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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2022**

PRESENT: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, VICE CHAIRMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; KEVIN J. CAHILL, SELECTMAN.

ABSENT: Selectman John Van Loendersloot

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: None

Chairman Hippler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved; Selectman Burdick seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 7:01 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (a & c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved; Vice Chairman Osborne seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 4-0-0

The Board met with candidates interested in being the interim DPW director until such time as one could be selected.

Interim DPW Plan: After a lengthy discussion, on top of the time of year, the Board discussed the importance of moving forward with the least amount of interruption at this time. It was decided upon that breaking up the duties amongst three (3) current staff members would be best to share the workload and minimize burnout. **Vice Chairman Osborne moved to**

- 1. Appoint Jason Fiske the interim DPW supervisor and pay him a \$340.00 per week stipend to take possession of the town cell phone and be the one that takes care of all call outs; complaints; day to day operations, etc. beginning 10/28/22; and**
- 2. pay Lee Wetherbee a \$160.00 per week stipend to do the administrative services beginning 10/28/22; and**
- 3. pay Matt McLain a \$160.00 per week stipend to exercise oversight at the Transfer Station as well as share administrative services in Lee's absence beginning 10/28/22; and**
- 4. pay Jason Fiske a monthly stipend of \$250.00 to lease his tools until such time the town can have their own supply; Chairman Hippler seconded the motion. Passed 4-0-0**

Vice Chairman Osborne moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to authorize Lee Wetherbee or Matt McLain to approve and sign payables and payroll effective 10/28/22. Passed 4-0-0

River Road Bridge: Thom Marshall, Jacobs Engineering; Selectman Cahill; Chris Bolton; Benji Knapp, DPW Director; Francesca Bolton and Town Administrator Bolton met today to discuss the bridge project. Basically we are at ground zero and the Town needs a contract signed so that Mr. Marshall can continue providing engineering support. Benji Knapp agreed to stay on the committee as a resident and meetings will try to be arranged so that he can still attend. **Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to approve \$10,000 for a contract with Jacobs Engineering to come up with a working plan to move forward with the funds to come from the Bridge CRF. Passed 4-0-0**

NHDOHS Grant: At the previous Selectmen's meeting, Chief Moore presented the NHDOHS grant to the Board in the amount of \$9,062.58. At the end of the discussion the Board was fine with the grant. Chief Moore signed the grant but the State Highway Field Rep cannot accept it without a letter authorizing Chief Moore the approval to sign on behalf of the Town. **Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the NHOHS Grant Agreement #23-193 in the amount of \$9,062.58. Passed 4-0-0** Vice Chairman Osborne moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter which is to be sent to the State. Passed 3-0-1 (Chairman Hippler).

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hippler made a motion, Vice Chairman Osborne seconded to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Passed 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Naomi L. Bolton

Naomi L. Bolton, Town Administrator