decontamination supplies, and face shields.

A motion was made by Shawn White to accept in accordance with RSA:21-P:43 for the Town of Whitefield to accept a sub-grant from the State of N.H. Secretary of State and the CARES Act in an amount up to \$4,763.37 to be used for the purposes of processing absentee ballots in excess of those cast in 2016 in the Town of Whitefield and further to designate the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen as authorized agent to sign the grant agreement and reimbursement request form on behalf of the Town of Whitefield. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. Roll Call Vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; White: Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Shawn White to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 Selectmen's Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. Roll call vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; White: Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

Shawn said he spoke with Melissa Farrow, the Recreation Director today and she said we will not have to pay the extra fee associated with the bus company transporting the children to the After-School Activities Program. The program will have to start one half hour earlier to accommodate the bus company. Peter suggested we check with the GOFERR and see if this an expense that could be covered through the grant.

Rob Larson said the Hazen Road bridge project is coming along very well. The road should be open back up on September 30th for travel. Mike Bean and his crew have done a very good job. Sewer project is going well. The water project is moving along well, and they are working on landscaping in some areas. Stanley Holz asked why they plant turnip seeds. Rob said he verified this and they will come up with no rain. The seed they used is a field mix and they do this because it grows in any soil and without rain. We did not want to spend a lot of money on wetting down soil. There are major problems this year with the lack of rain and getting grass to grow.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee at 7:18 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Shawn White. Roll Call Vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; White: Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 7:52 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.